



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: June 27th, 2011

Attendance: *April, Jeremy, Barb, Bruce, Wendy, Donna, Harley, Bob T., Robert Jr., Lou & Rhoda*

Absent: *Robert L., Peter, Bob B. Jason, Kim, Stewart, Paul, Andrew, Murray, Bob K Sr. & Roger*

GUEST SPEAKERS: *None – Business Meeting*

Other Guest: *None*

50/50: Bruce

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.

Rotary Minutes

Robert Kimball

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	Business Meeting

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 13th; Robert Craft, Poverty Action Group. 432.4540

Introducer; Jason Sturgeon

Thanker; Bob Tremblett

June 20th; Nairn Hay, Fundy Model Forest. Phone 432.7575
433.4540 at the Town Office

Introducer; Bob Black

Thanker; Jeremy Erikson

June 27th – Business meeting.

THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!

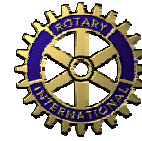
JULY	-	Socials	-	Calendar for next year
	-	RI Membership Dues	-	Foundation Dues

AUGUST	-	Socials	-	Shelter Boxes
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Rotary Minute

Robert Kimball Jr. - Robert talked about club attendance as we are wrapping up the first year of him being secretary and taking down attendance. From Mar 2009 - Dec 2010 we had 16 members, Dec 2010 – Feb 2011 we had 17 members, Feb – May we had 19 members and since May we have had 21 and recently lost 1 member. With these membership numbers we have had attendance of 57% in the first half of the 2010/2011 year and in the second half of the 2010/2011 year (Jan 2011- July 2011) we have had 69.8%. With more members than ever in the 2010/2011 year we managed to improve our semi annual attendance by almost 13%.

We have 10 members with over 75% in 2011 and 6 members with over 75% in the 2010/2011 Rotary year, three of which have 100% attendance. Don't forget to give the club secretary any potential "make-ups" to make up for regular meetings that were missed. There are more ways than attending a regular weekly meeting to get credit for attendance.



Rotary Wheel Update

Lou discussed the evolution of the Rotary wheel. We discussed earlier this year the idea of having a permanent monument at O'Connell Park to replace the current flower wheel. We discussed having an erect monument rather than one lying down to give us more year round exposure considering the snow. Knowing that we would need to have the permission of the town we all agreed that it would be best to have something on paper to present to the council or the ultimate decision maker. We started out with getting quotes from three different contractors and they gave us several prices with different materials and dimensions. Once we looked at the size of an erect monument on the knoll we realized that it looked quite small in comparison to the previous wheel and did not fit the atmosphere of the rest of the park. We were preparing to get quotes for a larger monument perhaps lying down and in the shape of the wheel rather than a 5 x 4 rectangular monument.

All the while we had been corresponding with the town and more specifically Jason Thorne who is the head of the Town of Sussex Recreation Department to work out a best scenario for the knoll. Jason is also a member of the Communities in Bloom committee and was in to talk to the club about the committee back in April. Through the help of our members, Jason & the Communities in Bloom committee, Mayor Carr and fellow member Stewart Duncan of Two Boys Lawn Care we have come to the best and most cost efficient conclusion. With a partnership of the Communities in Bloom committee and Stewart and his team we will be continuing with the floral wheel in the form of the Rotary Wheel and Stewart has agreed to look after the maintenance of the wheel. We will have our normal annual expense but Stewart can use his expertise to make it as feasible as possible. Thank you Stewart!!

The membership agreed that if and when Stewart would need or like help with the wheel we will be more than happy to participate. Unfortunately we had a few years without too many green thumbed individuals in the membership but now with the know-how and manpower of Two Boys and the Communities in Bloom we should have a great presence in the community with a garden that we can all be proud of.

This is the best news for the club that I have heard this year!!

The Flower Wheel is a topic to be discussed every October on our monthly event and planning calendar.

Road Sign Update

The Rotary sign at Four-Corners is a work in progress. ** I have since spoke to Tony and the signs have been back up for a week). The club agreed that we should ask the other clubs to send Tony at Kings County Mechanical a thank you card. We also discussed asking the other clubs to put into a kitty for maintenance.

Harley mentioned that he noticed a Boy Scout's of Canada sign up there that had not been paid for. ** I have since spoke to Lloyd Kierstead and he is the contact person for the club. He said that he had put it up after failed attempts to get in touch with anyone in charge of the sign. I have confirmed with him that we may have to take it down and have the paid service clubs vote on having their logo/sign allowed on the sign. He understood and said he would ask the committee if they would like to pay to be on there if granted and I told him that we would keep in touch and I gave him Harley's contact information.



Assistant Treasurer Position

Robert L. will be doing the Quick Books for the club and Keri Marr will be doing an unofficial audit of the books first. Robert Kimball Jr. moved that we add "Assistant Treasurer" to the By-Laws as a new position and it was seconded by Wendy. Motion passed. ** We had already approved Robert as the Assistant Treasurer when we accepted the new positions in May but we had not actually had an assistant treasurer in the by-laws.

Presidents Closing Remarks and Passing of the Torch.

Lou gave his closing remarks and thanked the club for making his year as president a success, he reminded the members that the objective was to increase membership and we did get 5 new members and made efforts to contact and make the first step in obtaining several others.

Barb – Barb started out with reconfirming and assigning committee chairs for many of the projects and duties that we have as a club.

The first social will be at Bob Black's home and will be at 6:00 on Thursday the 7th of July. They will be having Steak and Salads with Chicken as an alternative. Please let Bob know if you will be attending and your choice of meat prior to Tuesday the 5th. Barb will be sending out the schedule for the rest of the summer in a few days. The socials are BYOB and we usually bring a guest or guests, we usually bring \$10 per person to help the host with the cost of the meals.

Barb will be sending out invoices for membership in the near future to start off the year with a paid membership.

Our regular meetings are scheduled to restart at the All Seasons on September the 12th.

Rhoda will be taking over the programming again and will continue to assign our guest speakers as long as the schedule with the school allows her to keep attending most meetings.

April gave her resignation as a Rotarian as she has been transferred, she did however tell us that we should contact the new manager, Rick Vasari as he is interested in joining the club.

Motion to Sell 50/50 Tickets at Each Meeting

Harley made two motions, one to sell 50/50 tickets rather than simply collecting \$1 from each member who comes to the meeting. He also moved that we make all meals \$10 rather than have the \$7 soup and sandwiches. Bruce seconded the 50/50 motion and it was passed. The meal price was not seconded but may be discussed in the fall in order to let all members be aware of the suggestion prior to voting.

Meeting Adjourned.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!!!

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

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!