



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: February 22, 2016

Attendance: Lisa B., Angie C., Cindy D., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H., Don I., Harold L., Cecile M., Mary M., Tina M., Bruce N., Wendy O., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Regrets: Alaina A., Bob B., Kathy C., Don D., Rob D., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Lou Mc.

Toast to the Queen

Welcome: Erik Homenick, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Ian Smyth reported that February was World Understanding Month and is special on the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary on February 23, 1905. Ian talked about Rotary's goals to be involved in the community and in taking on projects that are felt important within the community.

Introduction of Speaker: Lisa Brown introduced Bruce Northrup telling us of his family connection and service to our community. Bruce is now serving his third term as MLA in our Province.

Speaker: Bruce talked up about growing up on Main Street in Sussex. The house has since been moved to Plumweseep and the former property now houses Burger King. Bruce is a graduate of Sussex Regional High School and one of his earliest jobs was Zamboni driver. Bruce loved sports and hockey took him to Cornwall, Brockville, San Diego, and later to St. Mary's University. Variety is a big part of Bruce's work background. He has been a pub owner, a car salesman, a restaurant owner, a branch manager for Irving Oil, and a dry cleaner owner. Bruce's political career started when he was first elected to Sussex Town Council in 1986. In 2006 Bruce was first elected to the Legislature. In 2010 his party formed the government and Bruce was given the portfolio for Natural Resources for three years and for Public Safety in the remaining year. In 2014 Bruce was re-elected where he serves as opposition critic for Public Safety.

Thanker: In thanking Bruce for his presentation, Jeff Fuller highlighted Bruce's love of people and the community.

Committee Reports:

Trip Draw Tickets – Tickets have been sold and at the Early Bird Draw earlier today, Mary William's name was drawn.

Fund Raising Dinner – April 7, 2016 – Cindy reported that she had sent out several e-mails which includes most of the information that members need in order to start collecting prizes and



selling tickets. Members were reminded that tax receipts were for individuals only and that thank you letters can be sent to businesses. Cindy reminded members to collect business cards wherever possible.

Mary and Angie gave each Rotarian present a few of tickets to sell.

Secretary Reports:

Rhoda reported in view of all the changes regarding the mine closure and Wendy Osborne's changing position, that the Club needs someone to assume the task of arranging the weekly programs and guest speakers. Rob Tremblett volunteered to take over this role beginning the month of April. Club members were encouraged to put forward ideas to Rob.

Happy / Sad Bucks

Chase the Joker: Bob Tremblett's ticket was drawn but still no joker. The pot is now \$237.50.

Next Meeting: Next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 29, 2016, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!