

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: February 03, 2014

Attendance: Matt, Lou, Wendy, Bruce, Sandra, Bob T, Robert L, Robert D, Robert K, Rhoda, Donna, Bob B., Andrew, Kathy C., Scott.

Regrets: Peter, Terri, Harley.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Scott Hatcher welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Donna Gilchrist talked on her recent review of the Rotary International Website and the incoming president of Rotary International is the first president from the country of Sri Lanka. Rotary International President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose "Light Up Rotary" as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucious who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark," Huang told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.

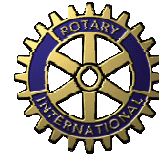
He was inspired by his involvement in the Tsunami aftermath.

Guest Speaker: John Malone, Q.C. President of the New Brunswick Law Society

Andrew introduced our guest speaker Mr. John Malone, Q.C., President of the New Brunswick Law Society.

The Law Society Act (1996) sets out clearly the objects and duties of the Society. The profession and the role of a lawyer is to help people. Lawyers are considered professionals and with that it places a high duty of care, conduct and ethical standards. The society sets it objectives and duties, they are as follows:

- a. to uphold and protect the public interest in the administration of justice,
- b. to preserve and protect the rights and freedoms of all persons,
- c. to ensure independence, integrity and honor of its members,
- d. to establish standards of education, professional responsibility and competence of its members and applicants to membership, and
- e. to regulate the legal profession.



To accomplish the above, the Society has established Rules, committees and procedures.

There are 1200 practicing lawyers in New Brunswick and each are considered an Officer of the Court, subject to of fairness and a high standard of duty and care and subject to disciplinary actions from the Society.

Rhoda thanked John for his interesting talk and presented him with a gift as a token of our appreciation.

Reports:

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the Club has not received any correspondence this week. And that he had forwarded copies of the proposal correspondence and press release in an earlier email.
- ❖ **Trip Draw:** Robert D indicated the final push was on to sell the remaining trip draw tickets. He requested everyone continue to work on selling their tickets and to turn in the tickets and payments.
- ❖ **Web presence / Facebook Page:** Robert D and Matt M reviewed with club members the design of the webpage set for launch this week.
- ❖ **February 18th Brian Gallant confirmed as speaker:** Brief discussion on inviting the Sussex and District Chamber of Commerce to this meeting. Everyone's attendance is requested for this meeting. A notice has been sent to the Kings County Record on the date and time of this speaker.
- ❖ **Charitable Trust Annual Meeting:** Bob B indicated that this years annual meet regarding the charitable trust was held pursuant to the requirements.
- ❖ **Spring Dinner:** Rhoda provided the club with a summary of the upcoming plan for each member. Individual task will be assigned shortly..

Happy/Sad Bucks

50/50: Robert Kimball

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!