

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: October 21, 2013

**Attendance:** Bruce, Bob B, Wendy, Robert K, Sandra, Rhoda, Robert L, Peter, Andrew, Donna, Bob T, Lou, Scott.

**Regrets:** Terri, Harley, Rick, Shawn, Matt, Robert D.

### Rotary Grace

### Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Bob T. welcomed all members to the meeting and our guest speaker, Ben Whalen Project Manager Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee (KWRC).

### Rotary Minute: Bob B.

Bob spoke on the recent article in the Rotary Magazine entitled "Lessons in Health". A small project undertaken by three San Diego Rotary Clubs to provide lessons in basic health care in Kenya, Africa. The project was an attempt to help and to increase education when considering less than 42% of the newborns delivered are under the care of a physician.

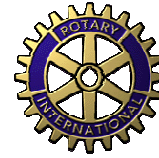
A team of only five (5) nurses traveled for a two week instruction training program broken into the first half completing an assessment of the of the facilities currently used. The second half was hands on training of personnel to provide better practical skills for the future newborns in Kenya.

Bob noted the project was small in scale, but effective and truly made a difference. The project completed by only 3 local rotary clubs in the San Diego area shows all Rotary clubs can make a difference.

### Guest Speakers: *Ben Whalen, Project Manager Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee:*

Peter introduced Ben Whalen to the Sussex Rotary Club

- ❖ Ben thanked the Club for the invitation to communicate the great work the KWRC completes annually in the Region.
- ❖ The KWRC started in 1994 as the Trout Creek Model Watershed Committee.
- ❖ The group began with an assessment of the estimated 285 kilometers of local streams.
- ❖ Each stream kilometer was then assessed and priority sites were identified. It was a long list!
- ❖ The following are a list of issues the KWRC assesses and develops data trending:
  - Elevated stream temperatures.
  - Declining trout size.
  - Degraded riparian zones.



- ❖ Typical KWRC Projects are broken into three types or categories:
  - Restoration
  - Monitoring.
  - Education.
- ❖ KWRC Work Examples:
  - Bioengineering, willow stakes example.
  - Riparian fencing and enhancement.
  - Riparian zone tree planting.
  - Public Education.
  - Watershed Monitoring.
  - Corridor enhancements.
  - Brown Field Restorations.
- ❖ The KWRC is a not for profit group with a typical \$150,00 annual budget with no long term funding in place.

Andrew thanks Ben for his interesting presentation on what the KWRC is all about

### Reports:

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the club had received a thankyou note for one of our scholarship winners , Samantha Tabor.
- ❖ **Reminders:**
  - Success seminar upcoming this Saturday. Anyone interested lease contact Sandra.
  - Kindness, Random Act is on November 1<sup>st</sup> this year. A great way to show you care.
- ❖ **Highway Clean-up:** Three kilometers remain available for clean-up, Coming into Sussex kilometer 188 to 189, kilometer 189 to 190 and kilometer 191 to 192 are available for volunteers. If you are able help to complete the clean-up of the remaining highway please contact Bruce with the kilometerage to be completed.

**Happy/Sad Bucks**

**50/50: LOU.**

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:15pm.**

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