



# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: June 02, 2014

**Attendance:** Kathy C., Shelley V, Steven G., Bob B., Wendy, Donna, Robert D, Bob T, Bruce, Rhoda, Scott, Sandra.

**Regrets:** Lou, Robert L, Robert K, Andrew, Harley.

**Guests:** N/A

### Rotary Grace

### Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Bruce Northrup welcomed all members and expressed regrets from members Lou McN. and Robert K.

**Rotary Minute:** Bob B. spoke on the recent article regarding membership improvement as outlined in the May Rotarian Magazine.

The article spoke on the fact Rotary Membership is the lowest it has ever been in the last 10 years. Statistics show for every new member welcomed to Rotary a former member leaves Rotary. Rotary believes it is critical to improve membership and to get new members involved.

Rotary has introduced four new pilot projects aimed at membership improvements:

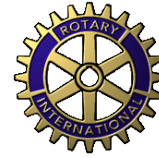
- Corporate membership structure.
- Associate membership category.
- Flexible club structure.
- Satellite clubs.

Largest decline in membership is being experienced in the US and Canada with Japan has the highest decline experienced. 15% membership declines are being experienced. Biweekly meeting have been tried to offset members busy schedules.

India is experiencing the largest growth as well as Germany, Korea, Africa, and South America.

### Classification talk: Robert Driscoll, Sussex RCMP Detachment:

Robert indicated he was born and raised in St. Stephen, NB and started his emergency services career as a paramedic. In 2003 he considered an application for acceptance with the Atlantic Police Academy to begin training to become a police officer. In 2005 Robert began the lengthy screening process to begin the acceptance process to become an RCMP Officer. After approximately 6 month training at RCMP



Depot in Regina Robert began his career with his first posting at Fort McLeod in Alberta. Remained on post in Alberta for his first 3 ½ years. Robert always wanted to get back home in New Brunswick.

Roberts second posting was in Cape Dorset Nunavut, the Inuit Art Capital of Canada. This posting began in early 2009. Isolation is at issue mostly for the member's families with at least a wide variety of tasks available for all posted members. After a 3 ½ year posting in the North Robert and his family began its current Sussex Posting.

Robert viewed his opportunity to join Rotary as an avenue to connect with community minded people with a structured support organization to undertake community involvement.

Chairperson Bruce thanked Robert for his interesting talk on the life and role of a police enforcement officer.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the Club had received an invitation to the First annual Employer and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner of the Crosswinds Occupational Activity Center Inc. The event will be held on Wednesday June 04<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Bob T and his wife will be attending on behalf of the Sussex Rotary Club.

Also the club received written email regrets form Lou McN and Robert K.

- ❖ **Highway Cleanup:** Bruce reported that the club completed 8 out of the 10 kilometers of highway cleanup on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. It was a great day with wonderful weather.

Kilometers remaining are the westbound kilometer of 189 to 188 kilometers marker, and the eastbound kilometer of 189 to 190 kilometer markers.

- ❖ **Membership:** Chairperson Bruce presided over the induction ceremony of member Steven Gillies and presented Steven with his membership pin.

Each attending Rotarian welcomed Steven to the Sussex Rotary Club.

### **Happy / Sad Bucks**

**50/50:** Wendy.

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:19 pm.**

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