



## Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: February 8, 2016

**Attendance:** Bob B., Lisa B., Kathy C, Angie C., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H., Ed K., Harold L., Cecile M., Mary M., Tina M., Bruce N., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Don D., Don I., Jeff F., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Lou Mc., Wendy

**Toast to the Queen**

**Welcome:** Donna Gilchrist, chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Rotary Minute:** Ed Keith filled in for another highlighting international focus.

**Introduction of Speaker:** Mary McNair gave the intro for our very own, Erik Homenick, who was giving his classification talk.

**Speaker:** Erik Homenick spoke about his varied educational and vocational backgrounds that eventually led him to Canterbury, England to study law. (He even told us that Ed Keith was his roommate his first year at UNB.) After returning from England he was required to show knowledge of Canadian criminal law, Canadian constitutional law, and Canadian administrative law. Rather than taking another semester of courses Erick chose to do a lot of study on his own and successfully passed a grueling 30-hour exam that took place over a three-day period. Erik articulated with Stewart and McKelvey in Saint John, but in 2014 he was asked by Andrew Palmer if he was interested in talking over Palmer & Palmer. Erik welcomed this change and moved to Sussex changing the name of the firm to Homenick Law.

Erik spoke of the changing nature of law due to the Internet where there is an abundance of "robot" lawyers who are providing lots of advice online.

There was a good discussion about the need for proper estate planning.

**Thanker:** Bob Black expressed his appreciation for Erik's talk and how classification talks help Rotarians get to know other Rotarians.

**Induction of New Member Cecile Matheson:** Shelley Vail, Membership Chair, inducted Cecile Matheson as a new Rotarian. Cecile's sponsor was Ed Keith. The Club welcomed Cecile to the Club.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fundraising Dinner –** Angela showed the Club a sample of this year's dinner ticket which has a tear-off portion that contains the name of the purchaser and the corresponding dinner choice.



The Committee is wanting to be able to give a large tax receipt this year so we are hoping to sell the tickets for \$75. The Committee is still looking for an appropriate speaker for the event.

**Secretary Reports:** Rhoda reported that our Club had received a **card from the Sussex Skating Club** thanking us for the use of our ducks for their "Duck Race Fundraiser."

The Rotary Club of Fredericton and **Easter Seals New Brunswick** has sent an invitation to our club inviting us to the provincial kick-off of the Easter Seals Campaign for 2016. This is a free luncheon held at Government House in Fredericton on Monday, February 29, 2016, between the hours of 11:45 am – 1:15 pm. Rhoda will make sure that Alaina Alexander gets a copy of this invitation.

**Make-ups for Rotary** – Rhoda reported that her spreadsheet now tracks make-up meetings more efficiently and encouraged members to forward requests to her. Our Club looks healthy when attendance has attendance at over 80%. We were not quite there during the month of January.

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

**Happy / Sad Bucks:**

**Chase the Joker:** Bob Black's ticket was drawn but still not Joker so the pot is now \$210.

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**Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.**

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