

Cowbell - January 23, 2017

Present: Bob B., Lisa B., Alex C., Melissa C-K., Rob D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Don I., Ed K., Robert K., Teresa O., Ian S., Shelley V., Brenna W., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Absent: Alaina A., Angie C., Don D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Erik H., Blair H., Paul, Greg K., Alaina L., Harold L., Cecile M., Mary M., Lou M., Tina M., Bruce N., Bob S., Jason T., Bob T.

Chair: Robert Kimball.

Rotary Minute – Rob Driscoll spoke about the new format for the Rotary International website and encouraged members to visit the site <https://www.rotary.org>.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Using the program Skype, Lisa Brown introduced Angie Harris from the Dollywood Foundation. Angie has more than 20 years experience working with multicultural populations. She has served with the Peace Corps in Korea and Nepal. Angie has an interest in ESL and literacy.

Guest Speaker: Angie explained the background and the work of the Dollywood Foundation that is the organizational body that oversees the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a free children's book distribution program. Dolly Parton started this program in 1996 in her home area – Sevier County, Tennessee. The program arranges for children up to the age of five to receive free monthly books that are age-appropriate. Presently the program has expended over the US, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Belize.

Thanker: Ed Keith.

Committee Reports: Committee chairs were asked to have a report for the next monthly business meeting on January 30, 2017.

Membership Induction - Brenna Warner, Manager of Scotiabank, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Sussex.

Trip Draw Tickets – There are presently 200 tickets sold and we are about a month away from the Early Bird Draw.

Spring Fundraising Dinner – The date is Thursday, May 4, at the Legion. A speaker for the event will be chosen once the fund-raising project is selected.

Nominating Committee – This committee has put together the following slate of officers.

- President-Elect 2016-17/President 2017-18 Lisa Brown
- President-Elect 2017-18 Ed Keith
- Vice President 2017-18 Tina Monahan
- Secretary 2017-18 Rhoda Wilson
- Treasurer 2017-18 Mary McNair
- Assistant Treasurer 2017-18 Cindy Dubois
- Director-at-Large 2017-18 Angie Cummings
- Director-at-Large 2017-18 Rhonda Haynes
- Director-at-Large 2017-18
- Past President 2017-18 Rob Driscoll

Rotary District Training – February 11, 2017. Robert Kimball is still looking for a couple of billets for guests that are coming. Please let Robert know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend this event. Please respond to the e-mail that was sent out.

Kings County Interact Club – The Charter meeting of this Club on January 16, 2017 was an overwhelming success. There was a good turnout of Rotary members, parents, and other relatives.

Breakfast Clubs – This week Jason Thorne is serving at Sussex Middle School and Shelley Vail is at Sussex Elementary School.

Special Speaker, Blaine Higgs, Conservative Opposition Leader - Monday, February 6, 2017
The public is welcome but RSVPs would assist the restaurant with preparing for the meal.

Picture Day – February 13, 2017, remember to wear your blue Rotary shirt.

Chase the Joker: Teresa's ticket was drawn but no Joker. The pot is \$59.50.

Next Meeting – January 30, 2017 – Business Meeting

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Wilson