

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly Meeting Monday April 30th, 2018
Foundation Office OSMH**

Present:

Joanne Watson	John Parker	Stephanie Hunter
Bob Robinson	Fred Larsen	John Morton
Steph Worthington	Korine Keyzer	Carol Ivey
Mark Burns	Marnie Bosco	Mark Goode
Steve Van Kessel	John Mayo	Ben Cole
Peter Head	Noel Sterne	Charles Kelly
Rob Town	Jerry Wink	Don Haskins
Bob Brown	Lawrence LaFrance	Dave North

Guests:

Michael Martyn	Kate Hilliard	Kevin Healy
Jeff Campbell		

Oh Canada:

We had harmony today that would make the Zac Brown Band envious!!!
Great job Gang!!!!

The Blessing:

Kiwanis wordsmith Noel Sterne delivered a poignant blessing as always – thanks Noel!!!!

Happy Loonies:

Jerry Wink is happy to be back from the sunny south less one condo – great having you back Jerry!!!

Ben Cole clinked the can in honor of April 30th a.k.a. the last day to file your personal tax. Ben referred any procrastinators to the offices of Mike Bunn. I'm sure Mike appreciates all the extra business!!!

Fred Larsen was thrilled to see all the ads placed by Rotarians in the Kiwanis Music Festival program – what's it been Fred, six, seven years in Kiwanis???

L.G. Steph received a patch on behalf of the club for sponsoring the new Kiwanis Club of Huntsville – groovy Left-Gov. groovy!!!!

Stevie VK was happy that daughter's Katie and Emily won the quarter finals in N.C.A.A. LAX!!! That's pretty cool!!!

Mike Martyn was happy to work with Stevie VK on his very own album – that's really outa sight!!!

Korine will be doing the walk for Hospice this weekend. Good for you Korine, great cause!!!

Kiwanis Music Festival Update:

Chair Don Haskins brought the club up to speed on the music festival. Next week we'll be at the Best Western for the annual music festival luncheon. Please let Don know if you plan on attending. Tuesday May 15th is the "Stars Encore" performance at the Opera House. Just a reminder, that is also the KCSV fundraiser dinner at Eastside Mario's. Sounds like a fun packed Kiwanis evening!!!! Great work Don!!!

Kiwanis Hoedown:

Okay Everyone, crisis averted!!! We've got the beer – whew!!!! Saturday June 16th is the night and the tickets are printed and ready for sale. Big high five to Korine, Steph, Heather, Stevie VK, Lawrence and Pres Pete for all your hard work on this thing. It's really taking shape!!!

Today's Guest Speakers:

Past Kiwanian Michael Martyn and Kate Hilliard from the Huronia Cultural Campus were with us today. The HCC is non-profit organization seeking to transform part of the former HRC property into a centre for arts, innovation and leadership. Kate, who teaches dance at Ryerson, spoke about the rich history of dance in Canada. Much of the opportunity for dance and other performing arts now exists in Eastern Canada in larger centres such as Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. Out west, it's the Banff Centre for the Performing Arts. Logistics and cost have made it difficult for many Canadians who wish to pursue the performing arts. The HCC is currently putting together a business plan that would see a facility constructed on the section of the former HRC grounds that runs adjacent Woodland Drive. The hope is to provide an alternative for students of the performing arts to study and rehearse in a more accessible and affordable location. Michael indicated that Lakehead University already offers diverse performing arts programs however they are currently available at the Thunder Bay Campus. Perhaps this could relocate to Orillia???

Michael admitted that, while this may not be self sufficient from a funding perspective, the economic spin off should not be discounted.

Thank you, Kate and Michael, for being with us today. This is a very interesting proposal and we wish you much success with it!!!

KCSV Fundraising Evening:

As I'd mentioned earlier, Tuesday May 15th is the Kiwanis Children's Safety Village fundraiser at Eastsides. All we have to do is show up and eat. Not sure if any of you have been to Eastsides lately but they have really upped their game since the reno. Let's get the whole club and families out for this one!!!

Next Week:

The very debonair Don Haskins will be hosting the annual Kiwanis Music Festival appreciation luncheon at the Couchiching Inn Best Western next Monday. We need a head count so if you could let Don know if you plan on attending that would be swell. That's all for now, have a great week everyone.

Special thanks to Heather Breckles for filling in while I was away. It's comforting knowing I can be replaced!!!

Thought for the Day:

When Winston Churchill was asked to cut the arts out of spending for the sake of the war effort he simply replied by saying, "Then what are we fighting for?"



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