

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia**  
**Weekly Meeting, Monday May 2, 2016**

**Present:**

Ben Cole	Fred Larsen	Mark Goode
John Pritchard	Bob MacDonald	Peggy Foley
Jerry Wink	Steve Van Kessel	Chuck Burton
Jim Wenger	Noel Sterne	Doug Downey
Heather Breckles	Korine Keyzer	Mark Burns
Peter Head	Carol Ivey	Bob Wink
John Parker	Bruce Waite	Tim Timpano
Rob Town	Steph Worthington	Marnie Bosco
Bob Brown	Mike Bunn	Lawrence LaFrance
John Mayo	Dave North	

**Guests:**

Alec Adams	Adam Borutski	Chris Lusty
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**Oh Canada:**

What can I say? We were practically swept away by a wave of nationalistic fervor with today's rendition of our national anthem!!!!

**The Blessing:**

Noel Sterne was with us once again today to offer the blessing – thank you Noel.

**2016-2017 Executive:**

Doug Downey asked for a motion to approve next year's executive as presented last week. It was moved by Bruce Waite, seconded by John Parker, all were in favor – carried. Thanks everyone, it should be another great Kiwanis year!!!!

**Happy Loonies:**

Mark Goode is happy that the “Where Angels Play” project is a go at Couch Park – awesome Mark!!!!

Rob Town is happy that Tee-ball is getting underway this week – thanks for putting this together Rob!!!!

Mike Bunn chipped in a loonie for the end of personal income tax season 2015 – riveting stuff that income tax!!!!

Jerry Wink is happy about his new home in Florida complete with shuffle board, lawn bowling facilities and a bridge club – sorry Jerry, I can't help myself!!!!

John Pritchard is about to become a Grandpa!!! You're going to love it John!!!!

Doug Downey is happy about BBBS raising another 8,300.00. I didn't quite catch doing what, the happy news was flying at me from every direction today!!! Great job Doug!!!

Bruce Waite, keyboardist for the family ensemble "Waite and See" is happy that the group will be headliners at this year's "Stars of the Festival" extravaganza!!! That's really groovy Bruce!!!! Let's fill the Opera House with Kiwanians that night and support the Waites (who from the corner of my eye, have a striking resemblance to the Partridge Family)!!!

John Parker's son will be relocating to the Borden area from Ottawa. Sounds like more grandkids to me - great stuff JP!!!!

Bob Wink is happy that Windmill Landscaping has expanded to the point where they need an operations manager – that's awesome Bob!!!!

There's too much good news happening around the LaFrance home these days to list here. The boys are home, lock the beer fridge!!!!

Dave North (me), is really happy about how the homestead is shaping up thanks to Bob Wink and Windmill Landscaping – remember everyone, Wink doesn't stink!!! You should put that on your trucks Bob!!!

Peter Head and the Head Start Construction Lakers U-17 juvenile boys are heading up (get it) a big basketball tournament this weekend in Orillia. They will be having food and beverage sales, the proceeds from which will be donated to the ALS Foundation on behalf of the Peacock family. If you're looking for something to do this weekend, come on out, see some high level B-ball and support a really great cause. The schedule will be attached with the bulletin. Great job Peter!!!

### **Today's Guest Speaker:**

Originally we had Dave McKee, owner of the Hitch House and a "Friend of Burl's Creek Event Park" slated as our speaker today but he had to cancel due to illness. In his place, Fred Larsen was joined by today by Green Party CEO, Alec Adams, in a talk about the push for electoral reform in Canada. This is a conversation the country really needs to have. You can follow the discussion on Twitter @MEVC2019. Great job today guys on an unbiased and non-partisan presentation.

## **Auction Kick Off Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Don't forget about our kick off meeting for the 2016 auction this Thursday at Brewery Bay. Drop by any time after 5:00. There will be appies and we'll be blowing the froth off a few cold ones as we swing into gear for this year's auction. Co-chairs Steve VK and Peter Head will be on hand to give a brief presentation at 6:00. Everyone is welcome, see you there!!!

## **Kiwanis T-ball:**

This week marks the kick-off of T-ball 2016. Coaches for this year include Rob Town, Mark Burns, Mitch Shaw, Don Haskins, Noel Sterne and Dave North. Longtime friend of Kiwanis Mike Whitwell is on hand again this year handling equipment and rosters. The first night went off without a hitch but it sounds like Haskins may have gotten tossed after arguing a close call at the plate. Okay, I know, it's T-ball and that didn't happen. Makes for good reading though!!! Great job Guys!!!!

## **Kiwanis Bulletin Name:**

Drum roll please..... Chuck Burton's TKO, or "Trending with Kiwanis Orillia" is the new name for the bulletin. It makes us sound like a bunch of cool hipsters don't you think?

**Next Week:**

We're all back at Theo's next week and we have Patricia Oleson of Telecare Orillia as our guest speaker. Have a great week everyone and we'll see you all Thursday, side room at The Bay. Have a great week everyone.

**Thought for the Day:**

**“Beautiful things happen when you distance yourself from the negative.”**

**Anon..**



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