



## Cowbell – October 23, 2017

### Present:

Cameron, Josh	Ingersoll, Don	Matthews, Julie	Savidant, Mark	White, Matt
Coffin, Alex	Kearley, Paul	McNair, Mary	Smyth, Ian	Wilson, Rhoda
Gilchrist, Donna	Lockhart, Robert	Moffett, Christine	Tremblett, Robert	
Haynes, Rhonda	Lowe, Harold	Northrup, Bruce	Vail, Shelley	

### Absent:

Alexander, Alaina	Driscoll, Robert	Keith, Ed	McNamara, Lou	Warner, Brenna
Black, Bob	DuBois, Cindy	Keith, Greg	Monahan, Tina	
Brown, Lisa	Fuller, Jeff	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Short, Bob	
Cummings, Angela	Homenick, Erik	Lockhart, Alaina	Thorne, Jason	
Dow, Don	Hyslop, Blair	Matheson, Cecile	Wallace, Tracey	

**Rotary Minute** – Donna Gilchrist highlighted the work of the Rotary Foundation encouraging all members to participate in this charity organization. A copy *The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International 2016* brochure was circulated at the meeting.

**Introduction** – Ian Smyth introduced Greg Adams from JDI Woodlands Division on Aiton Road. Greg is a registered professional forester in New Brunswick and obtained his BScF from Lakehead University and an MScF from the University of New Brunswick, specializing in forest genetics. Greg manages/advises research and development programs for J.D. Irving, Limited. Trees from the Sussex Nursery were chosen for a science experiment for NASA to determine the effects of gravity on the growth of a tree. Over his career with the company Greg has overseen the development of the tree improvement programs and managed company-wide silviculture and tree nursery production.

**Speaker** – Greg Adams gave a history of the Irving Tree Nursery that started in 1973. By the end of next year, it is anticipated that Irving will have planted one billion trees as part of its silviculture program. In 2015 a new laboratory was completed and research is ongoing to produce the best tree that is most resistant to disease and fungus. This is done by picking trees with strong characteristics and grafting branches on other trees so there is genetic identity to the good tree. Irving operates a large orchard in Parkingdale where trees are cross pollinated. Seedlings are grown in the Sussex Nursery and then planted in various locations throughout the Province. The nursery is presently doing research to benefit the production of potatoes.

**Thanker** – Shelley Vail

**Volunteer Hours** – Please e-mail your volunteer Rotary hours to Bob Short – at [robert\\_a\\_short@hotmail.com](mailto:robert_a_short@hotmail.com)

**New Generations Committee** – There is a new chairperson, Alaina Alexander, for the New Generations Committee. The youth will be meeting tonight instead of Wednesday as there is no school this Wednesday afternoon.

### Events

**Breakfast Clubs** – Josh Cameron will be serving at the Middle School on Wednesday; Alex Coffin will be serving at Sussex Elementary on Friday. There was a reminder to arrive at Sussex Elementary by 7:45 am – especially if you are new at volunteering at this school.

**Presentation – Coats for Kids, Monday, October 23, 2017** – For any Rotarians who can make it for a picture opportunity, Fundy Mutual will be presenting a \$500 cheque to our Club to assist with Coats for Kids.

**Vocational Opportunities – Rotary Link-Up** – October 23, 2017 – Rotarians were reminded of the Rotary Link-Up meeting this evening at All Seasons.

**Rotary's 5th annual World Polio Day** is tomorrow, October 24, 2017. Rhoda displayed a "End Polio Now" flag that she had custom made. This flag will be flown at Town Hall at a time that works for the Town and the Interact Club. The Interact Club is planning a "Purple Pinky" day in November.

**Remembrance Day – November 11, 2017** – Rhoda agreed to lay the Rotary wreath at the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. Others are welcome to join in the march.

### Conferences

**Rotary Leadership Institute** – This is happening in Truro on Saturday, October 27, 2017 and Bob and Juanita Tremblett together with Lisa Brown are attending.

**Rotary International Annual Convention** in Toronto from June 23 – 27, 2018

**Chase the Joker** – Although Mary McNair's ticket was drawn, there was no Joker. The pot is now \$107.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, October 30, 2017 – Paul Kearley will be giving his classification talk. Don Ingersoll will be chairing the meeting; Matt White will be doing the Rotary Minute.

### Adjournment