

Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly meeting Monday February 27, 2017
Theo's Restaurant Orillia

Present:

Steph Worthington	Fred Larsen	Bruce Waite
Charles Kelly	Joanne Watson	Jerry Wink
Mark Burns	Steve Van Kessel	Jim Wenger
Erin Watson	Matt Watson	Heather Breckles
Korine Keyzer	Mike Bunn	Noel Sterne
John Mayo	James Maxwell	Nicole McCahon
Carol Ivey	Marnie Bosco	Jen Man
Rob Town	Dave North	

Guests:

Const. Jeff MacEachern

Oh Canada:

Cool Crooner Fred Larsen led the club in a powerful rendition of our national anthem today!!! Nice job everyone!!!!

The Blessing:

Noel Sterne offered the blessing today in his usual eloquent manner – thank you Noel.

The Loonie Bin:

Carol Ivey has made her top advisor conference for the past 25 years – great stuff Carol!!!!

Fred Larsen and the Vocal Ensemble raised over \$6,500.00 for Hospice Orillia. That deserves the “3-F” stamp of approval - freakin’ fabulous Fred!!!!

Mark Burns fiancé Olivia (proprietor of Harold and Fern) won the Chamber of Commerce Young Entrepreneur Initiative Award – congrats Olivia!!!

John Mayo recently welcomed Grand Daughter Molly to the world. Sounds like little Rocco has a cousin. Terrific stuff John and welcome back!!!

Dave North (me) managed to get away to Tremblant skiing with daughter Lexie last week. I only had one wipe out!!! Nothing as epic as a Rob Town yard sale though!!!

Bruce Waite has another blockbuster surprise in store for us. Good luck topping that last one Bruce!!!!

Today's Guest Speaker:

Steve Rastin, solicitor with Rastin Law was our guest speaker today. Steve talked about the many challenges faced by the average resident of Ontario when it comes to access to our justice system. Government cutbacks, case back logs, an aging population, challenges to legal aid and pseudo law firms are just some of the factors that have rendered our legal system inefficient at best. Dangerous offenders sometimes go free because of the inability of the system to bring these cases to trial in a timely manner. Victims of civil cases often receive only a fraction of what they should be entitled to for any combination of reasons. Many of our courts lack such basic services as WIFI leading to many unnecessary costs and wasted resources.

Thank you for being with us today Steve. Your presentation was very interesting and informative.

Other Kiwanis Stuff:

KCSV – there are still a few spots open for set up and tear down. Mike Bunn has been circulating the sheet so make sure you have a look.

Spring Fundraiser – Steph and the committee have been hard at work putting together the new spring fundraiser. Time to blow the dust off those old buckaroo boots you wore back when Waylon and Willie were topping the charts!!!! This sounds like a real barn burner Gang!!!! Mark your calendars for June 10th.

Next Week:

That's all for now Gang. We're back at Theo's next week when our guest speaker will be Nancy Evans from Georgian College. Have a great week everyone.

Thought for the Day:

**“Stand straight, walk proud and have a little faith.”
Garth Brooks.**