

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia**  
**Weekly Meeting Monday November 13th, 2017**  
**Theo's Restaurant, Orillia**

**Present:**

Joanne Watson	John Pritchard	Steph Worthington
Heather Breckles	Mike Bunn	Noel Sterne
Peter Head	John Parker	Mark Burns
Jim Wenger	Korine Keyzer	Mark Goode
Charles Kelly	Carol Ivey	Fred Larsen
John Morton	Marnie Bosco	Bruce Waite
John Mayo	Robert Marck	Don Haskins
Doug Downey	Tim Timpano	Dave North

**Guests:**

Kim Head	Karen Loader	Chad Ingram
Christina DiStephano		

**Oh Canada:** Above average

**The Blessing:**

Delivered eloquently as always by Noel Sterne while under the scrutiny of his colleagues – nicely done Noel!!!!

## Happy Loonies:

John Parker had a loonie in honor of the Remembrance Day song written and performed by our own Steve and Marnie van Kessel. The song was played on Armistice Day for the entire company of the ship that John's son is currently serving on in the Canadian Navy. Awesome stuff John (and VKs) and very fitting considering the time of year.

John Pritchard welcomed his new grandson Riley to the world who currently and for a short period of his life, bears a striking resemblance to his grandfather!!!!

John Mayo is happy (I think) to be reappointed as the "Ontario Commish" for girl's LAX. Great stuff Johnnie!!!

Tim Timpano clinked the can for how smoothly the processing of all the auction payments has been. Great job as always on this Tim!!!! You Da Man!!!!

President Elect and master thespian Fred Larsen is happy about the smashing debut of the live production of "Chicago" at the Orillia Opera House. We indeed have a thriving arts scene right here in "The Big O".

Pink Floyd enthusiast Don Haskins is putting together a rink for the BBBS curling bonspiel scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>. No pressure Don but I think the Kiwanis rink may have won this thing last year!!!

## **Save the Date:**

Pres Pete and VP Korine have nailed down Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the date for next year's Kiwanis Hoedown. I can smell the freshly cut hay as I sit here writing this!!!! Can't wait for this, it was a total blast last year!!!!

## **Today's Guest Speakers:**

Chad Ingram and Christina DiStephano for the Orillia Salvation Army were with us today. They spoke about the annual upcoming Christmas Kettle program. Chad thanked the club for our longtime involvement in this important program as well as for all the great work of Kiwanis. Christine spoke about how the proceeds of the kettles provided Christmas hampers for 463 local families this past year. She also indicated that over 2000 local families received some sort of assistance from the Salvation Army over 2017. Thank you both so much for being with us today it's extra special having you with us this time of year!!! Let's all make sure we sign up for an hour or two of bell ringing everyone!!!

## **An Interesting Endeavor:**

Pres Pete is proposing a pretty cool idea to enable the club to get to know each other better. The plan is to pair up and over lunch (or beers) and learn as much as possible about the other person. Then each week, a Kiwanian will share with the club what they learned about that person. This will be launched in the New Year. Great idea Pete, should be interesting!!!!

## Kiwanis Ski Day:

Speaking of cool ideas how about getting together before we break for Christmas for a club ski day. In looking at the diversity of our club I'm expecting almost anything here from an apparel point of view. Sure, we'll get the latest in ski suits, gloves, helmets, boots and skis. Given the vintage of some of our members, I'm envisioning some cable bindings, leather boots, knee socks, knitted sweaters, buck skin mittens complete with string, long pointy toques and those kind of "Spitfire" ski goggles Sir Edmund Hillary swore by during his ascent up Everest. I have but one long standing condition and I cannot be more emphatic!!!! For the love of god, guys, no one piece ski suits!!!! Not a good look on a man!!!!

I'm looking at Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> at Mt St Louis as a possible day. We'll likely have some university kids home for the holidays so bring them along. I'll be there at 8:00 am to get suited and booted and shred some first tracks on that world famous "Louie pow". If we all meet for coffee at around 10:00 we can connect and make some turns together. Let's plan on an après wine and cheese chez North afterwards. Kind of sounding like a Juicy Fruit gum commercial!!!! Shoot me an email if you're interested.

### **Upcoming Stuff:**

Don't forget about the Santa Claus parade this coming Sunday!!! The plan is to meet at Downey's office at noon, get our bucket brigade duds on and hit the parade route for 1:00 pm. Afterwards we get to finish off all the leftover auction beer (and there's lots). It's going to be chilly, so you might want to wear some of that cool ski stuff I talked about earlier!!!!

We've got our Christmas social coming up as well. Tentatively we're looking at having an afternoon drop by at Theo's instead of our weekly meeting on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details on this one.

### **Next Week:**

We're all back at Theo's next week. Not sure what's on the sched but, like all our meetings I know you won't want to miss it. That's all for now and we'll see you on Sunday.

### **Thought for the Day:**

**“To get a taste of fresh powder you first have to eat some”  
Warren Miller, demonstrated by Rob Town**