



## Cowbell – July 31, 2017

**Present:** Lisa B., Josh C., Rhonda H., Paul K., Ed K., Harold L., Mary M., Bruce N., Rob T., Shelley V., Brenna W., Rhoda W.

**Absent:** Alaina A., Bob B., Alex C., Angie C., Don D., Rob D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Donna G., Erik, Blair H., Don I., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Harold L., Cecile M., Julie M., Lou M., Tina M., Sheri S., Bob S., Ian S., Jason T., Tracey W., Matt W.

**Chair:** Lisa Brown

### Guests:

- Melissa Cummings-Keith
- Rory Keith, Havelock, NB & Anna Fluhr, Metz Tassy, France (Short-Term Exchange Students)
- Mark Savidant – Alison Street Web Design, Hampton, NB
- Kristen Armstrong, Sophia Sharp and Maria Bustin - Interactors

**Short-Term Exchange Presentation** – Rory Keith spoke briefly about her recent exchange trip to France and her twin, Anna Fluhr from France, was introduced.

**2017 New Brunswick Day Merit Award** – Lisa announced that the Rotary Club would be receiving an award for Community Leadership on New Brunswick Day, Monday, August 7, 2017, at O’Connell Park at 1 pm. All Rotarians were encouraged to attend.

**Committee Reports** – Committees chairs were encouraged to meet with members. Verbal reports were received from the following committees:

- Community – Bruce will be working on a schedule for Breakfast Club volunteers as soon as school starts. A new request has been received from Sussex Corner Elementary School. A clean-up of the school grounds is in the planning works.
- Dinner and Auction – Brenna reported the Committee will be meeting in August.
- Trip Draw – Bob T. anticipates an early start with Trip Draw.
- Public Image & Relations -This committee needs a chairperson.
- Youth Services/New Generations – Ed expects expansion of the exchange program to include a long-term exchange. Interact will start in the fall at a place and time to be determined.

### **Special Projects**

- Concerts – Jason is meeting with organizers to plan a concert as part of the annual Summerfest. This year was the first year for Summerfest and was part of the Canada 150 Celebrations. Summerfest is being planned as an annual event during the first two weeks of July.
- Breakfast for Balloon Fiesta – Leonard's Gate is the proposed location for the Breakfast on September 9, 2017. Don Ingersoll is chair.
- Rotary Sign at Four Corners – The brick has been removed and has been placed on Sussex Buy 'N Sell. This money will be put toward Rotary administration costs. Rhoda was able to find an anonymous donor for flowers this year and a neighbour is watering the plants. The sign needs a paint touch-up. Turning the ground into a grassed area would require less maintenance.

### **Conferences**

- District Conference September 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Rodd Miramichi Hotel and Conference Centre, Miramichi, NB.
- RI International, Toronto from June 23 – 27, 2018 (Some group tours from N.B. and P.E.I. are being planned)

**Next Meeting** – Business Meeting, Monday, August 28, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson, Secretary  
Rotary Club of Sussex