

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Meeting, Monday November 21, 2016
Theo's Restaurant Orillia**

Present:

Ben Cole	Steve Van Kessel	John Pritchard
Korine Keyzer	Erin Watson	Matt Watson
Lawrence LaFrance	Mark Burns	Matt Dixon
Steph Worthington	John Mayo	Robert Marck
Bob Wink	Deb Trickey	Fred Larsen
John Parker	Bruce Waite	Bob Brown
Mike Bunn	Tim Timpano	Dave North

Oh Canada:

What can I say??? It was harmonious and inspiring!!!!

The Blessing:

Pres Steph delivered the blessing today – nice job Steph!!!!

New Member Induction:

John Mayo introduced Robert Marck as the newest member to our Kiwanis family. Welcome Robert and nicely done John!!!!

Happy Loonies:

Dave North (me) is ready for winter (I think). Bring it on!!!!!!

Tim Timpano announced that there will be a weekly draw supporting the Orillia Legion minor baseball league. Cool stuff Tim!!!!

Pres Steph is happy that the Kiwanis Fire Safety Trailer was in this weekend's Santa Claus parade – groovy Steph, groovy!!!

Santa Claus Parade:

The annual Orillia Santa Claus parade was held down town this past Sunday. The turnout was not so bad considering the cold, blustery conditions. The Kiwanis Bucket Brigade managed to raise over \$2,500.00 to go towards next year's parade. Thanks to everyone who turned out!!! Special thanks to Heather Breckles for the nice "Shot of optimism"!!!!

Kiwanis Christmas Party:

The RSVPs are pouring in!!! The big day is Sunday December 4th. We're all gathering at Mother Fuddrucker's farm at 2:00 p.m. Sleigh ride leaves at 2:30 and is about an hour in length. Make sure to wear your winter woolies!!!! Afterwards, we're gathering in the Sam Brown room at Kelsey's for snacks and perhaps a dram or a wee pintey. There'll be gifts for the little ones as well. Chuck Burton sent out one of his nifty Sign up Genius emails so don't forget to respond. Sounds like a jolly good time!!!!

Guest Speaker:

Geoffrey Campbell, managing partner of Oakleigh Property Developments was with us today. Geoff shared his plans for the redevelopment of the former Patterson Pontiac property that runs along both sides of Matchedash Street between Colborne and Mississauga. When completed, the property will include both residential and commercial space with architecture that will reflect the historic feel of the old downtown. I encourage you all to take a minute and drop by the site office on Matchedash St. This is an exciting project that will help revitalize our downtown. Thanks for joining us today Geoffrey and we wish you much success!!!!!!

Next Week:

We're back at Theo's next Monday when our guest speaker will be Mark Bisset from the Couchiching Conservancy. That's all for now, have a great week everyone.

Thought for the Day:

“Kindness is like newly fallen snow, it beautifies everything it covers.”

Kahlil Gibran