

Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly Meeting, Monday April 11, 2016

Present:

Joanne Watson	Peggy Foley	Jim Wenger
Nicole McCahon	Steve Van Kessel	Korine Keyzer
Noel Sterne	John Parker	Tim Timpano
Doug Downey	Heather Breckles	Matt Dixon
Dan Becher	Bob Brown	Bruce Waite
Peter Head	Bruce McRae	Steph Worthington
Mike Bunn	John Mayo	Fred Larsen
Don Haskins	Ben Cole	Lawrence LaFrance
Dave North		

Guests:

Tony Telford	Laura Presutti	John Morgan
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Oh Canada: We're getting there Gang, stay tuned!!!!!!

The Blessing: Noel Sterne from the Salvation Army was on hand to say grace today – thanks Noel.

Rotary Update:

Rotary President Tony Telford was with us today to bring us up to speed on what's been going on with Rotary these days. This year marks their 35th anniversary of the Rotary Lobster Festival. Tickets are still available. Good to have you today Tony!!!!

Happy Loonies:

Steve Van Kessel chipped in a loonie for James Maxwell and the BBBS hockey tournament in Coldwater this past weekend. Sounds like Steve is happy he lived to tell the tale!!!!

Steph Worthington will be bowling in the BBBS bowling tournament this weekend at Orillia Bowl. Steph would welcome any donations towards this great cause.

Music Festival President Don Haskins is happy that the Kiwanis Music Festival kicked off this week. Don was pictured on the cover of the Packet with Artistic Director Blair Bailey last week. Anyone available to help out for a couple of hours during the festival sessions should contact Don.

Peggy Foley is anxiously waiting for the arrival of their new Weimaraner puppy later this spring. That should keep you young Peggy!!!!

Bruce McRae is excited about the upcoming fashion show in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. Bruce and Darlene will be taking part through their consignment clothing business. Bruce is currently looking for clothing owned by famous rock stars. I've got an old tuxedo in the closet that you could probably pass off as belonging to Meatloaf!!!!

Tim Timpano is happy about his overachieving family. Between Libby's dance, Will's hockey and Wendy's nomination for the Nell Carter Award, you're going to need a bigger house to handle all the hardware – awesome stuff Tim!!!!

Auction Update:

Stevie VK was on hand today to give us an update on the auction. He, along with fellow Auction Chair Peter Head are on this year's auction like Troy Tulowitski and Ryan Goins on a double play ground ball – they're all over it!!!! Steve talked about his “**Five and Five Plan**” – that's five new donors and five new bidders from each member. If we could come close to doing that we would totally blow the lid off the auction this year!!!!

2016 AUCTION KICK OFF MEETING THURSDAY MAY 5TH:

Mark your calendars everyone!!!! We're holding a kickoff meeting for Auction 2016 this Thursday May 5th in the side room at Brewery Bay. The plan is to drop over any time after 5:00, mix and mingle then the meeting will start at 6:00. This is going to be casual and it will be a great opportunity for all our new members to see what the auction looks like from start to finish. Hey, it's a great opportunity for some of the older members to have a look as well!!! We hope the whole club will come on out and join us for some snacks and a pint or two of optimism as we swing into auction mode. See you all in the side room at The Bay on the 5th - awesome job Guys!!!!

Today's Guest Speaker:

Chartered accountant John Morgan was our guest speaker today. John talked to the club about the issue of elder abuse, especially as it pertains to financial fraud and theft. This was a chilling account on what has become a sad reality for our aging population. John also pointed out some of the early signs that victims of this sort of crime might exhibit. We all need to be vigilant for our parents, our clients and our friends – thanks John.

G.E.B.E.B.I.S. Update:

Several years ago, veteran Kiwanian Bruce Waite spearheaded a bold endeavor known as the GEBEBIS Project. For the newer members, GEBEBIS is the acronym for the name (and the mission) of the project which was to “**GET BOB BROWN INTO SHAPE**”. Today Bob is down at least twenty-five pounds, he's kept that weight off and he looks great. I think we can call the GEBEBIS Project a huge success - Fantastic job Bruce!!!!

Kiwanis Children's safety Village:

We're heading into the home stretch on the school year. Don't forget to check the website for safety village scheduling and openings. Thanks to Mike Bunn for quarterbacking this!!!!

Tee Ball:

Kiwanis Tee Ball is set to start in a couple of weeks. We always need coaches. The commitment is 90 minutes for six Tuesday nights starting in May. Anyone interested should touch base with Rob Town.

Next Week:

We're all back at Theo's next week when our guest speaker will be Lisa Rae from Orillia Power Corp. Come on out and bring a guest.

Lots of great stuff happening these days. That's all for this week. Have a great week everyone.

Thought for the Day:

“Far from what I once was but not yet what I'm going to be.”

Anon.



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