

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly Meeting Monday March 27, 2017
Theo's Restaurant Orillia**

Present:

Joanne Watson
Bob Robinson
B.T. Cole
Mike Bunn
Chuck Burton
Robert Marck
Don Haskins
Dave North

Steph Worthington
Charles Kelly
Rob Town
Bob Brown
Noel Sterne
Adam Borutski
Lawrence LaFrance

Korine Keyzer
Steve Van Kessel
John Pritchard
Dave Burns
John Mayo
John Morton
Peter Head

Oh Canada:

Nicely done today Gang and that was sans Fred – more on that later.

The Blessing:

Noel Sterne was on hand today and delivered a poignant blessing – thanks Noel.

The Loonie Bin:

Stevie VK was happy about the BBBS hockey tournament this past weekend. James Maxwell not only coordinated the whole event but he also played in several of the games. By Sunday evening James was physically exhausted and emotionally spent. Afterwards he went home, drew a warm bath, lowered the lights, lit some scented candles, poured a glass of Chablis, donned his shower cap, lowered his head onto his tub pillow and unwound to some Kenny G.????!!!!!! Congrats on a great event and we're not judging Dude.

Don Haskins daughter has been accepted to Ottawa U in the international studies program. Good news for Don is the Honest Lawyer Pub is only a couple of blocks away!!!! Great news Don!!!!

Kiwanis Music Festival Update:

Speaking of Don Haskins, the 59th annual Orillia Kiwanis Music Festival kicks off on April 18th and runs until May 5th. We'll need volunteers to help at the various locations. Have a look on the website at www.orilliakiwanismusicfestival.com and see if you can help.

Around Town:

The Simcoe North Conservative Candidate speeches will be held next Tuesday April 4th at the Mariposa Inn at 5:30 pm. It might be nice to have a good club turnout for this one.

Today's Guest Speaker:

Thanks to our speaker coordinator Fred Larsen, we are treated to great speaker's week after week. Today's presentation was extra special and it was one of those meetings that really makes me grateful to be in Kiwanis. Reverend Karen Horst of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church gave a very sobering talk on her position with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Launched back in 2007 because of the settlement with First Nations Canadians, the commission has the enormous task of trying to make amends with the survivors of the Residential School System that was a reality in Canada through much of the 20th century. Reverend Horst spoke of the racism and bigotry that First Nations Canadians face to the present day. It is important that all Canadians become aware of this sad and unfortunate part of our history. The aim of this commission is to just that. We as Canadians have much to be proud of but we are far from perfect. Special thanks to Reverend Horst for being with us today. We're looking forward to seeing you again.

Special K Award Update:

This is going to sound like an episode of the Big Bang Theory. Speaker Chair Fred Larsen was on his way to Kiwanis and he was to introduce Reverend Horst and present her bio. Problem was Fred's electric car ran out of juice at the side of the road!!!! Sounds like emailing the bio wasn't an option because he couldn't charge his tablet either. I don't want to make light of anyone doing their part for the environment but Fred, you can't make that stuff up!!!!!!

Next Week:

Author and brain injury survivor Veronika Brath will be our speaker next week. Veronika is a friend of Kiwanian Joanne Watson so let's have a big turnout. That's all for now, have a great week everyone!!!

Thought for the Day:

“Be the change you want to see in the world.”

Anon.

Today's Guest Speaker:

Amy Prizker and Emily West from Hospice Orillia were our guest speakers today. Amy spoke about how Hospice Orillia assists with palliative care patients in living out their last days at home with dignity. Among other services they provide companionship, respite, practical and emotional support along with bereavement and grief support. Their service area includes Orillia, Severn, Ramara and much of Oro Medonte. Thank

you for being with us today and for providing such a noble service to our community.

Other Kiwanis Stuff:

Kiwanis Children's Safety Village – We still have spots open for set up and tear down. Make sure you check with Mike Bunn for availability.

Spring Fund Raiser – How about pulling out all those Mickey Gilley, Conway Twitty and George Jones eight tracks I know you all have??? While you're at it why not get your string ties and Stetsons out too. Make sure you've got Saturday June 3rd marked off on your calendars. It's going to be a real barn burner!!!!

Kiwanis Mammoth Auction – Got your cards done?????

Next Week:

Were all back at Theo's next week when our guest speaker will be Reverend Karen Horst of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. That's all for now, have a great week everyone.

Thought for the Day:



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**“A gathering of souls will blow away the blues.”
Bruce Springsteen**