



Cowbell – May 15, 2017

Present: Lisa B., Angie C., Melissa C-K., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Don I., Paul K., Harold L., Julie M., Mary M., Tina M., Bruce N., Sheri S., Bob S., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Matt W., Rhoda, Robert L.

Absent: Alaina A., Bob B., Alex C., Don D., Rob D., Pam D., Cindy D., Erik H., Blair H., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Lou M., Teresa O., Jason T., Brenna W.

Guests: Drs. Daniel and Chantal Pillay; Rose Fuller

Chair – Bob Short

Rotary Minute – Harold Lowe reflected on the many reasons to become a Rotarian - friendship, personal growth and development, leadership development, citizenship in the community, fun, public speaking skills, assistance when travelling, entertainment, social skills, ethics, cultural awareness, no creed, and opportunity to serve.

Rotary Social Media Check-In – Ian Smyth

Introduction – Bob Tremblett introduced Drs. Daniel and Chantal Pillay, two medical doctors who came to Sussex in January from South Africa. At the present time only Dr. Daniel Pillay has been approved to practice in New Brunswick but both are developing positive relationships within the community.

Guest Speaker – Dr. Pillay and his wife are of Indian descent but both were born and raised in South Africa. In comparing South Africa to Canada, Dr. Pillay stated that 55 million people live in a country that is one tenth the size of Canada. South Africa is a mineral-rich country and produces 90% of the world's platinum, 30% of the world's gold, and was the first country to perform a heart transplant operation. South Africa is very multicultural and has 11 official languages. South Africa became a democracy in 1994 after 43 years of apartheid rule. Unfortunately, there are still deep wounds in the social fabric.

Dr. Pillay shared some of the obstacles with immigration and the medical re-certification process for Canada. Their journey to Canada started in 2013 but it has taken four years to complete the necessary paperwork. He praised the Canadian health care system for the equal access to health care for everyone. Despite the lengthy process and dramatic adjustments in climate, Dr. Pillay is appreciating the Canadian culture and its welcoming spirit.

Thanker – Melissa Cummings-Keith

Committee Reports

Fundraising Dinner – May 4, 2017 – The financials are still being updated. Melissa passed around a form at the meeting for Rotarians to fill in the number of hours that were worked on May 4, 2017 for the fundraising dinner. With this information, Melissa will be able to apply for a \$1,000 RBC Grant.

Committees for 2016/17 – Lisa will start calling people on Thursday.

Breakfast Clubs – This Wednesday Shelley will be serving at Sussex Middle School. There is no school on Friday. The following week, Wednesday, May 24, Robert Kimball is scheduled for Sussex Middle School and on Friday, May 26, Lou is scheduled for Sussex Elementary School.

Budgets for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 – Mary is presently working on budgets for the next Rotary fiscal year. If committees want funds to carry out their duties, please put requests forward to Mary.

Membership Committee – On Monday, May 29, 2017, the Rotary Club of Sussex is hosting a **Membership Recruitment Event** to be held at the regular noon time. Committees that wish to share information at the meeting should let the Rotary Executive know. All Seasons sets their tables up on Sunday night so please RSVP with numbers by Saturday, May 27, 2017.

Social Committee – Tina has booked Up-to-Par for Friday, June 9, 2017, at 6:30 pm. This will be a family-friendly event and everyone will order from the menu.

Rob Driscoll is planning a changeover meeting at his house in June.

Tina asked is planning a July pool party event at the Timberland.

Fall Fundraiser – Don Ingersoll is looking for volunteers to help with a Breakfast event the weekend of the Balloon Fiesta, Saturday, September 9, 2017.

New Generations – This committee will be selecting two students as recipients of the two \$1,000 Rotary scholarships. In the past, teachers at SRHS have made the selection. This year the selection will be made by Rotarians who will choose two graduating Interact members.

Chase the Joker – Sheri Shannon's ticket was drawn but still no Joker. The pot is \$269.50.

Next Meeting – There will be no Rotary Meeting next week as it is Victoria Day. The next meeting will be Monday, May 29, 2017 and this will be Membership Recruitment Event.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson