



# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

**Cowbell**

**Date: November 2, 2015**

**Attendance:** Bob B., Lisa B., Angie C., Don D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Mary McNair, Tina M., Bruce N., Wendy O., Ian S., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Rob D., Kathy C., Cindy D., Jeff F., Harold L., Don I., Lou Mc., Rob T.

**Guest:** Cecile Matheson – Sussex Vale Transition House

**Toast to the Queen**

**Welcome:** Chairperson, Lisa Brown, welcome all to the meeting.

**Rotary Minute:** Don Dow spoke about the growth of the Rotary Club of Sussex last year and anticipates that this year will be another year of similar growth.

**Introduction of Speaker:** Ed Keith

**Speaker:** Cecile Matheson, Executive Director, of Sussex Vale Transition House spoke about the history and present role of the Transition House in the community. Cecile showed a short video about domestic violence and its prevalence in our society. The Sussex Vale Transition House opened in 1991 and it is open 24/7. The present facility has four bedrooms and nine beds. The Gold Rush 50/50 has been the facility's best fundraiser and is presently bringing in \$4,000 a week. The Government provides 50% of the finances. In 2014 there were 40 women and 30 children served. Their website can be found at [www.sussexvaletransitionhouse.com](http://www.sussexvaletransitionhouse.com). The House is in need of renovations and the Rotary Club of Sussex may be called upon for assistance once the plans are in place.

**Thanker:** Shelley Vail

**Correspondence:** Bruce Northrup read from a letter from Penobsquis Baptist Church asking for assistance in reaching out to a small community in the Baffin Islands where addictions have led to an impoverished lifestyle for families and children. Greg Keith elaborated on the situation and explained that coats and boots have been collected and sent. Presently the church is looking for hockey equipment to send so that the children can learn to skate and become active in healthy activities. The Club felt that this was a worthwhile project to support.

**Next Meeting:** Next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2015, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant.



**Happy / Sad Bucks**

**50/50: Ian Smyth**

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:06 pm.**

**Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!**