

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Meeting, Monday October 24th, 2016**

Present:

Bob MacDonald	John Morton	Steph Worthington
Heather Breckles	Jerry Wink	Joanne Watson
Noel Sterne	Ben Cole	Steve Van Kessel
John Parker	Jim Wenger	Mark Burns
Mike Bunn	Fred Larsen	Jenn Man
Matt Dixon	Carol Ivey	Korine Keyzer
Doug Downey	John Mayo	Bruce Waite
Rob Town	James Maxwell	Dan Stoutt
Marnie Bosco	Bulbs Wink	Lawrence LaFrance
Don Haskins	Chuck Burton	Dave North

The Blessing:

Noel Sterne was with us to offer the blessing today – thanks Noel.

Oh Canada:

Wow!!!!!! What can I say? I've never felt more Canadian!!!!

Guests:

Mike Whitwell Christina DiStefano Capt. Chad Ingram

Happy Loonies:

Heather Breckles – It’s a boy!!!! Welcome to the world Thomas John Breckles and congratulations to you Granny Cranney (been waiting a while to use that one)!!!!

James Maxwell is happy that Heather Breckles is the incoming board Chair of BBBS – great stuff!!!!

John Mayo launched his television career this week by appearing on Cable Ten’s “Orillia Connection”. Tune in anytime if you happen to have missed it. It will keep playing until the next installment of Doug Downey’s “Politically Speaking” is aired. You’re going straight to the top John – awesome stuff!!!!

Special Presentation:

Bruce Waite was presented with the Legion of Honor certificate recognizing his 45 years of service to Kiwanis. Wow, that is amazing. Congratulations Bruce and here’s to many more!!!!

Guest Speakers:

Christina DiStefano and Captain Chad Ingram from the Salvation Army were with us today. Captain Chad gave an overview of the many important programs and services provided by the Salvation Army to help the less fortunate members of our community.

Christina spoke about the annual Christmas Kettles program and how much money it generates for Orillia and for other communities in Ontario. She also spoke about the importance of the Kettle program and how it helps those for whom Christmas is not a happy time.

Don't forget to sign up for your turn at ringing the bells!!!! Thank you, Christina, and Captain Chad, it was great having you both with us today!!!

Auction Update:

Stevie VK was on hand to bring us up to date on the auction. It's show time now!!!! The big event is a week next weekend. Here's how it's all going down....

Friday November 4th:

- 8:00 am, breakie at the curling club

- pick up items from Peter Head's shop and take them the roller rink

- set up at the roller rink all day followed by dinner provided by

Theo's – bring the family.

- register, get your bidder numbers and start making bids!!!!

Saturday November 5th – the big day:

- 7:00 am, arrive at the Roller Rink for pancake breakfast
- 8:00 am, doors open to the public
- 10:00 am, live auction begins
- 2:00 pm, live and silent auction ends followed by check out, deliveries and final clean up.
- 5:00 pm, land down at Brewery Bay for the annual after auction ride on “The Giver Bus”.

Sunday November 6th:

- pop some Advil
- wrap up and final deliveries – Doug and Tim’s office

Monday November 7th onward:

- resume your normal lives
- finish your careers
- retirement and ultimately death – sounds like fun!!!!

Next Week:

We’re back at Theo’s next week when the Dynamic Duo of Stevie VK and Peter Head will be going over all things auction. Let’s have a huge turnout for this one Gang!!!!

Thought for the Day:

Normally I would try to come up with an inspirational quote of some sort to kick off the auction. Today's high energy, spirited and boisterous meeting reminded me of these words of wisdom –

“Just cause ya gotta head like a hubcap, it doesn't make you a big wheel.” - Self-proclaimed Brechin philosopher and lifelong friend of mine Harry Kaak

Yes, that's his real name. Yes, it's pronounced exactly how it's spelled and yes, it's a good thing he's tough!!!!

Have a great week everyone and I'll see you all at the auction!!!!