

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: March 16, 2015.

Attendance: Cindy D., Don D., , Bob B. Donna G., Bruce, Erik H., Robert K., Kathy C., Wendy O., Rob D., Shelley V., Bob T., Robert L., Scott, Lisa B.

Regrets: Sandra M., Ian S, Jeff F., Rhoda, Mary McN, Alaina A., Lou McN, Lorinda P., Rhonda H, Alaina L.

Guests: Kelly Dunfield, NP, Kathy Monahan.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Erik Homenick welcomes all members and guests to today's meeting. Erik Introduces Kathy Monahan and Guest Speaker Kelly Dunfield to today's meeting.

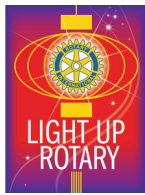
Erik received regrets received from; Jeff F and Lou.

❖ **Rotary Minute:** Robert Kimball spoke on his experience with attending Rotary International Conferences when close to our area. Robert has had the opportunity of participating in many conferences and Rotary functions, some requiring travel. Robert has participated all over the province of New Brunswick and has attended the 100th Annual Rotary International Conference held in Montreal a few years back as well at the 101st Conference held in New Orleans, USA. Each of these international conferences attract up to 50,000 participating delegates and the experience meeting these delegates and events held in conjunction with the conference is a rewarding experience worth attending and participating in.

Bruce N. welcomes and introduces Mrs. Kelly Dunfield, NP a local resident for many decades and one of the first nurse practitioners practicing in New Brunswick. Kelly was one how completed the first class at UNB who will be speaking on her most recent community project on Severe Allergic Reaction.

❖ **Guest speaker:** Mrs. Kelly Dunfield, NP a local resident, nurse practitioner discusses the implementation on a new project, the Severe Allergic Reaction Project:

- A native of Sussex, Kelly is working on a Community Response to Severe Allergic Reaction Pilot Project.
- Proposed for the treatment of Community Anaphylaxis for the Sussex and Area.
- Working in conjunction with Dr. Andrea Canty on this Pilot Project.



- Anaphylaxis is the most severe type of allergic reaction and is a growing public concern.
- Anaphylaxis has the potential to cause death, fatalities that are avoidable with proper and timely medical treatment.
- Measurers must be in place to reduce the risk to exposure to an allergen and to have community access to take appropriate action.
- There are an infinite number of triggers for Anaphylaxis. Mostly food, medication and venom.
- Treatment for Anaphylaxis – epinephrine administration is the medication of choice.
- One does of epinephrine should be available every 10 – 20 minutes of travel time to a medical facility following a severe allergic reaction.
- Pilot Project Overview:
 - Based on strong comparisons to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) currently throughout the community.
 - Based on epinephrine auto-injectors not being carried by individuals, being expired, or never obtained in the first place due to costs.
 - The Pilot Project is considering the new epinephrine auto-injector – Allerject™.
 - Allerject™ talks a person through the steps of the procedure to auto-inject.
 - The Pilot Project plans the installation of 26 alarmed cabinets with each containing 1 adult dose and 1 child dose of epinephrine.
 - Targeting schools, recreational facilities and restaurants.
 - Future sites could include churches, library, daycares, parks and industrial leaders in our region.
- Clearly the benefits providing easy of access within various community settings has the potential to save lives.
- The single risk is the costs due to the epiery dates on the auto-injectors.
- Goal is to expand the Pilot across the Province and potentially across the Country.

Shelley Vail thanks Kelly for her interesting classification talk. Shelley presented Kelly Dunfield with a token of the Club's appreciation for her talk.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Annual Dinner and Auction:** Wendy requests all members read Sandra's recent email on the event planning and soliciting auction items.
- ❖ **Membership Inductions:** Robert Driscoll spoke on the potential of adding a couple of new members that will be inducted to the Rotary Club of Sussex Inc. at a future meeting.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Shelley V.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!