



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: April 4th, 2011

Attendance: *Frank, Bruce, Paul, Andrew, Barb, Robert Jr., Lou, Donna, Robert L. & Rhoda*

Absent: *Harley, Jason, Peter, Stewart, Kim, Bob B., Wendy, April, Murray, Bob K Sr. & Roger*

GUEST SPEAKERS: *Jason Thorne – Recreational Director for the Town of Sussex*

Other Guest: *Jeremy Erickson from Erickson Legal*

50/50: *Paul (Again....)*

Rotary Minute: Noted below is the schedule of who is doing the Rotary Minute during each meeting. Please be sure to mark you calendar. You can also find material on our web site www.sussexrotary.org or on RI's www.rotary.org or the Rotary magazine. If you are not able to attend on the meeting of your minute, please find a substitution for your slot.

Rotary Minutes

4-Apr-11 Rhoda Wilson
11-Apr-11 Roger Albert
18-Apr-11 Bob Black
2-May-11 April Caissie
9-May-11 Barb Crowe
16-May-11 Frank Derrah
30-May-11 Stewart Duncan
5-Jun-11 Donna Gilchrist
13-Jun-11 Peter Haines
20-Jun-11 Robert E. Kimball
27-Jun-11 Robert J. Kimball



Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

April **4** Jason Thorne - Town of Sussex
2011 **11** Jim Balcomb & Frank Tenhave - Apache
 18 Wanda Steeves - Crosswinds & guest
 25 **Easter Monday - no meeting**

THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!

APRIL	-	Rotary Annual Dinner	-	Camp Clean-Up
	-	Purple Pinkie	-	Grad Bursaries
	-	Highway Clean-Up	-	Paint Club Sign
MAY	-	Pets & Sets	-	District Conference
	-	Camp Rotary Clean-Up	-	Coats for Kids
	-	District Youth Merit Awards	-	Committee Chairs & Members (New Year)

Rotary Minute - Rhoda – Rhoda gave her minute and talked about her first exposure to Rotary was many years ago when the executive director of a business she worked for was a Rotarian. She said that it was an “old boys club” back then and she would never imagined that she would be a member today but here she is, happy to be a member.



Bruce introduced our guest speaker Jason Thorne. Bruce has known and worked with Jason on several projects in the past few years.

Jason was born and raised in Sussex. He was away at university finishing up his degree when a friend of his emailed him and told him about his “dream job”. He worked out the pros and cons and decided it was his opportunity to come back home. He has been working for the town ever since. He started with the town in January of 2005. His mother is Kathy Thorne; he has three sisters one of which is in Hong Kong.

Jason did a co-op term with Hans Lamens when he was thinking about being a teacher but is very happy with his career and where it has taken him. Projects include the O’Connell Park Equipment Upgrade. They are planning on doing upgrades that will allow children with disabilities to use some of the facilities by adding a Play structure for them to access the original structure. This includes a new swing seat with a safety harness.

Another project is Communities in Bloom. Communities in Bloom are a group of locals that have got together on a committee to join this international event. Hampton has had a group in the Communities in Bloom competition for the past 10 years and actually won the international championship in 2007 so they have been helping Sussex get started in this event (without giving away all of their secrets). Jason is the only male on the committee with several other women from the community including Joan Rutledge and Jenny Reicker. Their committee is offering their expertise for our Flower Wheel Project. Sussex will be participating in the Communities in Bloom competition for the first year this year in July. Projects included an enhancement to the Sussex Community Entrance Signs as well as Marigolds on Maple (mom). Marigolds on Maple will be an annual event that involves the community similar to what they have in Saint John with the Marigolds on Main. Bethany has offered their manpower in order to be more involved in the community, Cardwell Farms has also offered to partner up with them to help with the compost they will need for the flower beds.

One of the Towns biggest initiatives is the Trout Creek Master Plan. Basic Design and Associates were brought in to help with the architecture of the project. Jason gave a very nice and visual slide show presentation of what they have in mind for the area to make it more approachable with footpaths and bridges etcetera.

Water Bottles - We still have several water bottles that need to be cleaned and returned to the Water Spout at the Welcome back convenience on Cougle Road. Harley will have more bottles to be picked up at our next meeting.

Community Theater Project – We donated \$1,000 to this project and Lou will be presenting the cheque for \$1,000 at our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

*** Please note that I have included our Rotary Club Calendar with this Cowbell. ***

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!