

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: December 09, 2013

**Attendance:** Lou, Andrew, Wendy, Robert K, Rhoda, Donna, Bob T, Bob B., Sandra, Scott.

**Regrets:** Robert L, Shawn, Bruce, Peter, Terri, Rick, Matt, Harley, Robert D,

**Rotary Grace**

**Toast to the Queen**

Meeting Chairperson Bob Tremblett welcomed all members to the meeting and also welcomed District Governor Pat Perry as well as Assistant District Governors Keith and Beverly Lyons.

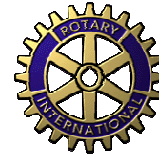
**Rotary Minute:** Sandra gave the Rotary Minute on what we do in Rotary and why.

- Fostering the ideals of service.
- High ethical standards to serve.
- Application of the Rotary ideals in Business.
- Rotary international service and to integrate all three ideals in our local projects.

**Guest Speaker: *District Governor Pat Perry:***

Assistant District Governor Beverly Lyons introduced District Governor Pat Perry to the Sussex Club Members. Pat joined Rotary in New Castle, NB in 1999. Pat has served as District Public Image Coordinator for the District and is a Paul Harris Fellow recipient. Pat was recognized in 2012 in the Miramichi by the Business Community for her contribution and service to the community. Pat has spent 40 years in the financial sector with service to 3 different bank institutions.

- ❖ Impressed with the Sussex Club's foundation contributions. The club is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district per capita support.
- ❖ Pat presented Foundation Chair Lou with a Banner Award for the club's Foundation work and impressive contributions.
- ❖ Pat indicated for a club that was chartered in 1977 a total of \$54,330.00 has been contributed by the Rotary Club of Sussex to the Foundation. Well done!
- ❖ Pat indicated that a significant event occurred in Rotary in 1985 when Rotary announced it would assist in eradicating Polio world wide.
- ❖ In 2007 Rotary engaged a significant partner in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to assist in our Polio fight. The Gates Foundation started with a contribution / donation of \$100 million if Rotary International could raise \$200 million over three years.



- ❖ Once the original goal of \$200 million was achieved the Gates Foundation made a second contribution of \$255 Million, and they continue to be partners in the Polio effort to this day.
- ❖ On January 1, 2012 India was declared Polio free. An achievement that was not believed possible.
- ❖ Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria remain the only three countries with ongoing efforts to eradicate.
- ❖ The World Health Organization believes there is 5 years left in the fight at an estimated \$5.5 Billion in funding necessary to complete this fight.

Robert K. thanks District Governor Pat for the interesting presentation and updated information on Rotary.

Bob T. reminds everyone that next Monday's meeting will be the Clubs Christmas Turkey Dinner focusing on the club and members. Wendy reminded everyone that the Club will be passing an envelope for donations to assist the Sussex Sharing Club similar to last year.

### Reports:

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the club received only one item of information notably the Semi Annual Report which is expected to be completed this week and forwarded to Bob B for submission and payment
- ❖ **Annual Trip Draw:** Robert K. reminded club members of ticket sales and they make great stocking stuffers.
- ❖ **Rotary Spring Dinner:** Wendy indicated the tentative date has been set and the Bruce is working to coordinate the speaker for the event.
- ❖ **Nomination for 2014:** Robert K reported 15 of the 18 executive positions have been filled. A board meeting necessary to complete the remaining positions. .
- ❖ **Highway Clean-up:** Three kilometers remain available for clean-up, Coming into Sussex kilometer 188 to 189, kilometer 189 to 190 is still available for volunteers. If you are able help to complete the clean-up of the remaining highway please contact Bruce with the kilometerage to be completed.

### Happy/Sad Bucks

50/50: Scott.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!