



Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound
Newsletter
February 13, 2003

Birthdays

Pamela Daniel Feb 10

Jane Phillips Feb 11,

Anniversaries

Phil and Linda Gignac Feb 14

Dave and Ruth Parson Feb 15

Kiwanians receiving applause were Past Pres and Past LG Bob Nicol and Jim McManaman. Confessions included Charlie, for having "just a Malibu" and thereby offending our guest speaker, and Ted Horton for accusing Charlie of using a phone dangerously while operating a vehicle. Phil was fined for a holiday in beautiful Cornwall, and Linda for a trip to Winona. Past Pres Gary was fined \$2, and Past Pres Peter was fined for an erroneous name tag.

Past Pres John introduced the speaker, Captain Tom Potter of the Owen Sound Fire Department. Tom took the opportunity to thank our club for all of our good works in the community. He spoke of the dangers of carbon monoxide, a by-product of combustion in furnaces and heaters of all sorts. It is undetectable until too late, being odourless but deadly. Proper ventilation in houses was important, also to have the flues and chimneys of such appliances checked regularly by a professional. The oxygen carrying haemoglobin in our bodies is 250 times more attracted to carbon monoxide than oxygen. Clues to problems are when your pilot light goes out or when you smell gas from the appliance. Detectors are much better than they were, but even then they should be replaced every decade or sooner. There are several types of detectors but if a person hears an alarm assume it is real and get out. He suggests not to delay as the effects are quick and surprising to a person affected. Past Pres Peter thanked Captain Potter.

Next week it is
John Penner.

The speaker for February 27 2003 is the Reeve of Grey county, Don McCausland