



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: May 16, 2016

Attendance: Alaina A., Bob B., Angie C., Don D., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H, Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Harold L., Cecile M., Tina M., Ian S., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Regrets: Lisa B., Kathy C., Don I., Alaina L., Cecile M., Mary M., Lou M., Bruce N., Wendy O., Bob T.

Guests: Jon Travis – prospective member
Bev and Keith Lyons – Assistant District Governors
Bob Parlee and Neville Gosman – participants in Kimmirut hockey trip

Grace & Toast to the Queen

Welcome: Rob Driscoll, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Rhoda Wilson gave the Rotary Minute. Rhoda demonstrated where to find the list of duties for weekly Rotary meetings which is under the "What's New" link. The URL is <http://www.sussexrotary.org/weekly-meeting-upcoming-guest-speakers/>

Rhoda also showed how attendance is submitted into Clubrunner. The URL is <http://www.crsadmin.com/gen/Login.aspx?msg=session&aid=50216>

Rhoda also spoke about making the Club's files more accessible to all and asked for comments about using Google Docs or DropBox in order to make communication more efficient. Suggestions are welcome.

Introduction: Shelley introduced Greg Keith, Rotarian, who had been a member of the team from Penobsquis Baptist Church that had gone to Kimmirut to provide youth with equipment and training in hockey. Greg works for Sunshine House in town and over the years had been active in minor hockey in the Town of Sussex.

Guest Speaker: Greg Keith explained the connection for the hockey mission trip to Kimmirut. Julie and Rob Matthews have been living and teaching in Kimmirut for three years. Julie is the daughter of Jim Cunningham, a local business man, and she and her husband saw a real need among the youth. The community has high rates of abuse and violence and there are severe addictions to alcohol with many of the youth involved in glue sniffing. Kimmirut also has high incidences of violence, murder, and suicide. The community has several facilities that young people can use but leadership is lacking.

Bob Parlee and Neville Gosman were also members of the team and they assisted with the PowerPoint presentation.

The team received a lot of donations from the Sussex area and was able to transport 800 pounds of hockey equipment to Kimmirut. There were many miraculous things that happened in the whole planning process from special deals on flights, donations of equipment, accommodation, and food. What seemed like an impossible task became a reality. The team spent time at the rink teaching students of all ages



from K – 12 and some of the leaders were invited to speak to classes within the school. The venture was rewarding and profitable for all.

Thanker: Ian Smyth thanked the speakers for the inspiration talk.

Community Events

- ❖ Sharing Club Truck – Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – check e-mail for time
- ❖ Presentation of cheque to Sussex Elementary School – Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 1 pm
- ❖ Sushi Jo Restaurant – Thursday, May 26, 2016
- ❖ Camp Rotary Clean-up – Saturday, May 28, 2016
- ❖ Team for Relay for Life – June 11, 2016
- ❖ Jump Start at Canadian Tire – June 25, 2016

Chase the Joker: Robert Kimball's ticket was drawn but still no joker. The pot is now \$412.

Next Meeting: Next Club meeting will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. This will be a business meeting.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

**Rhoda Wilson
Secretary**