

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: February 9, 2015.

**Attendance:** Erik H., Don D., Lorinda P., Alaina A., Lou McN., Bruce, Wendy O., Shelley V., Sandra M., Bob T., Ian S, Rhoda, Robert L., Scott, Kathy C., Donna G.,

**Regrets:** Rob D., Bob B., Jeff F., Robert K., Alaina L.

**Guests:** Sarah Tippet, Ronda Hayes, Philip Howe, Cindy DuBois, Beverly and Keith Lyons, John deWinter.

### Rotary Grace

### Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Lorinda Porter welcomes all members and guest to today's meeting.

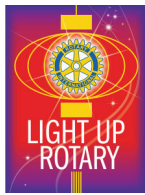
Lorinda P. received regrets received from, Rob D., Bob B., Jeff F., Robert K., Alaina L.

**Rotary Minute:** Donna Gilchrist speaks on the meaning of the Rotary Wheel symbol. A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

Wendy Osborne introduces Mr. Philip Howe, Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue. Philip has over eleven (11) years of continuous involvement and is a member of the Executive as well as being involved in the provincial search structure. Philip is the Chief Search Coordinator for the Sussex based group.

❖ **Guest speaker:** Mr. Philip Howe, Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue.

- Philip indicates the search work works closely with local police and is much like police work.
- Philip speaks on the difficulty the provincial groups attracting new members.

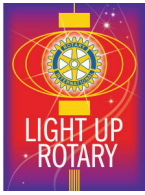


- Very little funding available with each volunteer is tasked with outfitting themselves to be part of a search team.
- Each group is heavily reliant on any form of government grant to acquire equipment and training.
- Philip describes a search scenario. Lost, and panic sets in. Panic leads to poor decisions with the fear of embarrassment is a leading contributor of waiting too long when help or assistance is needed.
- The searchers are volunteers dedicated in searching for the lost or stranded.
- Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue is a registered charity directed by their volunteer membership.
- Receive support from the New Brunswick Department of Public Safety and New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization.
- 10 teams located throughout New Brunswick and each are under Mutual Aide agreements for assistance, if so required.
- Generally the search groups are activated at the request of the Police. They service lost hunters, elderly, children, snowmobilers, hikers, berry pickers and despondents, among others.
- A search is a rapid response operation of which that history has shown the need to provide assistance within the first 24 hours of being lost. 50 % of all people in need of assistance cannot make it past the first day of being lost.
- Philip speaks on the effective search team learns the habits of who they are looking for to develop strategies and clues on where to look. This information is used to develop a Search Area with a high probability of success given what is known at the start of the search.
- Philip reviewed search methods and described the meticulous process when searching trails, paths.
- Training also plays a key role in operational readiness.
- Two projects of interest were noted. Project Life Saver and Philips work on developing a process to register a trip / outing plan to assist responders should assistance be required by the persons registering their trip / outing plan.

Sandra Moon thanks Philip Howe for his interesting talk on the Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue mission. Sandra presented Mr. Howe with a token of the Club's appreciation for his talk.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ❖ **Secretary Report;** Scott indicated the club received no new correspondence. Semi-annual dues was the last correspondence received by the Club.
- ❖ **Trip Draw Tickets:** Robert L. spoke on the need to continue ticket sales and reminds everyone to turn in any sold tickets. This is crunch time. 323 tickets turned in as of yesterday, another 51 today. Early bird draw scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



- ❖ **District news:** Beverly Lyons passed along an invitation to the attend the Rotary World Community Project to be held at Royal Oaks in Moncton. The invitation with details marks the fourth year of this event that has been held in partnership with six clubs in the district: Moncton Sunrise Club, Dieppe Club, Shediac Club, Moncton Club, Fredericton Sunrise Club and Moncton West & Riverview Club. The focus this year will be on providing clean drinking water to villages in India.

Beverly indicate the District is encouraging all clubs to appoint a Youth Services Chairperson and that this person can attend upcoming training undertaken in conjunction with the PETS /SETS training scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Fredericton.

Beverly also indicted planning is well underway for this year's District Conference scheduled for mid-September at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Moncton, NB. More information to follow in lead up to this year's conference.

- ❖ **Rotary Learning Institute:** Sandra has forwarded an email on the available training upcoming in conjunction with PETS / SETS scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Fredericton. Sandra provided a sign-up sheet for any members interested in the training.

**Happy / Sad Bucks**

**50/50: Scott**

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:20 pm.**

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