

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: March 09, 2015.

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

Regrets: Rhonda H, Alaina L., Bob B.

Guests: Pastor Don Ingersol, John Colwell.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Lou McNamara welcomes all members and guests to today's meeting. Lou Introduces Pastor Ingersoll and Shelley Vail introduces John Colwell to today's meeting.

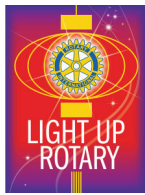
Lou McN. received regrets received from; Rhonda, Alaina L., and Bob B.

❖ Rotary Minute: N/A

Wendy O. welcomes and introduces Mrs. Shelley Vail who has agreed to do a classification talk to our membership today.

❖ Guest speaker: Shelley Vail, Director of Financial Aid, Kingswood University - Classification Talk:

- A native of Sussex, Shelley first started working at Kingswood University in 2001 as the Administrative Assistant in the Enrolment Office. In 2005, Shelley left to pursue a career in the banking industry, and had just reached her goal of being promoted to Senior Personal Banking Officer, when opportunity at the University was again available. Having worked so hard to achieve her promotion of handling the financial portfolios of nearly 600 clients, Shelley I was reluctant to leave her job at the bank.
- At an alumni Beulah Family Camp in Brown's Flat, New Brunswick Shelley was touched by many former students that had become; missionaries in restricted countries, inner-city pastors and worship pastors in local churches. With this Shelley knew that it was time to help others come to Kingswood.



- Kingswood University was founded in 1945 and was originally located in Woodstock, NB. In 1947 the school was relocated to Yarmouth, NS and again relocated in 1965 to its Sussex location. 1968 a change in church name, and finally in 2011 the university became Kingswood University.
- The current campus has 4 sister campuses in the USA. Kingswood is home to 198 fulltime students from 15 different denominations. The university graduates are currently serving in 27 different countries around the world with a placement rate of 83%
- The University operates on an annual budget of 4.6 million and employs 46 people.
- Shelley uses basic principles of finance to show students ways to earn and borrow money for their tuition and living expenses. Then, Shelley shows the students how they can meet that need themselves through summer employment, grants, and possible scholarships. Showing the students how they can save more and borrow less in order to finance their education and avoid high student loans. It is the same philosophy I teach my daughters, one a university graduate and the other two attending university, so I know first-hand what it takes.
- Watching the students strive in their responsibilities is so rewarding!
- Having the opportunity to serve side by side with them in the community has been the best experience this far.
- Shelley lives just outside of Sussex with her husband Malcolm (Moe), who is co-owner with his two brothers in a construction business. They
- Shelley loves to ski, swim, and go camping (RV only) and explore home decorating ideas.

Ian Smyth thanks Shelley Vail for her interesting classification talk. Ian presented Shelley with a token of the Club's appreciation for his talk.

Committee Reports:

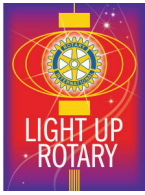
- ❖ **Annual Dinner and Auction:** Sandra informed the Club that final preparations are nearing completion for the Dinner and Auction to be held on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015. Alfie Smith will be named as a Paul Harris Fellow at this Dinner and Auction.

The event will be catered by Chef's Table with event ticket prices set at \$60 each. Each of the 120 planned participants will be given a \$20 tax receipt for their participation in the event.

Don D. offers the services of his building location for auction item drop off.

Mary McN offers to be Prize Captain for keeping track of the solicitation of auction items.

- ❖ **O'Connell Park Steering Committee:** Ian Smyth indicates the committee held it's first meeting on Thursday March 05th, 2015. The top five 5) ammendities for future consideration



was reviewed at the first meeting. Items or amenities discussed were improvements to the existing splash pad, construction of washroom facilities, family picnic structures. Ian indicated he will keep the Club informed on the committee's progress.

- ❖ **Membership Inductions:** Robert Driscoll the following new member was inducted to the Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.:

Mrs. Lisa Brown

Membership Team Leader Rob Driscoll reads the admissions statement into the Club. Lisa together with her sponsor, Shelley Vail was provided a membership package and a Rotary pin for a photo session.

Each Rotarian welcomed Lisa as a new Rotarian to the club.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Alaina A.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:24 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!