

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: May 04, 2015.

Attendance: Rhonda H, Erik H., Don I., Lorinda P., Tina M., Donna G., Mary McN, Rob D., Bruce, Jeff F., Ian S, Rhoda, Don D., Wendy O., Bob T., Scott, Lisa B., Alaina A., Robert L., Cindy D.

Regrets: Robert K., Alaina L., Sandra M., Shelley V., Kathy C., Bob B.

Guests: Chief Harold Lowe, Shawnee McConchie.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Ian S. welcomes all members and guests to today's meeting.

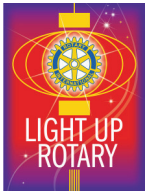
Ian received regrets received from; Sandra M., Shelley V., Kathy C., Bob B., Alaina L.

❖ **Rotary Minute:** Erik Homenick spoke on recent earthquake in Nepal and the response from Rotary International and our surrounding Rotary Clubs and the assistance provided by the Canadian Division of Rotary. The toll stands at a staggering 7,000 dead and over 14,000 injured. It was heartening to see a quick reaction from Rotary through the shelter box program.

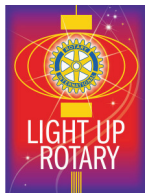
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❖ **Guest Speaker:** Shawnee McConchie, President of the Home and School Association to speak to the Club today on the Discovery Park Project in the planning stages at Sussex Elementary.

- Discovery Park will be a centrally-located outdoor community space at Sussex Elementary School in Sussex, NB dedicated to introducing natural elements back into the play environment for the entire community.
- The principles of universal design are at the heart of the concept to ensure children and adults of all abilities can meaningfully explore:
 - Creative/Cognitive Play
 - Social Play

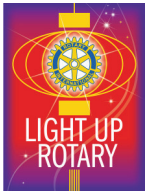


- Physical Play
 - Provide quiet retreats throughout the park.
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- The park will be a leading example of inclusive, imaginative and natural play.
 - Discovery Park will span 1,400 m² in what is currently a hard, urban-style setting. Exploration with sand, water, boulders, tree stumps, a variety of grasses and growing trees will be available for all children. Surface choices and access points will allow children using all types of mobility to access all play areas.
 - The community serves a surrounding area of 10,000 people (approx.) and 4% or 400 people who are considered children and adults with special needs. Sussex Elementary School directly serves 460 students with 18 students (approx.) who have special needs. Socio-economic realities of the community do not allow some children to interact outside the urban setting on many occasions in the year.
 - Universal Design & Natural Play
 - Discovery Park plans have been created using the principles of universal design to create an outdoor play space that will offer diverse and inclusive play experiences for all children and adults regardless of their level of ability.
 - Ninety percent of the features of the park are accessible and can be used by children and adults of varying mobility ranges. In addition, the park reintroduces natural elements into an area that is presently very stark. For some children, this will mean exploring the properties of water, wood, and sand in new ways.
 - The students of Sussex Elementary School will benefit as well as children and their families from all over our region. We are creating a play scape that allows children of all ages and abilities to play, socialize and grow in an environment where they can make discoveries about themselves and the natural world around them.
 - **Discovery Park Features:**



- Tree Cookies, Play Huts, Water Pump, Sand Boxes, Musical Instruments, Benches / Picnic Tables,
 - **Universal Design Feature. Access to all**
 - **Social Play Elements:**
 - Tree Cookies, Play Huts, Extra-Wide Slide, Disc Swing, Sand Boxes, Musical Instruments, Tunnel, Benches / Picnic Tables,
 - **Universal Design Feature. Access to all**
 - **Physical Play Elements:**
 - Tree Cookies, Extra-wide Slide, Boulders, Disc Swing, Basketball Net, Tire Climbers, Zip Line, Tree Log Climbers, Stairs, Sliding / Rolling Hill, Tunnel Hill, Fossil Finds.
 - **Universal Design Feature. Access to all**
- ❖ **Correspondence:** Scott indicated the club has received one (1) item of correspondence this week. A letter regarding the Clubs annual scholarship at the Sussex Regional High School was forwarded to committee for consideration and recommendation.
- ❖ **Camp Rotary:** Alaina A. indicated clean-up day has been announced and is scheduled for May 30th, 2015. The camp is looking for help on that day and if any member had a spare day to assist it would be appreciated.
- ❖ **Youth Awards:** RYLA Rob Driscoll spoke on this item and requested any club member that knew of a student who would benefit from this leadership training that they pass along the information to him.
- ❖ **Membership Inductions:** Robert Driscoll the following new member was inducted to the Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.:

Pastor Don Ingersoll



Membership Team Leader Rob Driscoll reads the admissions statement into the Club. Don together with his sponsor, Jeff F. was provided a membership package and a Rotary pin for a photo session.

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

❖ **Sponsorship Recognition Pins:** Club President Bob Tremblett presented the following members with pins received from Rotary International for their efforts in sponsoring a new member:

- Lorinda P. sponsoring Mary McNair.
- Rhoda Wilson on sponsoring Rhonda Haynes.

❖ **Resignation:** Club President Bob T reads the resignation letter of 11 year member Lou McNamara and requests a motion from the club to accept Lou's resignation with regret.

Moved by Ian S. and seconded by Rob D. that the club accept Lou McNamara's resignation from the Sussex Rotary Club with regret.

Motion carried.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Lorinda P.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:05 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!