



**ROTARY Club of Sussex Inc.**  
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 Club #6355 District #7810  
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**COWBELL - November 14, 2016**

**Attendance:** Lisa B., Alex C., Angie C., Don D., Jeff F., Donna G., Blair H., Robert K., Tina M., Bruce N., Bob S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W.

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Bob B., Melissa C., Rob D., Cindy D., Rhonda H., Erik H., Don. I., Paul K., Ed K., Greg K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Mary M., Lou M., Teresa O., Ian S., Jason T.

**Guests:** Susan Kulesza – Rotary New Generations, District Chair for Rotaract

**Grace, Toast to the Queen and Canada**

**Welcome:** Tina Monahan, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Rotary Minute:** Jeff Fuller told stories about Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and John Maxwell and the amazing connections of Rotary.

**Introduction of Speaker:** Blair Hyslop introduced guest speaker Susan Kulesza. Kulesza’s background includes nursing, real estate, Junior Achievement, and many different volunteer groups. Susan is presently the District Chair for Rotaract.

**Speaker:** Susan gave a presentation on Interact and Rotaract and presented some very interesting statistics as follows:

	Members	Clubs
Interact	465,474	20, 238
Rotaract	216,062	9,394
Rotary	1,207,913	35,399

The number of Rotarians worldwide are decreasing; however, Interact and Rotaract are increasing. For Rotary to sustain itself there is a need to involve more young people and this is happening. Interact and Rotaract are clubs that are sponsored by one or more Rotary Clubs. Interact is for ages 14 – 18 and Rotaract is for ages 18 – 30. These groups can come under the umbrella of a school or university but there are sometimes advantages to having them community based. Susan shared her passion for working with the youth and applauded the

Sussex Rotary Club for growing in this area. She encouraged members to make a long-term commitment to starting one of these groups in the Sussex area.

**Thanker:** Lisa Brown thanked Susan for her informative talk.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Trip Draw** – Tina handed out Trip Draw Ticket packages to Rotary members and the campaign has begun. Tickets are \$150 this year.

Tina handed out a sign-up sheet for the **Salvation Army Christmas Kettle**. Tina will pick a date.

**Breakfast Club for Sussex Elementary School** – Bruce needs people for December 9 and 16.

**Breakfast Club for Sussex Middle School** – Jason is on this Wednesday.

#### **New Generations**

Lisa circulated a **sign-up sheet for Interact** that will be happening on Mondays at the Library at 4 pm each week.

Lisa announced that she has received information about **Adventure in Citizenship for the 2017**. The deadline to get our application in is December 19.

Angie reported that interviews were held with 14 students who applied for a **Rotary short term exchange**. Two candidates from Sussex and one from Petitcodiac are being finalized.

**Social Committee** – Sushi Jo's will NOT happen on November 17. The Christmas party is still scheduled for Saturday, December 17.

**Upcoming Events:** Bruce Northrup reported that the leader of the Opposition Party, Blaine Higgs will be speaking at Rotary on February 6, 2017. Other community members will be invited to attend.

### **Happy / Sad Bucks**

**Chase the Joker:** Finishing up last week's business Alex 's ticket was drawn at the beginning of the meeting and Bob Tremblett's at the end of the meeting. Still no Joker. The pot is now \$714.

**Next Meeting:** The next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2016, at All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. Bridget Ryan from Sussex Middle School will be speaking.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda Wilson, Secretary