



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: June 6th, 2011

Attendance: Roger, Kim, Bob B., Bob T., Barb, Robert Jr., Lou, Rhoda & Jason

Absent: Stewart, Donna, Paul, Jeremy, Harley, Frank, Andrew, Peter, Bruce, April, Murray, Bob K Sr., Robert L. & Wendy

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jim Balcomb from Apache Canada

Other Guest: Scott Hatcher CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) for the Town of Sussex

50/50: Rhoda

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

6-Jun-11 Donna Gilchrist

13-Jun-11 Peter Haines

20-Jun-11 Robert E. 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!!!!

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 – Barb - Donna had to send her regrets so Barb gave a report on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library meeting for Literacy that she and Lou attended in Dieppe on Tuesday the 31st. We will have a meeting for literacy in the near future.

Robert Jr. Introduced our guest speaker, Jim Balcomb of Apache Canada. Jim is from NB, he currently lives in Grand Bay (right behind hole number 2 at the golf course). Jim has been with Apache for 8 months and is hired on contract for public and government relations. He has a background in economic development, an MBA and a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry. Last but not least, he is a former Rotarian with the Saint John Club.

Jim started by explaining the decision that made the local headlines on Wednesday. Apache was under contract with Corridor to make a decision by Wednesday whether or not they would move on to phase two of the shale gas extraction. Their first commitment was for \$25,000,000 to drill the first well. They declined to move on with the second phase. Shale gas is a natural gas that is under high pressure and trapped within the shale. It requires high pressure to be extracted from the shale. The shale rock in this area is 1Km thick and is among the thickest on the planet and is believed to be the largest on the continent. They use a high pressure combination of water, sand and guar gum to extract the gas. Natural gas had helped reduce our dependence on oil imported from other countries around the world and this is a huge priority for the U.S.

Although Apache has left, there are 6 other large companies that have shown interest in continuing the efforts in this area. The industry is not going anywhere and will continue to be in NB. Corridor is one of the companies still drilling in NB. Apache has a lot of interest in the western provinces and B.C. in particular. B.C. has the largest deposit to date in North America. Apache's results were not positive in their tests here in NB but that is to be expected according to professionals in this industry. Therefore they decided to move their efforts to B.C. and concentrate there for now.

Corridor is scheduled to drill two more wells using liquid propane in the fall. Propane can be but is not always necessarily separated from the natural gas extracted from the shale. Jim's main message was that there is gas here. Apache started in the U.S. in 1954.

Our other guest was Scott Hatcher, Scott is the CAO for the town and he said he has an extensive background with municipalities and is looking forward to making Sussex his home and doing the best for our community.

Thank you letters for the companies and individuals that supported our dinner in April – Lou recently sent out a copy of generic thank you letters for the sponsors for our dinner. Please mail or deliver these to the sponsors that you received donations from.

Meeting Adjourned.

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

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!