



## Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

### Cowbell

Date: June 13th, 2011

**Attendance:** Bruce, Kim, Harley, Frank, Roger, Bob T., Barb, Robert Jr., Lou, Rhoda & Robert L.

**Absent:** Jason, Wendy, Peter, Donna, Stewart, Paul, Jeremy, Andrew, April, Murray, Bob K Sr. & Bob B.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Robert Craft of Sussex & Area Vibrant Communities.

**Other Guest:** None

**50/50:** Jason

**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](http://www.sussexrotary.org) or on RI's [www.rotary.org](http://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.

### Rotary Minutes

TBD

Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

June	6	Jim Balcomb – Apache
2011	13	Roberta Craft - Community Action Group for the reduction of Poverty in Sussex
	20	New Town Manager - tentative
	27	<b>Business Meeting</b>

### Introducer & Thankers for remainder of June meetings

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



## June Meetings;

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**; Robert Craft, Poverty Action Group. 432.4540

Introducer; Jason Sturgeon

Thanker; Bob Tremblett

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**; Nairn Hay, Fundy Model Forest. Phone 432.7575  
433.4540 at the Town Office

Introducer; Bob Black

Thanker; Jeremy Erikson

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting.

## THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!

JUNE	-	District Conference	-	NONE
	-	International Conference	-	Purple Pinkie @ Balloon Fiesta
	-	Grad Bursaries		
	-	GSE		
	-	Flower Wheel		
	-	Budget		
	-	By-Laws		
JULY	-	Socials	-	Calendar for next year
		RI Membership Dues	-	Foundation Dues



## Rotary Minute - None.

Bob T introduced our guest speaker Robert Craft from the Sussex and Area Vibrant Communities. Roberta is originally from Saint John but is working in Sussex. Roberta passed around a contact list for different projects going on in the Sussex area regarding making Sussex a better community. Roberta worked for the YMCA for 7 years before being approached by the Saint John Vibrant Communities organization 2 years ago. One of her favorite accomplishments with Vibrant Communities is the Hazen White in Saint John (Crescent Valley) housing project. 500 children have mentors thanks to the Hazen White partnership with UNB Saint John. Poverty is generational, “if you grow up on welfare then nine times out of ten you will continue to stay on welfare”. Programs need to be developed not only to educate adults but to teach them how to be educated. Many don’t know how to learn let alone what to learn.

Her last project in Saint John was a project partnered with Irving Oil to teach adults how to get motivated to learn and to feel proud about accomplishments and to be determined to succeed. Poverty needs to be tackled in several steps and they need to start as smaller steps that are continuously getting bigger after every step. 42 out of 53 graduated from the Learn & Go program and during that term they completed 9 different projects in the Saint John area. UNB students are the mentors for the children in SJ, they are looking at having Bethany Bible College in Sussex start a similar program for the children in our area. We have to include the youth and make the area into what they would like to have, skate parks, splash pads etc. This will keep them from resorting to destructive methods of entertainment.

Bob T. thanked Roberta for her speech.

Sat June 25<sup>th</sup>, Camp Rotary will have their grand opening at 1:30, you can include friends and family. We were not invited to clean up this year but will continue to offer our assistance when needed.

Lou will call Jason to see if we should have flowers in the flower wheel until we get something more permanent.

Robert K Jr. gave a report on his trip to New Orleans for the 2011 RI convention. The biggest take home was that RI is still keeping “End Polio” as their main focus until they get the job done. They also mentioned that they are considering having a vote on whether or not they should pay the president or RI and perhaps have terms greater than 1 year. The reasoning for this was to be more friendly to larger organizations that may offer funding when they get to deal with the same President rather than a different individual every year. Some also feel that it is counterproductive to have a different theme and logo every year. Many argued that although the President’s term is only for one year that many others in higher positions of RI and the Foundation including the President stay in similar and board related roles therefore the larger potential partners regarding funding would often deal with the same group of people for more than 4 years anyway and this is what Bill Gates found too. If he can look past the rotation of the president then so should most other partners in funding.

Summer Socials – Barb is looking after Summer Socials and so far Lou, Kim, Robert Jr., Robert Sr., Robert T. and Bob B. have all agreed to have a social. The agenda will be worked out with Barb and distributed shortly.



**Meeting Adjourned.**

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

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