

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: March 23, 2015.

**Attendance:** Ian S, Jeff F., Rhoda, Mary McN, Cindy D., Don D., Bob B. Donna G., Bruce, Kathy C., Wendy O., Rob D., Shelley V., Bob T., Robert L., Scott, Lisa B., Lou McN, Lorinda P., Rhonda H, Alaina L.

**Regrets:** Erik H., Robert K., Sandra M., Alaina A.,

**Guests:** Pam Drury, Tina Monahan.

### Rotary Grace

### Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Lorinda Porter welcomes all members and guests to today's meeting. Lorinda Introduces Tina Monahan and Guest Speaker Pam Drury to today's meeting.

Lorinda received regrets received from; Erik H. and Robert K.

❖ **Rotary Minute:** Donna Gilchrist spoke two trivia items related to Rotary

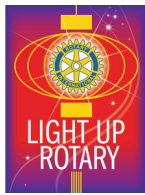
First Question; Who was the first Rotarian who began his career as a reporter in Denver Colorado?

Answer : Paul Harris.

Second Question; What was unique about the date of February 23, 1905?

Answer: On the evening of 23 February 1905, Paul Harris invited three friends to a meeting. Silvester Schiele a coal dealer, Hiram Shorey a merchant tailor, and Gustavus Loehr a mining engineer, gathered with Harris in Loehr's business office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago on Dearborn Avenue. They discussed Harris' idea that business leaders should meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. The club met weekly; membership was limited to one representative from each business and profession. Though the men didn't use the term Rotary that night, that gathering is commonly regarded as the first Rotary club meeting.

Kathy Carver welcomes and introduces Mrs. Pam Drury Sussex Middle School' Guidance Councillor for the last 11 years. Pam is with us here today to discuss her latest project the Sussex Community Multi-Sensory Project.

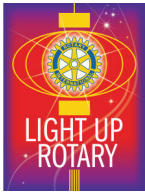


- ❖ **Guest Speaker:** Mrs. Pam Drury, a local resident, Sussex Middle School's Guidance Councillor for the last 11 years and is here to discuss the implementation of the new Sussex Community Multi-Sensory Room to be housed at the Sussex Middle School:
  - The room was envisioned to assist children who don't fit the system.
  - Initial funding was secured through the Sussex and Area Community Foundation (SACF). A grant of \$3,000 was secured in the fall of 2014.
  
  - The room is also beneficial to the elderly population.
  - The current project is made up of a very small group of volunteers and they are actively looking for other to become involved.
  - The project is open to and actively soliciting donations and or sponsorships.
  
  - The room will have activities to benefit people with sensory processing difficulties.
  - Therapeutic for both children and adults.
  - The Room is not intended for discipline, or for the whole classroom of students or for random unsupervised play activities.
  - The intended use by those with lost physical or mental skills due to trauma, autism, stress, anxiety, depression, ADHD, OCD, dementia, emotional control issues, stroke or brain injury and for those experiencing chronic pain.
  - The room will be for the use of students that are over stimulated in the classroom, anxiety, stressed students that need to reflect on their choices of behaviour.
  - The benefits will include improved physical health, mood changes, improved focus, and memory relaxation.
  - The committee is currently reviewing options to secure a layout design from groups like Flaghouse, a company services special needs.
  - The sensory room is a calming or stimulating atmosphere, soothing room providing tactile experiences, gentle movement and interesting light experiences with comfortable seating for all its patrons.
  - This project will benefit many and the operational plan begins in June 2015.
  - The committee has a fund raising goal of \$40,000 in year one.

Kathy C. Pam for her interesting talk on the Community Multi-sensory Room Project. Kathy presented Pam Drury with a token of the Club's appreciation for her talk.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ❖ **Annual Dinner and Auction:** Wendy requests all members continue to secure auction items for the upcoming event. Menus have been completed, tickets will be available shortly.
  
- ❖ **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 and reminded everyone that District Governor Mike Walsh will be attend next week's Business Meeting.
  
- ❖ **Adventures in Citizenship:** Rhoda informed the club this year's selection had been



completed following a review of a few qualified candidates. Ms. Kasey Killam from Petitcodiac High School will be attending the adventure in Ottawa in the near future.

**Happy / Sad Bucks**

**50/50: Bob B..**

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

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