

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia**  
**Weekly Meeting Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Present:**

John Morton	Charles Kelly	Noel Sterne
Joanne Watson	Fred Larsen	President Ben Cole
Heather Breckles	John Parker	Steph Worthington
Bob Wink	Nicole McCahon	John Pritchard
Carol Ivey	Mark Burns	Matt Dixon
James Maxwell	Steve Van Kessel	Mark Goode
Bruce Waite	Don Haskins	Tim Timpano
Rob Town	John Mayo	Scott O'Conner
Mike Bunn	Bob Brown	Lawrence Lafrance
John Walker	Dave North	

**Guests:**

Former (and future) member and long time friend of Kiwanis Micheal Whitwell was with us today.

**Oh Canada:**

Today's rendition of our national anthem was both powerful and moving – stirring you might say.

**Blessing:**

Today's blessing was offered by Noel Sterne, thank you Noel.

**Happy Loonies:**

Ben Cole: Pres Ben threw in a twenty today to recognize everyone who played a role in this year's auction. Many believe twenty wasn't enough.

Steve Van Kessel: Steve wanted to thank all the Kiwanians for opening up their wallets at the auction this year. He also wanted to congratulate John Mayo for assuming the role of Commissioner of Ontario Woman's Lacrosse – awesome John.

Heather Breckles: Heather was moved by a picture of longtime caretaker of O.D.A.S. Park, Alice Stamper. Nice touch!!!

Nicole McCahon: Nicole as received her F.H.A.P. designation (I hope I got that right Nicole). She is one of a very few people in North America to do so. Congrats Nicole.

**Santa Claus Parade:**

Mark your calendars for Sunday November the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Orillia Santa Claus parade will begin at 1:00. Kiwanis will again be on hand for our annual bucket brigade. We'll meet at the offices of Lewis Downey at 12:30.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

November 16<sup>th</sup>: President Ben will be on hand to recount the experiences of his Grandfather as a soldier in WW I.

November 23: Barrie McFarlene (sorry, I didn't catch from where) will be our guest speaker

November 30<sup>th</sup>: We have Stan Dunford from Burl's Creek. This meeting might be relocated to Hawkridge.

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Our annual 4-H awards banquet.

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Steph Worthington will be with us to recount the journey of Mason Anderson.

Great stuff Gang, stay tuned!!!!!!!

**Christmas Kettles:**

There may still be a couple of spots for this year's ringing of the bells. Check the list if you haven't already.

## **Auction Recap:**

Wow, what a weekend!!!!!! Over the years a precious few teams have always had the right stuff, have always been able to rise to the top and get it done. The Pittsburg Steelers, the New York Yankees, Manchester United and the Toronto St. Pats all come to mind. You can add the Orillia Kiwanis Club to that fabled list.

It was a great turnout Friday for pickups and hall setup. We had over sixty for dinner that night. Everyone was up bright and early Saturday for the big day and everyone stayed until the last table was folded and the last chair was stacked. It all culminated down at Brewery Bay for appies and a ride on the ‘Giv’r Bus” – a great weekend Gang!!!!!!

I will accept full responsibility for the weekend’s only ball drop. I completely underestimated the amount of octane required to fuel such a high performance machine. Like a pack of African Cape Hunting Dogs descending on some hapless Impala, the usual and apparently insufficient four cases of beer were reduced to a few shreds of cardboard and a couple of pull tabs in nanoseconds. I’m sure it will come up in the debriefing and we’ll do everything we can to make sure such a travesty doesn’t occur again!!!!!!

It’s a great time to be in Kiwanis.

Have a great week everyone and remember, “ Individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean”. Ryunosuke Satoro.



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