

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: Feb 13, 2012

Attendance: Rick, Jason, Peter, Lou, Bob T., Robert L., Donna & Robert Jr.

Regrets: Rhoda, Harley, Barb, Kim, Paul, Andrew, Bob B., Wendy, Bruce, Jeremy, Stewart, Murray & Bob Sr.

GUEST SPEAKER: Michelle Breen – Regional Manager South – Ambulance N.B.

Other Guest: None

50/50: Peter

Rotary Minute: Noted below is the schedule of who is doing the Rotary Minute during each meeting. Please be sure to mark you calendar. You can also find material on our web site www.sussexrotary.org or on RI's www.rotary.org or the Rotary magazine. If you are not able to attend on the meeting of your minute, please find a substitution for your slot.

***Note; emails and contact phone #'s may be on this list for the purpose of getting information for the introduction.

Minute, Chair, Intro & Thanker for:

January & February

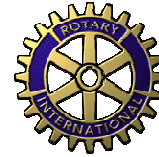
Date	Rotary Minute	Chair	Intro	Thanker	
13-Feb-12	Bob Black	Stewart Duncan	Wendy Osborne	Donna Gilchrist	
21-Feb-12	Barb Crowe	Jeremy Erickson	Stewart Duncan	Peter Haines	
27-Feb-12	Stewart Duncan	Barb Crowe			Business Meeting

Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

Feb 06, 2012 – Christy Clarke – Earth Spirit Rescue

Feb 13, 2012 – Michelle Breen – Ambulance NB

Feb 20, 2012 – Greg Balcom – Sussex Source for Sports



THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>START PLANNING</u>
FEBRUARY	- Adventures in Citizenship Interviews	- Membership Drive Dinner (Recruiting)
MARCH	- Discuss future of Christmas Boxes	- Spring Highway Clean-Up

Minute: MIA

Robert Lockhart was chair for this meeting. He gave Michelle a summary of what Rotary does and who we are.

Rick introduced Michelle. Michelle has been here for 6 or 7 years now and originally comes from Newfoundland. She came here to be in Ambulance Services after her training in Newfoundland.

On December 16th 2007 the contracts were passed to Ambulance NB. NBEMS joined ANB in 2007 under contract. They are looking at what works best for vehicles now as far as efficiency and safety is concerned. She mentioned that sometimes it's not all about looks...

ANB has more than 130 ambulances and 80 ambulance stations with over a 1000 paramedics. They get 100,000 calls a year and 9,000,000 KM racked up around the province. All ambulances are fitted, stocked and organized the exact same for efficiency and ease of use. This is so every paramedic can use the same ambulance and will be able to go in the vehicle and find what they are looking for without having to waste any valuable time. They have had some resistance to their efforts and experiments but have come to a conclusion that speed is not always necessary and sometimes even counterproductive or harmful. They also have an air ambulance and you need at least 5 years nursing in an emergency environment to work on this aircraft. All paramedics wear a pager and a radio. Safety is their number one priority!

Every vehicle has a black box almost like a plane. Each paramedic has a magnetic key that identifies and reads and records the drivers' actions and driving. This will identify and notify dangerous driving audibly and beep if the driving is not safe for the conditions. Each move is sent via satellite and if the driving is too severe it can result in an infraction against their abstract. Dispatchers are in Fredericton and Moncton so everything you can give them as far as directions is helpful, relevant and important.

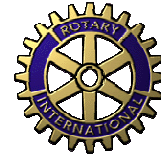
Tips to remember: Stay Calm, Only call 911 for emergencies, they will ask specific info in a specific order but this is for good reason. Their website is www.ambulancenb.ca.

Michelle's contact information is (O) 738-2117, (C) 650-7965 & (F) 738-3152. Her email is michelle.breen@smunbems.ca.

Donna Thanked her for coming.

Robert K. gave an update on the dinner and auction committee meeting last week.

Robert T. gave an update on the Trip Draw progress. We will need two or three people to help out at the Radio Station on Wednesday the 22nd at 10:30. They will meet at CJCW and fill the pill bottles with the stubs for the early bird draw.



Meeting Adjourned.

***** Please note that I have included our Rotary Club Calendar with this Cowbell. *****

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!