

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: Nov 08, 2010

Attendance: Robert Jr., Peter, Bob K. Sr., Lou, Bob B., Kim, Frank, Harley, Barb & Wendy

Absent: Rhoda, Murray, Donna, Andrew, Roger, Robert L., Bruce & April

GUEST SPEAKERS: Harley Geldart

50/50: Kim.

Rotary Minute: Noted below is the schedule of who is doing the Rotary Minute during each meeting. Please be sure to mark you calendar. You can also find material on our web site www.sussexrotary.org or on RI's www.rotary.org or the Rotary magazine.

Rotary Minutes

18-Oct Louis McNamara
25-Oct Bruce Northrup
1-Nov Wendy Osborne
8-Nov Andrew Palmer
15-Nov Kim Pearson
22-Nov Rhoda Wilson
29-Nov Roger Albert
6-Dec Bob Black
13-Dec April Caissie
20-Dec Barb Crowe



Our very own Harley Geldart was our Guest Speaker today. With Remembrance Day coming right up, we were happy to have Harley tell us about his interesting and unforgettable experience in WW2.

He has several memories and he started out with telling us about one of the things he remembers about being over seas. He remembers looking at the horizon and all he could see were tents as far as the eye could see in every direction. It was quite the thing to see he said.

Harley said that the army was quite efficient. They planned for 3 years in the future and always new what they were going to be doing. He said he remembered being sick for a few days around d-day and was in the hospital for a few days, by the time he was out his position had already been filled.

Ten days after D-day he was in France. They were moving wharf platforms to Scotland from France because it was part of the plans made 3 years prior. The wharfs were made to unload tanks on the shore. He stayed in France for 6 weeks next to a river and that was where they bathed. Once they struck out from France it was a long time before they seen a day that they could get cleaned up, they could go 30-40 miles in a day without showering. They stayed in Holland for the winter next to a river, they arrived just before Christmas. They had showers there. That was the first shower for them in 4 months. They left Holland in February.

He said that one thing we might have a hard time believing is that you can in fact dodge a bullet. He said that rounds 2, 4 & 7 were tracers in automatic machine guns and as long as you could see them coming you had a chance at dodging them.

Rangers were support and they kept the Germans back with cover fire while the engineers built the bridges. He said he could not believe how fast they could build a bridge. They could get across the Trout Creek River in 4 hours and the Petitcodiac River in a day.

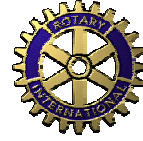
Harley said he was very happy to go home. It was quite an experience and he was happy to have done it but said that it was not all good.

He can remember a day when he saw the bomb bay's opening in planes flying overhead. They lost 33,000 cigarettes that day. It was friendly fire.

He was asked how they battled the cold in the winter and Harley told us about the Tank Suits. He said they zippered up from both feet to his neck, they came in quite handy and as long as they had that with their long john's they were never really cold.

They were 200 miles into Germany when they got news of D-day. They were especially happy as they were scheduled to go to Berlin and none of them were looking forward to Berlin.

He was 22 when he joined and 28 when he finished. He served for 6 years and 18 days.



Newfoundland was considered overseas in the Second World War as it was no part of Canada until 1949. It was double gratuity which was paid based on each day of service.

They left on the Queen Mary with 1500 crew and 33,000 personnel. The ship changed directions every 7 minutes because it took 8 minutes for a sub to surface and lock on to the ship.

Thank you Harley!

Bob & Lou gave a report on the Club in a Club dinner that they attended in Rothesay on the 2nd.

The Rothesay club has had great success with their new membership drive lately. They have inducted 3 new members in the past few months. They inducted 9 more just before the dinner and they think they should have 8 new members from the 20 guests that came to the event.

The Rothesay club gave us a copy of the letter they used to get potential members to be guests at the event and between them and Kim they will tailor the letter for our event and we will have a copy shortly.

Kim has made the lists of members and their contacts and we will all have our own list shortly as well as some literature that we can use when we contact our prospective members. Kim has an elevator speech that she is developing but is open to suggestions.

Bob said he liked the idea of having a wine and cheese for the event to make it a casual social atmosphere. Kim mentioned that the Grape D'Vine had shown interest in helping out with our event.

Kim mentioned that she is going to Florida in January to work with RI regarding future Rotary Leadership courses and she asked for feedback or suggestions from anyone who has attended any of the seminars.

Meeting Adjourned.

***** Please note that I have included our Rotary Club Calendar with this Cowbell. *****

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!



ROTARY MONTHLY EVENT AND PLANNING CALENDAR (2010/2011)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>START PLANNING</u>
JULY	- Socials	- Calendar for next year
	- RI Membership Dues	- Foundation Dues
AUGUST	- Socials	- Shelter Boxes
SEPTEMBER	- Shelter box display @ Balloon Festival	- Book Rotary Dinner Venue
	- Coats for Kids	- Membership Dinner
	- Purple Pinkie @ Balloon Fiesta	- Purple Pinky w/ Elementary
		- Schedule date for Highway Clean-up
OCTOBER	- Highway Clean-up	- Apps for Adventures In Citizenship
		- Trip Draw (Get Lotto License & Tickets)
		- Christmas Boxes
NOVEMBER		- Flower Wheel
	- Paul Harris Fellow / Charter Night	- Club Elections / Nominations
DECEMBER	- Christmas Boxes	- Book date for the Adventures in
	- Trip Draw Sales	- Citizenship Interview



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JANUARY	- Trip Draw Sales	- Rotary Dinner
	- Nomination/Election of Club Officers	- GSE
FEBRUARY	- Adventures in Citizenship Interviews	- Membership Drive Dinner (Recruiting)
MARCH	- NONE	- Spring Highway Clean-Up
APRIL	- Rotary Annual Dinner	- Camp Clean-Up
	- Purple Pinkie	- Grad Bursaries
	- Highway Clean-Up	- Paint Club Sign
MAY	- Pets & Sets	- District Conference
	- Camp Rotary Clean-Up	- Coats for Kids
	- District Youth Merit Awards	- Committee Chairs & Members (New Year)
JUNE	- District Conference	- Purple Pinkie @ Balloon Fiesta
	- International Conference	
	- Grad Bursaries	
	- GSE	
	- Flower Wheel	