

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: March 03, 2014

**Attendance:** Bruce, Wendy, Robert L, Robert D, Robert K, Rhoda, Donna, Andrew, Scott, Kathy C., Lou, Sandra

**Regrets:** Matt, Bob B., Bob T, Terri, Harley.

**Guests:** Keri Marr, CA, Administrator Kiwanis Nursing Home Inc.

### Rotary Grace

### Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Lou McNamara welcomed all members and guest to the meeting.

Lou highlighted Peter's contribution and time with the Sussex Rotary Club and asked each member and guest to join with him in a moment of silence in honor of our fellow member Peter T. Haines who passed away suddenly.

**Rotary Minute:** N/A.

**Guest Speaker:** Keri Marr, CA, Administrator Kiwanis Nursing Home Inc., Sussex, New Brunswick.

Bruce N. introduces our guest speaker Mrs. Keri Marr, CA, Administrator Kiwanis Nursing Home Inc.

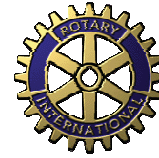
Keri spoke on the home and its mission statement of serving seniors of the greater Sussex Area inspired by our core values of dignity and respect, the Kiwanis Nursing Home is committed to providing the highest quality of care in a safe, home-like environment.

Kiwanis Nursing Home Inc. was established on August 11, 1975, as a non-profit corporation to provide nursing care and other support services for the residents of Sussex and surrounding area.

The Kiwanis Nursing Home, open to the public since April 30, 1979, has accommodations for 70 residents. In 1984, an addition was added to our home to accommodate a large resident activity area known as "The Heritage Room".

The Nursing Home works closely with related community organizations such as: Community Health, Red Cross, Community Based Services for Seniors, Senior Citizen Groups, Local Ministerial Association and others to promote comprehensive care for the residents.

The Nursing Home also has a close relationship with the Sussex Health Centre, situated nearby, and its physicians.



On January 19, 1993, Bryant Drive Holdings Inc. was established as a non-profit organization to provide seniors' housing units and secure a land bank, owned and operated by this corporation. This corporation was established to encourage donations from the community which are used for activities that benefit all 70 residents of Kiwanis Nursing Home and improve their care, comfort and quality of life. Bryant Drive Holdings Inc. and Kiwanis Nursing Home Inc. are both registered charitable organizations and they are financial sources of Kiwanis Nursing Home.

The organization is run by a Board of Directors, 12 volunteer members with at least 4 members as active Kiwanians. The facility employs 103 staff with 43 full time positions providing 24 / 7 care and service.

The operational revenue is approximately \$5.4 Million annually with approximately 71% of the revenue from the province and approximately 21% of the revenue directly from the residents of the facility.

The organization is excited to announce a \$10M expansion to the facility beginning in August 2014 with full occupancy scheduled for late spring 2016. The expanded facility should generate an additional 50 employees and provide an additional 30 beds with 39 new single room refurbishment and expansion as a result of the construction.

Keri indicated a community capital campaign will get underway in the near future to assist the facility to keep current and to bring up to date the existing facility and furnishings built in 1975.

Kathy Carver thanked Mrs. Marr for her interesting discussion on the Kiwanis Nursing Home Inc.

#### **Reports:**

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the Club had not received any correspondence.
- ❖ **Trip Draw:** Robert D indicates the success. 2 Tickets awaiting payment. Lou announces the March 2104 winners drawn earlier at the radio station.
- ❖ **Spring Dinner:** Rhoda and Wendy updated the members on the planning and schedule.

#### **Happy / Sad Bucks**

**50/50:** Robert D..

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.**

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