



ROTARY Club of Sussex Inc.
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COWBELL - October 31, 2016

Attendance: Bob B., Alex C., Angie C., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Erik H., Paul K., Ed K., Greg K., Bruce N., Bob S., Jason T., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W.

Regrets: Alaina A., Lisa B., Melissa C., Don D., Jeff F., Rhonda H., Blair H., Don. I., Alaina L., Robert K., Harold L., Cecile M., Mary M., Lou M., Tina M., Teresa O., Ian S.

Grace, Toast to the Queen and Canada

Welcome: Rob Driscoll, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of Speaker: Ed Keith introduced guest speaker, Steve Bean, Manager of Crosswinds, Sussex. Steve is a Sussex native who graduated from Sussex Regional High School and Kingswood University. Steve moved away from Sussex for a time but last year Steve returned home to his hometown.

Speaker: Steve gave a history of Crosswinds with its start in 1978. The organization has gone through many different phases and is presently housed on Leonard Drive where it is serving more than 60 clients. The goal is to fill a need for adults who have special challenges and because they are over 21 years of age, they are no longer able to attend public school. The goal is to assist the clients to become as independent as possible, to teach them life skills, and to have them maximize their potential.

One of the reasons Steve had been asked to come to the meeting was to do a presentation as a follow-up to Crosswinds recent submission and need for a new van. Their 2007 Dodge Caravan has started to show wear, and Crosswinds is hoping to have it replaced by a 12-passenger van that would allow them to carry more passengers. The projected cost is \$48,230.

Thanker: Bob Tremblett thanked Steve for his informative and up-lifting talk.

Rotary Minute: Bob Black highlighted an article from the October 2016 Rotarian. "World Roundup" is a section that reviews Rotary projects around the globe. The Bogota-Chapinero Club in Colombia decided to help entrepreneurs escape poverty through distributing money to budding

business people. In two different ventures the club loaned funds that resulted in 98 – 100% full payment of the loan.

Committee Reports:

Community – Bruce Northrup asked for input in responding to the need for volunteers to help with the Sussex Elementary School breakfast club. Please let Bruce know if you are interested. Bruce is proposing that the days for the Elementary School be Friday. Presently our Club has filled all the spots requested of us for the Sussex Middle School Breakfast Club from now until after Christmas.

Coats for Kids – Donna Gilchrist submitted an application for District funding for this project and we have been notified that we have received a \$2,000 grant.

New Generations – Shelley announced that next Monday, Interact will officially start at the Public Library on Monday starting at 4 pm.

Nominations Committee – Three of our Past-Presidents have agreed to be the Nominations Committee for positions in the 2017/18 year. Members were asked to consider positions they would like to fill.

Paul Harris Night – It has been a few years since Sussex Rotary has had a Paul Harris night. The Honourary members will be asked to form a committee to recommend community members for recognition.

Rotary Golf Shirts:

There are still a few Rotary Golf Shirts available for \$25. Rhoda had some on display.

Upcoming Events:

SMS Breakfast Club – This Wednesday, Robert Kimball, will be serving.

Chamber of Commerce Dinner – Thursday, November 10, Lion's Den, Chef's Table, 5:30 pm, \$60

Invitation from Poley Mountain – Open House, Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 6 – 8 pm.

Christmas Social – Giermindl's, Saturday, December 17, 2016

Happy / Sad Bucks

Chase the Joker: Cindy 's ticket was drawn, but still no Joker. The pot is now \$668.

Next Meeting: The next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2016, at All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. (Prior to next week's meeting, the District Membership Committee will be meeting and former DG's and other District people will be expected to be in attendance at next week's meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Wilson