

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia**  
**Weekly Meeting, Monday June 27th, 2016**

**Present:**

Ben Cole	Peggy Foley	Joanne Watson
Bob MacDonald	Fred Larsen	John Pritchard
Steph Worthington	Mike Bunn	Mark Burns
Jerry Wink	Carol Ivey	Bruce Waite
Korine Keyzer	Tim Timpano	Noel Sterne
John Morton	Chuck Burton	Bob Wink
Doug Downey	Adam Borutski	John Morton
Don Haskins	Jennifer Mann	Marnie Bosco
Dave North		

**Guests:**

Wendy Timpano  
Rob Armstrong

**Oh Canada:**

We really blew the lid off it this week Gang!!!

**The Blessing:**

Noel Sterne offered the blessing today – thanks Noel

**Special Birthday Announcements:**

Longtime Kiwanian and gentleman Bob MacDonald celebrated his birthday on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Bob has held practically every position there is in Kiwanis including Lieutenant Governor. Without Bob I'm not really sure we could call ourselves a Kiwanis Club. Happy birthday Bob!!!!

Our wonderful country will be blowing out the candles on Friday as we celebrate Canada's 149<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Happy Loonies:**

Jennifer Mann's son Noah won a bronze medal in the Tae kwon do provincials this past weekend – awesome Noah!!!

Doug Downey is happy the Feds are coming up with 267 million dollars of infrastructure spending for the Trent Severn Waterway. Great news Doug – all that research you did a few years ago has really paid off!!!!

**Terrific Kids:**

Were all wrapped up for another year. Special thanks to Chair Chuck Burton and to all the presenters – great job everyone!!!!

**Scholarships:**

High School graduations took place this week. Thank you to Joanne Watson for coordinating the scholarship presentations this year – nice work Joanne!!!!

**Convention Update:**

President Ben attended the International Kiwanis Convention in Toronto this past weekend where he was apparently the life of the party!!!! A key takeaway is the fact that the average age for Kiwanis Clubs in North America is 67 years. After some in-depth research, Bruce Waite concluded that the average age of the Orillia Kiwanis Club is 50.5 year. That makes me slightly above average.

## **Auction Update:**

Summer's here and the time is right for dancing in the streets. Seriously Gang, get out and enjoy it. It will be over before you know it and the auction will creep up on us all. When you find yourself laying in your favorite lounge chair, shades on, soaking up the rays, sipping on one of your favorite fruity umbrella drinks with the Bay City Rollers (I'm not judging) ringing through your earphones, why not bang off a few auction calls.

## **Guest Speaker:**

Rob Armstrong, CEO of the YMCAs of Simcoe Muskoka was our guest speaker today. Rob spoke about the many roles the Y plays in our region ranging from child care to youth employment programs. Rob talked about the YMCA's emerging roll as a partner in health care with respect to both prevention and rehabilitation. He spoke about the efficiencies that some of our neighboring communities who have partnered with the YMCA and have found in operating their rec centres. Locally, these include Innisfil, Wasaga Beach and Gravenhurst. Provincially and nationally there are too many to mention. He also spoke about the YMCAs wish to play a role in our new rec centre here in Orillia. Here's my plug – for the sake of the tax payer, I hope council and city staff are listening!!!!

**Next Week:**

We're all back at Theo's next Monday. I'm not really sure who our guest speaker will be but I know you won't want to miss it!!!! Don't forget to raise your flag, put on your plaid bathing suit, crank up Roger Doucet, watch reruns of the summit series for the 46<sup>th</sup> time and have a great Canada Day ya hosers!!!!!!!

**Thought for the Day:**

**“I am from Canada, I love Canada, I may bash the government but never Canada.”**

Jason Priestley