



ROTARY Club of Sussex Inc.
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COWBELL - October 3, 2016

Attendance: Lisa B., Angie C., Rob D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Rhonda H., Blair H., Paul K., Ed K., Robert K., Cecile M., Mary M., Tina M., Bruce N., Teresa O., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W.,

Regrets: Alaina A., Bob B., Donna G., Erik H., Greg K., Don. I., Alaina L., Harold L., Lou, Bob S., Ian S.

Guests: Alex Coffin and Melissa Keith-Cummings

Grace, Toast to the Queen and Canada

Rotary Minute: In place of Ian Smyth, Paul Kearley read an e-mail from Ian thanking everyone in the Club for a fun Oktoberfest Dinner on Friday, September 30, 2016.

Welcome: Lisa Brown, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting

Introduction of Speaker: Shelley Vail introduced Vanessa Black, a graduate of Crandall University and Dalhousie University, and the new Librarian for the Sussex Regional Library.

Speaker: Vanessa explained that the Sussex Regional Library is funded by the Province and by the Municipality. The Library systems in New Brunswick are all integrated and books can be borrowed and interchanged among all branches through a shared common catalogue system. The purpose of the Library is so that there is equal access to information; to promote culture (history and language); facilitate social and community interaction; enhance personal wellness and lifelong learning; support early childhood development; support literacy skills; and enhance social and economic development.

Vanessa reviewed the resources that are available free at the library: - games, books, periodicals, sound collections, DVDs, digitals like "Overdrive," and data bases. Vanessa highlighted many of the changes in focus of libraries in recent years to migrate from a "quiet reading space" to social programs, reading clubs, ESL materials, teen spaces and programs, aboriginal services, to name just a few.

Vanessa announced that October was New Brunswick Libraries Month. Members were invited to an Open House at the Library to be held on Saturday, October 15th. This will be an all-day event covering activities for all ages.

Thanker: Ed Keith thanked Vanessa for her talk about the Library and mentioned that for future speakers at Rotary, the Rotary Club of Sussex would be donating a book to the Library.

Committee Reports:

Membership Inductions – the date will be announced shortly.

New Generations – Interact will be meeting outside school at Lisa's Playhouse so that homeschool families and students from the Christian School may be active in this club as well.

Charitable Trusts Committee – will be meeting shortly to look after areas needing financial support, including the Imagination Library.

Upcoming Events:

- World Polio Day – October 24, 2016 – suggestion that requests for donations could be added to the Facebook page.
- Next Rotary Board Meeting – October 26, 2016
- Rothesay/Quispamsis Club will be celebrating 40 years at a social event on October 28. Our Club has been invited.
- District 7810, Area 4 Training – February 11, 2017
- Rotary International Convention – Atlanta – June 10 – 17, 2017

Junior Achievement: Blair Hyslop announced that businesses and the Chamber of Commerce were starting a Junior Achievement Program for Sussex.

Happy / Sad Bucks

Chase the Joker: Mary McNair's ticket was drawn, but still no Joker. The pot is now \$599.

Next Meeting: The next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 17, at All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. Guest speaker will be the Mayor of Sussex Corner, Mark Flewwelling.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson