

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: March 05, 2012

Attendance: Barb, Paul, Andrew, Rick, Bob B., Rhoda, Robert L., Donna & Robert Jr.

Regrets: Harley, Bob T., Wendy, Jeremy, Jason, Peter, Lou, Bruce, Stewart, Murray & Bob Sr.

GUEST SPEAKER: None – Grant Kimball, Rothesay Kings Rotary Club Re: Clean Water Project
Other Guest: Bill Dallard New GM with Kings County Record

50/50: Paul

Rotary Minute: Noted below is the schedule of who is doing the Rotary Minute during each meeting. Please be sure to mark you calendar. You can also find material on our web site www.sussexrotary.org or on RI's www.rotary.org or the Rotary magazine. If you are not able to attend on the meeting of your minute, please find a substitution for your slot.

***Note; emails and contact phone #'s may be on this list for the purpose of getting information for the introduction.

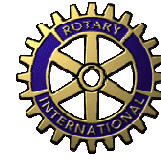
Minute, Chair, Intro & Thanker for:

January & February

Date	Rotary Minute	Chair	Intro	Thanker	
27-Feb-12	Stewart Duncan	Barb Crowe			Business Meeting
5-Mar-12	Jeremy Erickson	Rick Fazari	Robert Lockhart	Andrew Palmer	
12-Mar-12	Rick Fazari	Donna Gilchrist	Robert E. Kimball	Bob Black	
19-Mar-12	Donna Gilchrist	Peter Haines	Rick Fazari	Paul MacIntosh	

Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

- Mar 05, 2012 -- Grant Kimball - Water Project
- Mar 12, 2012 -- Marti Trafton / Thelma Messer - Public Health
- Mar 19, 2012 -- Reid MacMillan - Camp Triumph



THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>START PLANNING</u>
MARCH	- Discuss future of Christmas Boxes	- Spring Highway Clean-Up
APRIL	- Rotary Annual Dinner	- Camp Clean-Up
	- Purple Pinkie	- Grad Bursaries
	- Highway Clean-Up	- Paint Club Sign

Minute: Bob Black – Read about an article from the Feb Rotary magazine by Bill Boyd the Rotary Trustee Chair. The biggest changes in the 6 areas of focus fit very well with the RI strategic plan. We as Rotarians and clubs should be able to clearly identify the causes that drive us. We are service minded people from districts and communities all around the world.

Guest – Bill Dallard – Paul has accepted a transfer to the Daily Gleaner in Fredericton and Bill will be replacing him at the Record. Bill started at the record today and has been in media for 33 and a half years.

Robert Lockhart introduced Grant Kimball. Grant is the President of Angus-Miller Ltd., past chair of the 2010 Rotary District Conference and past President of the Rothesay Kings Rotary Club. He recently travelled to the Dominican Republic with his wife Kathi and several esteemed Rotarians to participate in the Clean Water Project with Dr. Bob from Calais Maine.

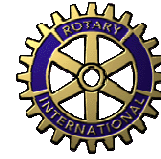
Grant and the crew went to the DR for the first week of February. An email was sent out for funding and at the end of the email they asked if anyone was interested in going. He and his wife Kathi talked it over and were booked within four hours and were in the DR two weeks later. The Dr has over 400 Cane cutting Bateys and this is where we as Rotarians go to for the clean water projects.

Dr. Bob from Calais has been going there for the past 20 years. Grant said it was a very qualified, dedicated and diverse team that went with him. Pam Harrison, who visited us last year and was the founder of the Paul Harris Society as there, our Past DG John Carkner was with them along with Doctors, Engineers and a Marine Biologist.

Their target was to install 100 water systems. Grant had a very well constructed slide show to help tell his story. He found a hospital in La Romana called the “Good Samaritan Hospital” and it is solely funded by Rotary and various religious groups.

The D.R. is all one District when it comes to Rotary. When they installed the dialysis units in Romana they didn’t have the water required to run the equipment, the Rotarians there raised \$50,000 to purchase and install two of the largest water reservoirs in the region. The water systems are a Biosand water filter and Minnetonka Minnesota raised \$100,000 for the systems. One of the Bateys they were at was called Tentacione Batey which is Creole (French and Spanish mix) for Temptation. While they are at the Bateys they will also teach about sanitation and hygiene.

The Rothesay club did Boots & Bikes in 2011 and Grant got to meet some of the lucky recipients. He said that “Crocks” were the biggest hit. Water is so crucial and important in the Bateys that it is literally everyone’s job to make sure they have it there, right from the little children to the great grandparents. One of their team had brought 50 pairs of underwear there and the kids thought this was the greatest thing ever. Many children have never owned a pair.



They visited a school there and found out that they have one teacher for over 75 children of all ages. They also brought all kinds of school supplies and passed them out to the kids. The kids were very creative with making toys from materials like bottles and soup cans. The group had gone to Canadian Tire and they donated 100 soccer balls so they brought them to the children too. The children are not used to owning things that can be shared so they had to explain what sharing meant and how it worked.

By the time the group had installed 75 water systems the water had been shut off to the Batey so they had to return the other 15. The PHF money is available for a \$50,000 budget for the next year and they are looking at getting a matching grant from RI. They have \$30,000 so far and the \$50,000 will turn into \$100,000 with the matching from RI.

Grant asked that we commit to the CWP for at least \$1,000. The question was asked where they stay when they are there and it turns out that a Rotarian owns an all inclusive there and they stay at that resort while they are working. A shipping container cost \$3,000 and this year they will be doing "Boots, Bikes and Band-Aids".

Kim Pearson – Kim has requested the acceptance of her resignation. Robert Jr. moved and Andrew P. seconded. Motion was passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

***** Please note that I have included our Rotary Club Calendar with this Cowbell. *****

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!