

O'Connor Day 2013

Thank you to everyone who came out on Saturday, August 24th to celebrate O'Connor Day with us even though there was so much else going on in the area. This was our 12th O'Connor Day and we did cut back on some of the events from other years but I hope everyone still had a good time. If you have any suggestions for improvement, missed something that we have cut out or really enjoyed something and want to make sure it happens again next year please let us know. Also if you would like to volunteer next year we can add you to the list now.

A special presentation was made on Saturday to Patricia Fiorito. Pat was named the Township of O'Connor's Senior of the Year, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to our community after age 65. Congratulations Pat.

We had some lucky winners throughout the day. The Free Bike draw was won by Alexa Randle-Forneri, the Fire Department raffle for a Propane BBQ was won by Willis Mattas, the Community Clubs Guess the Number of Candies draw was a tie and both Karson Fiorito and Meghan Neil went home with a big bundle of candy. The results of the Cribbage Tournament were as follows: 1st place going to Dawn Tienhaara, 2nd place – Dianne Baxter, 3rd place to Don Tienhaara, and a 3 way tie for 4th place – Treina Hartley, Dale Cook and Joe McDonald. The Boobie prize went to Pearl Lunn. The Volleyball tournament was another successful event with eight teams participating and team Bour Power being crowned Champions with Cole, Ami, Tara and Austin and Gander Mountain winning the consultation with Sabrina, Melody, Megan and Tracy. Hope everyone is happy with their prizes.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize this year's events – Joe McDonald for running the cribbage tournament, Tracy Stowell, Dallas Nygard and Kenny Groop for running the Volleyball Tournament, Ron Biloski and his crew for the games of chance which once again was a huge hit with the crowd, Andy Buob for bringing his tractor and wagon for free rides along Whittaker road, Dennis Roy for running the paintball area. Also to each of the organizations, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department and First Response Team for setting up their display and recruitment activities and posters. The Department is still looking for new members. If you might be interested please contact the Fire Chief Henry Mattas or Deputy Fire Chief Ian Hamilton for more information or attend any of the Tuesday night meetings held at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Also to Tammy Cook and the O'Connor Community Club for the candies, cotton candy, popcorn and the glow products and also the ice cream, pop and water to keep us all refreshed. This is the kids favorite booth. The Ontario Provincial Police for bringing out their team, including their canine friend. The local T.O.P.S. group also had a Yard Sale and we hope they were able to sell some of their goodies.

To all the great volunteers who helped setup, cleanup and run the day's events, I hope you had a good time doing so because I think we made a lot of people happy during the day. Thank you to John Smart for bringing over his forklift which made the heavy lifting part of the setup and cleanup so much easier this year. Thank you also to Lorna Jacobson for working out the volunteer schedule and ensuring that they were in place on time. Thank you to Cheri Biloski for mixing up the extra delicious dips and sauce for the BBQ area. Hope you all got the chance to try them. Thank you to Alex Busch for helping the Fire Department by handing out balloons as Sparky.

Thanks to John Rafferty, MP for Thunder Bay – Rainy River for his appearance this year and each year.

We once again requested donations to help offset the costs of the day's events and we would like to thank all of our sponsors. Please see the back page for their names and if you happen to visit their establishment please say thank you for supporting O'Connor Day 2013. Thank you also to everyone who made a donation towards the Fireworks display during the day. It is very much appreciated.

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Pat Fiorito – Presented Senior of the Year



Sparky and Friends on Wagon ride



Upcoming Fire Department Members



Fireworks to end the O'Connor Day 2013