

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: May 12, 2014

Attendance: Bob B., Wendy, Kathy C., Robert L, Shelley V., Robert K, Donna, Robert D, Bob T, Bruce, Rhoda, Scott , Sandra.

Regrets: Andrew, Lou, Matt, Terri, Harley.

Guests: Steven Gillis; Jack O'Brien, Haines Florida Rotary Club; Stephen and Mae Joudry.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Donna Gilchrist welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Wendy O. spoke on Camp Rotary its programs and facilities. Camp Rotary believes in the essential value of camping in a residential setting. It provides the experience of adventure in the out-of-doors while instilling an awareness and appreciation for the natural environment. Camping teaches cooperation through playing, working, and planning with others. It helps build self confidence through acquiring new skills, accomplishments and insights.

All persons with a disability should have the opportunity to be included in all manners of camp and camping. This inclusion will not only enhance the lives of campers with disabilities, but the lives of all campers, staff, and volunteers who participate. As a result, camp as a whole will benefit; creating a community out of the presence and individuality of everyone involved. Fun and recreation, together with the respect for the dignity of individuals are at the core of this philosophy.

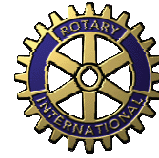
Wendy outlined the various camps available to all ages.

Guest Speaker: Stephen and Mae Joudry, Samaritan's Purse.

Sandra M. introduces Stephen and Mae Joudry representing Samaritan's Purse to our meeting.

Mae and Stephen Joudry spoke on their agency who specialize in the engagement of volunteers. Mae played and spoke on the Youtube video of Samaritan's Purse involvement in assisting the victims and helping in the relief after super storm Sandy's devastation in the New York New, Jersey areas.

We partner with our supporters in Canada and with local organizations (usually churches) abroad to provide compassionate and cost-effective assistance to anyone who needs it, regardless of religion, race, gender or socio-economic standing.



Our emergency relief programs provide desperately needed assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, disease, and famine. As we offer food, water, and temporary shelter, we meet critical needs and give people a chance to rebuild their lives.

Samaritan's Purse Canada, established in 1973, is working in about 45 countries around the world while Samaritan's Purse International (including offices in the U.S., England, and Australia) is working in more than 100 countries. The organization is based in Calgary in Canada.

The Group assists with the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of disaster victims. We assist those who cannot help themselves and our group is committed to the highest quality in workmanship and capacity building and are response ready!

In the Sussex area Samaritan's Purse assisted in 85 work orders with 73 homes directly helped through their efforts. There was a good volunteer turnout and the group champion's its strength in their ability to engage and mobilize volunteers. Both Mae and Stephen are very thankful to Larry and Ida Adair for their accommodation at the Adair's Wilderness Lodge for their response team during the Sussex and Area flood event.

Bob T. thanks both Mae and Stephen Joudry for their interesting presentation and talk on Samaritan's Purse.

Jack Obrien, Haines City Rotary Florida was in attendance at our meeting and he is touring club to club to get ideas for his home club in Haines City Florida.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the Club had not received any correspondence but confirmed that the correction will be made during the announcement of the Club's two scholarships to be presented at graduation this year. Bruce has offered to present this year.
- ❖ **Membership:** Robert K. spoke on the new achievement levels to be introduced soon. It will provide a pin type award for those members who have assisted in growing the membership.
- ❖ **Highways Cleanup 2014:** Bruce indicated the preliminary schedule for this year's Highway Cleanup is scheduled for the last May 31st. Details to follow as the scheduled cleanup date gets closer.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Kathy C.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:16 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!