



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: November 23, 2015

Attendance: Bob B, Rob D., Kathy C, Angie C., Don D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H., Don I., Ed K., Robert K., Alaina L., Harold L., Lou Mc., Tina M., Bruce N., Wendy O., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Robert L.

Regrets: Mary McNair, Alaina Alexander, Greg K., Lisa, Erik Homenick, Rob Kimball, Rhoda W.,

Toast to the Queen

Welcome: Bob Tremblett welcomed everyone. Guests included Cecile Matheson, Ralph Carr, Keri Marr.

Rotary Minute: Ian introduced the Rotary minute with a story about a fellow Rotarian always being available for those in need.

Introduction of Speaker: Donna introduced Keri Marr and Ralph Carr

Speaker:

Keri Marr and Ralph Carr from the Kiwanis Nursing Home. It is their first presentation on this issue. Keri introduced the new plan and construction. The add-ons were explained/new construction. New multi-purpose room, workshop, offices, maintenance, administrations. 39 new resident bedrooms, two new dining rooms. Have already moved 44 people into new bedrooms. Not yet joined to old building. 70-bed provincially licensed nursing home; opened in 1979. Have cared for more than 850 residents. Provincially funded expansion which began in September of 2014. Adding 30 new beds. Moved into first new wing (25 rooms) November of 2015.

Mission – inspired by our core values of dignity and respect; the Kiwanis Nursing Home is committed to providing safe quality care, where residents want to live, and workers want to work.

Campaign – “A place to call home,” 1-million-dollar capital renovation campaign. Enhance the lives of residents, safe environment for new and old residents. Opportunity to renovate old rooms.

Pamphlet explains million-dollar cost of renovation. Most of it is going to the renovation of rooms. Showed new rooms versus old in terms of upgrades. Bigger washrooms for increased wheelchair accessibility. Old rooms – floorings, lights, electrical will be replaced, as well as painting and repairing walls. Bathroom renovations for old rooms, wardrobes, furniture, curtains, memory box. 10,000-dollar cost to renovate old rooms for existing residents. Memory box allows



family members to have pictures and mementos close by. New enclosed courtyard. Worked with Jim Sackville to design the new courtyard. The courtyard is enclosed by the building, which keeps residents safe. Covered porch outside. \$120,000 cost for the courtyard. Government has given stamp of approval on courtyard. Approved by fire marshal. Must replace the van, which is the year 2000. The van is available to community members for appointments to the SJ regional, Christmas shopping, and so on. No charge to use the van. Updating resident lounges. Aesthetics will be improved of the nursing home.

How can we help? Donations, folder/handout breaks down donor recognition categories. Looking for volunteers. Contact Ralph, Keri, or Peter Price who are organizers. Also speak to campaign sub-committees. Share the story with the community. Looking for donors, corporate sponsors. Resident super walk for Parkinson's – raised over 6000 dollars for Parkinson's. Need volunteers to drive the van.

Thanker: Mr. Bob Tremblett thanked guest speakers, as Greg Keith was away.

Secretary Reports: Rob speaks about Salvation Army Kettle campaign. Looking for volunteers. Something that we want to take part in again.

Next Meeting: Next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2015, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm.

***Rotary looking for foundations/donations. Money put in comes back to the district in 3 years. Coats for kids was mentioned as a program that could profit from this. Committee Chairs were encouraged to look at how district grants are applicable to this program. Donna explained this thoroughly. ***

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Chase the Joker – #4987 – Tina wins; picks a card. 4 of hearts.

Mr. Bob Tremblett thanks the guests again!

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!