



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club #6355

District #7810

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March 12 & 19, 2007

March is Literacy Month

March 12

Attendance: Harley, Donna, Keri, Robert L, Peter, Frank S, Dan, Frank D, Kim P, Tom, Haley,

Absent: Dana, Lou, Bob B, Kim C, Murray, Andrew

Regrets: Roger, Bob K, Don D

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Regrets: Bob K

Member News

Congratulations to Don D who has a new grand-daughter.

Welcome back to Roger who spent some time recently in Illinois.

With regret Sharon submitted her resignation due to work commitments. We will certainly miss this hard-working member.

A special presentation was made to Robert L to commemorate his decision to become a Rotary Benefactor. Thank you Robert for this lasting gift to the Rotary Foundation.

On March 19th, Don D was officially inducted as a member of our Club. Welcome Don!

If you know any "Member News" please pass it on to Keri.

Guest Speaker

Our guests on March 19th were Wanda Steeves and Wanda Green from Crosswinds. They gave our Club an excellent presentation about Crosswinds and its role in the community. Crosswinds works to develop community connections and improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. Crosswinds was established in 1978 and began operations at the Lions Den. In 2002 the organization moved to its present location at 100 Leonard Drive. Crosswinds receives approximately 80% of its funding from the provincial Department of Family and Community Services however there is a significant amount of fundraising required for the organization. Crosswinds operates CASP (Community Academic Services Program) and provides employment services for all under-employed members of our community (not just those with disabilities). Crosswinds is constantly looking for new business opportunities and can provide workers for a variety of tasks. New Board members are always welcome at their monthly Board meetings (the 3rd Thursday of each month).

We presented Crosswinds with a \$1,000 contribution towards CASP.

Pool Project

At our March 12th meeting we discussed the community pool project. Government support appears to be behind the project however it is not certain when any funding will be in place. It was the consensus of members present that while we support the project, any financial commitments made several years ago

would be revisited by present members if and when the project proceeds sometime in the future.

Easter Seals

Collection jars were given to members to deliver to local businesses. These jars will be out in the Community until Easter. It was decided that our fines and 50/50 revenue will go towards Easter Seals until Easter. Last year almost \$800 was raised through these jars. We used these funds to send local children to Camp Rotary.

International Visitors

Our Club has been asked to host the Group Study Exchange team (5 people) from New Zealand and Fiji June 3 – 8th (dates not finalized) and the Friendship Exchange (13 people) from India May 28 – 30th. The Friendship Exchange team would be hosted jointly with the Hampton Rotary Club. Hosting requires us to provide accommodations and meals, as well as activities for the visitors. Several members have expressed interest in hosting and a committee will be formed to finalize the details. Even if you cannot host someone in your home, we will need members to help with activities. These exchanges are always a lot of fun and a wonderful benefit of being a Rotarian so please try to free up some time in your schedule over these days.

Assistance for Children

Harley contacted Irving to find out about their program to assist families traveling to IWK. The contact number is 902-470-8076 and the program provides assistance with gas for traveling.

50/50 was lost by Roger March 12th and Bob B on March 19th.

Upcoming Events

Mon March 26th – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Business Meeting

Mon April 2nd – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Capt. Al Soppitt, President & CEO of the Saint John Port Authority

Mon April 9th – 12:15 pm – No Meeting due to Easter Monday

Mon April 16th – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Trisha Mersereau, Executive Director Sussex Vale Transition House

Mon April 23rd – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Guest Speaker MLA Bruce Northrup

Mon April 30th – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Business Meeting

Mon May 7th – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Guest Speaker Tracy Friars, District 6 CELEBRATE coordinator

Mon May 14th – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Guest Speaker Jeff Russell – Penobscis Water

Mon May 21st – 12:15 pm – No Meeting due to Victoria Day

Mon May 28th – 12:15 pm – All Season Inn – Business Meeting

June 1, 2, 3 2007 – **District Conference in Oromocto**

June 6, 7, 8 – Meals on Wheels

Rotary at a Glance

32,596 Rotary Clubs, 1,221,812 Rotarians worldwide, 168 Rotary countries

For other interesting information check out the following web sites:

Rotary International www.rotary.org

Rotary District 7810 www.ridist7810.com

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** Leave of Absence 2006-2007 Rotary Year

2006-2007 Committees

Coats for Kids - Peter Haines, Bob Black, Andrew Palmer

Christmas Boxes - Murray McGibbon, Bob Black & Gerry Randall

Trip Draw Tickets - Robert Lockhart, Donna Gilchrist & Keri Walker

Charter night - Tom Snowden, Michelanne Lewis, Haley Bettle

Membership - Committee Chair – Kim Cummings Co-Chair – Andrew Palmer, Sharon Armstrong

Club Administration - Weekly programs – Donna Gilchrist & Roger Albert

Youth Exchange - Kim Pearson, Frank Derrah & Dana Black

Public Relations - Committee Chair – Lou McNamara