

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: February 23, 2015.

Attendance: Rhonda H, Mary McN, Kathy C., Ian S, Rhoda, Wendy O., Don D., Jeff F., Alaina L. Rob D., Cindy D., Lorinda P., Shelley V., Sandra M., Bob T., Robert L., Scott,

Regrets: Donna G., Bruce, Erik H., Bob B., Robert K., Alaina A., Lou McN.

Guests: Pastor Don Ingersoll, Lisa Sharp Brown.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Bob Tremblett welcomes all members and guests to today's meeting. Bob Introduces Pastor Don and Shelley Vail introduces Lisa a former speaker at the Sussex Rotary to today's meeting.

Bob B. received regrets received from, Donna, Bruce, Erik, Robert K., Alaina A., and Lou McN.

Rotary Minute: Ian Smyth speaks on being part of the Sussex Rotary Club Inc. and the opportunity to work with all the fellow Rotarians on community projects in the Sussex area to benefit the community at large.

President Bob T. advises today is Rotary's 110th Birthday. You know that you are part of a special organization when this organization has a 110 year history and growing.

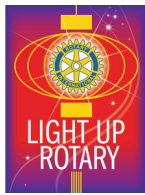
❖ **Business Meeting:**

Committee Reports:

❖ **Secretary Report;** Scott indicated the club received two (2) items of correspondence:

- An invitation from the Rotary Club of Fredericton and Easter Seals New Brunswick on their kick off of the Easter Seals Campaign 2015 on March 09th, 2015 from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm. Anyone interested in attending the details of the location of the event can be provided.
- An email received form the Community Services Director from the Town of Sussex requesting a Rotary representative on the Town's stakeholder group to develop a future development plan of the amenities in O'Connell Park.

Club member Ian Smyth indicated he was interested in attending on behalf of our



club on this working group. President Bob T. thanked Ian for volunteering.

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** Kathy C. reviewed the financial statements, unaudited to February 19h, 2015 with club members. Kathy will provide electronic copies to all members for their files, records and for their review.

In the General Fund:

- The Club is on track thus far in 2015.
- Of note, Rotary International dues have been affected due to the drop in the Canadian dollar.
- 50 / 50 and fines are above expectations thus far.
- Guest meals slightly up.

In the Charitable Trust Fund:

- Expenditures on track.
- Annual dinner and action planning underway and is the major fund raiser for this fund.

In the Trip Draw Fund:

- \$52,000 in ticket proceeds.
- All prizes to date have been awarded, although two (2) trips outstanding.
- Expenses on track thus far.
- Advertising costs being reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ **Trip Draw Tickets:** Robert D. spoke on the wrap up of the annual trip draw sales effort. Shelia Brown and Judy Juteau were announced as the early bird winners of \$1,000.00.

- ❖ **Amphitheatre Project:** President Bob T. indicated that plans are underway for a grand opening and celebration on Canada Day July 1, 2015. More information will be forwarded while planning is completed in the coming months. Bob indicated Rotary funding commitment of \$40,000 this year and \$20,000 for each of the next two years.

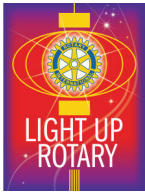
- ❖ **Annual Dinner and Auction:** Sandra spoke on the planning currently being undertaken for this April 23rd event. The committee has an upcoming meeting on Thursday February 26th to finalize details.

Chef's Table will be catering the event. Planning is currently underway to recognize Alfie Smith with a Paul Harris Fellow on the event night.

- ❖ **Adventures in Citizenship:** Rhoda indicated the Club has received four (4) applications / candidates interested in attending.

Selection Interviews scheduled in the coming days to provide an opportunity for one individual to participate in a 5 day function in Ottawa Canada hosted by the Local Rotary Club.

- ❖ **Community Entrance Signs:** Bob T. updated the club on the Board discussion and review of the signage owned by Rotary. Wendy O. has been tasked to establish a review committee to establish policy on the use and upkeep of the Rotary signs in Sussex.



❖ **Membership Inductions:**

The following new members were inducted to the Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.:

Ms. Rhonda Haynes,
Mrs. Mary McNair

Membership Team Leader Rob Driscoll reads the admissions statement into the club. Each new member together with their sponsor provided a membership packages and their Rotary pins.

Each Rotarian welcomed each new Rotarian to the club.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Rhonda H.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!