



Cowbell – January 9, 2017

Present: Bob B., Lisa B., Angie C., Melissa C., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Don I., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Mary M., Lou M., Tina M., Bruce N., Teresa O., Jason T., Bob T., Rhoda W., J.C. Lockhart

Absent: Alaina A., Alex C, Don D., Jeff F., Erik H., Blair H., Paul K., Harold L., Bob S., Ian, Shelley

Chair – Rob Tremblett

Guests – Sheri Shannon, Office of MP, Alaina Lockhart; Julie Matthews, Transition House; and Brenna Warner, Scotiabank

Rotary Minute – Lisa Brown talked about the role of Interact and explained that after a lot of research and discussion she has confirmed that the official ages for Interact are 12-18. This group is the future for volunteer agencies like Rotary.

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Angie Cummings gave the introduction to our fellow Rotarian, Alaina Lockhart. Alaina is a graduate of Sussex Regional High School and UNB Saint John where she obtained Bachelor of Administration with a specialization in Human Resource Management. She has travelled worldwide, been an entrepreneur, and has served the community in different avenues – Councillor for Norton, Chair for Relay for Life, and Board member for Fundy Enterprise. She is married to Rick and has a 14-year old daughter, Lauren. Presently she sits on two standing House committees – (1) Veteran Affairs and (2) Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Guest Speaker – Alaina Lockhart explained that she has a passion for veterans and for farmers, therefore, her membership on the two federal standing committees related to these topics are well suited. Some of Alaina's priorities have been resource development, health, tourism, and strengthening the work force. Alaina emphasized the need for everyone to participate in public forums – meetings in local communities and/or social media – as the Government does listen to its people.

Alaina highlighted her efforts to get Private Members' Motions, M-39, Immigration to Atlantic Canada passed. This was a recommendation to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration to undertake a study on immigration to Atlantic Canada to strengthen the shrinking population and strengthen the economy. This was passed unanimously.

As part of Celebrate 150 the government will be handing out volunteer awards. The deadline for those awards is February 3, 2017.

Thanker – Tina Monahan

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee – Nominations for the 2017-18 President and President-elect are urgently needed. Everyone was asked to consider.

New Generations

- Lisa asked members to let her know today if they will be attending the Charter Night for the Interact group on January 16, 2017. Alaina Lockhart, MP, will be the guest speaker. An e-mail was circulated to all members.
- Lisa asked members to sign up to attend future Interact meetings. Lisa will also send an e-mail.
- The Sussex Rotary Club has submitted two applications for the short-term student exchange.
- There was a short discussion about the Sussex Rotary Club hosting this year's RYLA conference

Membership – There will be an induction next week for Brenna Warner.

Trip Draw Tickets – Mary reported that over 112 of the 500 tickets have been sold. Rotarians were reminded that the Early Bird Draw was February 13 – approximately a month away.

Thank You from the **Salvation Army** and the **Kiwanis Nursing Home** – Tina thanked all the Rotarians who worked the Kettle the last week before Christmas, which is a very difficult time to fill. Tina reported that the Rotary Club recorded some of the best donations. The Kiwanis Nursing Home has sent the Rotary Club a letter thanking them for their donation for a refurbished room.

Community – This week **Lou McNamara** is scheduled for the Breakfast Club at Sussex Middle School on Wednesday and **Bob Black** is scheduled for Sussex Elementary School on Friday.

Fundraising Committee for Spring Auction – A meeting was held on Sunday night. To assist with advertising for the spring auction, Tina said that she is arranging a photo for all Rotary members on Monday, February 13, 2017. Members are asked to wear their blue Rotary shirt. If a Rotarian does not own one, these shirts can be purchased from Black's Embroidery for

approximately \$25, from Michels (same color but no label,) or purchase one that the Club has on hand. (Rhoda has the following sizes: Ladies – one Large and two XXL.)

Area Training for Rotary – this will be held at Kingswood University on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Bob Tremblett encouraged everyone to get involved.

Happy Bucks / Sad Bucks / Fines – done by Ed Keith in Shelley's absence.

Chase the Joker – Greg Keith's ticket was drawn but no Joker. There is \$36 in the pot.

Next Meeting –January 16, 2017 – Angie Cummings – Sussex Sleep Clinic; and induction of new member, Brenna Warner.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson