



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: March 1st 2010

Attendance: Robert K jr., Robert L, Donna, Rhoda, Bob B, Harley, Barb, Bob Kimball, Bruce.

Absent, Murray, April, Roger, Peter, Andrew, Kim P., Wendy, Frank, Lou.

GUEST SPEAKER-our own Harley Geldart

-Our scheduled speaker couldn't make it so Harley spoke about his life history.

-Born in 1917 one of a family of 10 children. The Geldart family was one of 4 families in the Prosser brook area and his mother was a school teacher.

-His father farmed and bought the 128 acre farm for \$125.00 which included farm, house and land.

-The family moved to Elgin in 1925. Harley left school after grade 10 as he didn't want to spend another year in school just to better his reading and language marks. He tells us he did excel at math subjects.

-His first job was driving yard horse for \$15 month plus board.

-He got his drivers license 2 years before he was legally old enough to drive and started driving truck at age 16 for \$1.00 a day. Thereafter he worked on a bridge crew.

-He joined the army in 1939 for .90 cents a day pay and spent the first 3 years in Canadian coastal defense. He went overseas in 1943 and into France in June 1943 in the armored division as a driver.

-He tells us he once went 9 months without a shower/bath until Christmas of that year when he had some time off.

-Upon discharge he got into lumbering, then the bus business and then back into lumbering until poor markets saw the business close.

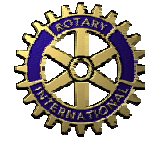
-He then worked in the construction industry for many years most recently with Mac Parlee until his retirement in 1996 at age 79.

-Harley is one of our original charter members and was recruited by Hazen Hogg who asked him to attend an evening supper meeting over 30 years ago, which was the first meeting of the Rotary club of Sussex.

-Some interesting stories from Harley.

Don't forget our fireside chat meeting Tuesday March 9th 6:30 pm at Bob Kimball's

50/50 Barb Crowe



March 8th-Roshini Kassie- NB Lung Assoc.

March 15th-Bridgett Ryan, Sussex Middle School, community school coordinator.

March 22nd- TBA

March 29th-Business Meeting