

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: March 17, 2014

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

Regrets: Lou, Matt, Bob B., Terri, Harley.

Guests: Beverly and Keith Lyons, Chief Harold Lowe, Sussex Fire Department.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Robert Kimball welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Robert Driscoll spoke on March is Literacy Month for Rotary. The purpose is to place a focus on increasing literacy throughout the world.

Many clubs aim to champion literacy and identify programs that raise the level of awareness of the value of literacy everywhere, Rob urged club members to take part in a reading program, get involved in book donations locally. It is rewarding and beneficial in assisting those children who can learn the value of becoming literate.

Guest Speaker: Chief Harold Lowe, Sussex Fire Department.

Scott H. introduces our guest speaker Chief Harold Lowe, Sussex Fire Department Inc.

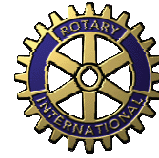
Harold speaks on his transition and his professional firefighting career. Chief Lowe got introduced to his passion of becoming a career firefighter as a volunteer member in British Columbia and quickly gained a passion for being a fire fighter. From BC Chief Lowe spent a number of years with the Fort McMurray Fire Department prior to his move to Moncton Fire Department where he served as a Training Officer for the city department. He continued his volunteer service to the Village of Petitcodiac and now the first full time fire chief in Sussex.

The Sussex Department answers an average of 220 call for service each year with a record 64 calls in January 2014 alone.

Walk up calls at the Station for service has noticeably increased this year.

All calls for service for structure incidents has the Quint vehicle as the first response vehicle or equipment out of the station. No truck leaves the station without 4 members onboard.

The service involves, education, public relations, inspection services, medical assist , flooding response,



off road rescue and of course fire calls.

Training extremely important to the effectiveness and readiness of the volunteer members and the department.

Chief Lowe reviews with the club photos and stories about a number of calls over the last 6 months.

Wendy thanks Chief Lowe for his interesting discussion on the Sussex Fire Department.

Reports:

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the Club had not received any correspondence this week.
- ❖ **Spring Dinner:** Rhoda, Wendy and Sandra updated the members on the planning and schedule.
- ❖ **Youth Exchange:** Assistant District Governors Bev and Keith Lyons indicated an upcoming event to be held in Quispamsis on April 11th and 12th Clubs are encouraged to invite or send youths interested.
- ❖ **Adventures in Citizenship:** Rhoda indicated Shelby Clark, a local student has been selected to attend the Ottawa Conference.
- ❖ **Easter Seals, Rotary Leadership Course, and Volunteer recognition:** Bob T. review couple of items he had been received over the past week.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Kathy C.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!