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**Rotary Cowbell – May 14, 2018**

**All Seasons Inn & Restaurant**

**Present:**

Alexander, Alaina	Gilchrist, Donna	McNair, Mary	Vail, Shelley
Black, Bob	Homenick, Erik	Monahan, Tina	Wilson, Rhoda
Brown, Lisa	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Short, Bob	
Cummings, Angela	Lockhart, Robert	Smyth, Ian	
Freeze, Judy	Matthews, Julie	Thorne, Jason	

**Absent:**

Cameron, Josh	Hyslop, Blair	Long, Craig	Savidant, Mark
Coffin, Alex	Ingersoll, Don	Lowe, Harold	Tremblett, Robert
Dow, Don	Kearley, Paul	McNamara, Lou	
Driscoll, Robert	Keith, Greg	Moffett, Christine	
Haynes, Rhonda	Lockhart, Alaina	Northrup, Bruce	

**Chair** – Ian Smyth

**Social Media Check-in** – Lisa Smith

**Volunteer Hours** – Fill-in sheet was circulated at the meeting.

**Rotary Minute** – Tina Monahan passed around the committee sign-up sheets and asked everyone to pick their preferred committee on which to serve. The Committee Manual is available online and the sign-up section starts at page 19.

**Introduction** – Erik Homenick. Catherine Barry has an education background and has taught in both elementary and high schools in New Brunswick before joining Elementary Literacy Inc. Programming. Catherine has a passion for improving childhood literacy and works with schools to help set up the ELF program in English schools (Elementary Literacy Friends) and the CLEF program in French schools (Communauté Littératie Enfants Francophones.)

**Speaker** – Catherine Barry spoke about the low rate of literacy of New Brunswickers. Statistics has shown that Grade 2 is the level at which intervention has the greatest impact. In the ELF, volunteers sign up for a 10-week commitment of two hours per week and work one-on-one with students. Statistics have shown that these students increase two reading levels as well as improve in persistence and confidence. The TD bank's research shows that there is a link between literacy and the economy, therefore, the community benefits when literacy rates

increase. Presently there are 183 schools, 1100 students, and 900 volunteers involved in the program in New Brunswick. More information can be found at [www.elfnb.com](http://www.elfnb.com).

**Member Survey** - Rhoda Wilson reported that the results of the survey were sent out by e-mail to all Rotary members. The 19 of the 36 members responding favorably. Some valuable comments were received and further comments are welcomed.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FZHU0IUby8cyjbfONwExWaQWrnAky9Lz/view?usp=sharing>

#### **Events:**

**Mulch Sale** on Saturday, May 12, 2018, was a success. The Club will be receiving \$1,500 from JDI for our efforts and this money will go toward Coats for Kids.

**Camp Rotary Clean up** – Saturday, May 26, 2018

**Relay for Life** – Saturday, June 9 from 1pm to 11pm, Relay begins at 6pm – Amphitheatre. The Rotary Club will plan to put a team in. Lisa, Bruce and Rhoda have agreed to participate. Tina and Rhonda are checking their schedules.

**Breakfast Clubs** – This week: **Christine Moffett** at SMS on Wed, **Mary McNair** at SES on Fri  
Next week: **Julie Matthews** at SMS on Wed., May 23, **Harold Lowe** at SES on Friday, May 25.

**Rotary Brew Festival** - June 16, 2018. Angie handed out information sheets that will be given to sponsors. A copy will be circulated with the Cowbell. There are four sponsor categories - gold, silver, bronze, and community. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library will be the main emphasis for the fundraising. There will be another meeting of the committee this week. The committee is looking for names of sponsors.

**Sussex Summer Fest**- July 13 & 14, 2018. Advertising has begun for the summer concerts. Jason showed the information from <https://summerinsussex.ca/>. Rotary members will be assigned duties for these events.

**Rotary District 7810 Conference** – Bathurst, October 19 – 21, 2018

**Rotary Leadership Institute** – October 27, 2018 in Truro

**Chase the Joker** – For the second week in a row, Rhoda's ticket was drawn but still no Joker. The pot has increased to \$384.

**Next Meeting** – May 28, 2018 Judge Andrew Palmer and Greg Zed - Mental Health and the New Brunswick Court System **Chair:** Bruce Northrup, **Rotary Minute:** Tina Monahan

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson, Secretary