
Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly Bulletin, December 21, 2015

Present:

Mike Bunn	John Morton	Mark Burns
John Parker	Chuck Burton	Lynn Peterson
John Pritchard	Matthew Dixon	Doug Downey
Don Haskins	Rob Town	Steve Van Kessel
Peter Head	Carol Ivey	Bruce Waite
John Walker	Charles Kelly	Jim Wenger
Fred Larsen	Jerry Wink	James Maxwell
John Mayo	Lawrence Lafrance	Ben Cole
Dave North		

Guests:

Katie Van Kessel Dan Becher Sandi Town
Erin and Matt Lawson Sadie (Jerry Wink)
The Anderson Family – Carlie, Kevin and Mason

Oh Canada:

Today's rendition can only be described as a bouillabaisse of vocal stylings.

The Blessing:

Grace was offered today by President Ben – nice job BT.

Happy Loonies:

Ben Cole – Son Andrew is home for the holidays from University.

Fred Larsen – Sons Chris and Mark are both home from far and wide for the holidays.

Bruce Waite – Son JD is home from far and wide period.

Mark Burns – Mark's girlfriend Olivia recently opened a gift boutique down along Gordon Lightfoot Lane just off the main drag. It is named Harold and Fern, after her grandparents – nice touch Olivia!!!!

John Mayo – Both John and Mike Bunn (of bowling fame) recently took part in the 5km Rotary Snow Flake Run. While they posted very respectable times around the 28 minute mark, it was Kiwanian Scott O'Conner who really stole the show. Scott burned up the track by posting a scorching time of a little over 18 minutes. That probably why there's no snow – thanks a lot Scott. Well there's no doubt Scott can run but the real question is..... **Can he bowl?????**

Special Happy Loonie:

Longtime Kiwanian, past Lieutenant Governor and Gentleman John Parker has recently has recently gone through some testing on a mass that, thankfully has turned out to be benign. The whole club is really happy to hear this JP and we wish you continued health and happiness for many years to come!!!!

Auction Results:

While sporting a rather striking robin's egg blue shirt, club treasurer Matt Dixon was on hand to deliver Kiwanis mammoth auction result for 2015. The bottom line..... 65,378.00 smackaroos!!!!!!! That's mucho dinero amigos!!!! Congrats to us all, great job.

Today's Special Guest and Guest Speaker:

Our very own Steph Worthington was on hand today to recount the journey of a very special little boy – Mason Anderson. Mason was born with Cerebral Palsy. Like most children born with this condition, he would live out his life unable to walk. His journey would take him to a hospital in St. Louis which specializes in procedures and surgeries designed to correct this very condition. Thanks to this Mason is well on his way to becoming a completely mobile little boy.

For whatever reason, this surgery somehow is not covered by O.H.I.P. The money, over \$100,000.00 US, had to come from somewhere. This brings us to the second part of this story - the fundraising efforts of today's presenter Steph Worthington. Steph, with the help of many Orillians including fellow Kiwanian John Beck, took it upon herself to raise this money for the Anderson family. All I can say is "Wow". You have completely changed this boy's life. Steph, we are lucky to have you in the club as well as in our community!!!!

Next Week:

That's the end of our regular club meetings for 2015 however we will be having an informal lunch next Monday at Theos'. Don't forget to check out the website for the upcoming meetings in January.

Thought for the Day – Gift Ideas:

To your enemy – forgiveness
To your opponent – tolerance
To your customer – service
To your friend – your heart
To all – charity
To every child – a good example
To yourself – respect.



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Merry Christmas Everyone and have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016.



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