

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: Dec 05, 2011

**Attendance:** *Bob T., Stewart, Jeremy, Wendy, Kim, Jason, Donna, Bob B., Robert L., Robert Jr., Harley & Rhoda*

**Regrets:** *Barb, Bruce, Lou, Rick, Peter, Paul, Andrew, Murray & Bob Sr.*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** *None – Chris Bonvie – Manager of Wal-Mart Sussex*

**Other Guest:** *None*

**50/50:** *Wendy*

**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](http://www.sussexrotary.org) or on RI's [www.rotary.org](http://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.

\*\*\*Note; emails and contact phone #'s may be on this list for the purpose of getting information for the introduction.

### Minute, Chair, Intro & Thanker for:

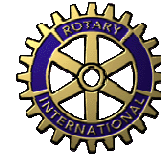
#### November & December

Date	Rotary Minute	Chair	Intro	Thanker
05-Dec-11	Bob Tremblett	Bruce Northrup	Bob Tremblett	Jeremy Ericson
12-Dec-11	Lou McNamara	Wendy Osborne	Rhoda Wilson	Donna Gilchrist
19-Dec-11	Bruce Northrup	Barb Crowe		

Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

December 12 - Scott Hatcher, Town of Sussex

Others - TBD



# THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>START PLANNING</u>
DECEMBER	- Christmas Boxes	- Book date for the Adventures in
	- Trip Draw Sales	Citizenship Interview
JANUARY	- Trip Draw Sales	- Rotary Dinner
		- GSE

## **Minute: Robert Lockhart – Four-Way Test**

The Four-Way Test was created in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, a business man who was struggling during the depression that used this test to help pull his business through the depression. Herbert later became the President of Rotary international in 1955/1956.

## **Guest speaker – Chris Bonvie, Manager of Wal-Mart Sussex**

Chris has been with Wal-Mart for 12 years, he has worked for 8 different Wal-Mart stores in NB and one in Charlottetown PEI. He has been a facilitator for the training program that Wal-Mart offers in Halifax called Store of Learning for the past eight years. He was surprised by the similarities in the Four-Way test and their philosophy, “Is it True, Is it Kind and Is it Necessary?” Chris lives in Fredericton and travels back and forth. He has been with Wal-Mart Sussex for just under a month but he has already assigned a key employee as the Charity and Social Director. They have a weekly charity which they allow the use of the store entrance for a charitable table or booth. Wal-Mart also has initiatives on a national level and they are the Children’s Miracle Network and the IWK. All proceeds go directly to the cause; they don’t have any admin fees or retainers.

Chris has four kids, 11, 10, 9 & 20 months old.

Five years ago he was fortunate enough to go to Florida with the CMN and the CEO of Wal-Mart. They took children from every hospital in the U.S. and Canada to Walt Disney World.

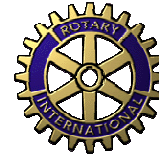
They also have a program called Adopt a School and the Shinning Star program. A student will be nominated and a draw is done once a month for the shinning star and once a year as the shinning star of the year.

They are currently doing a food bank drive and Santa will be here at the Sussex Wal-Mart on the 17<sup>th</sup> and every picture taken with Santa will generate a donation. Wal-Mart Sussex had raised \$5000 for Red Cross, \$4000 for IWK & \$1500 for Little Wishes which is a charity similar to the Wish Foundation but on a smaller scale. The recipients are local and in greater numbers because the program is for smaller trips like Crystal Palace of a one day fishing trip. This is for children who are going through cancer treatments or survivors of cancer in Atlantic Canada only.

Chris’ niece was diagnosed with leukemia and when he spoke to the CEO of Wal-Mart and told him about her in conversation about their local endeavors the CEO then and there told him he was coming to Florida with them.

Wal-Mart had a great Christmas parade float this year thanks to Alantra but they did run out of candy canes half way through the parade.

**Christmas Boxes – Bob Black – We will be packing the Christmas Boxes this week on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Crosswinds building and will be going out for supper afterwards. If a business needs invoices for the boxes Bob will need names, full address or email address.**



**Trip Tickets – Bob T. – Tickets are going well this year but make sure to call your contacts.**

**Harley – Kings County Mechanical – Harley had the other club Presidents who have their sign on the entrance to Sussex sign a “thank you” card for Tony Bell of Kings County Mechanical. They agreed that we should present the plaque to Tony some time in January with all the club Presidents in attendance. Harley will make sure they are available and Robert Lockhart will invite Tony. It was agreed however that the other Presidents would have to pay for their meals (but Harley already told them that...).**

**Harley – Shriner’s logo on the sign coming into town – Shriner’s has asked Harley if they could have their sign on the sign coming into town. Harley made a motion to accept \$100 to add the Shriner’s logo and remove the old JC logo which no longer has a presence in Sussex. Robert Lockhart seconded. Motion Passed. We do have specific dimensions and the Shriner’s are aware of them.**

**\*\*\* Get your Christmas Trees \*\*\***

**Bob Black will be selling Christmas Trees at his tree lot on Friday, Saturday & Sunday for the next two weeks. Contact Bob for directions and stop in for hot chocolate and cookies while you find your tree.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

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

**Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!**