

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: October 06, 2014

**Attendance:** Robert K, Wendy, Bob T., Alaina. A, Rhoda, Shelley V, Kathy, Scott, Sandra, Robert L., Robert D.

**Regrets:** Donna, Lou, Bruce, Bob B., Steven G., Harley.

**Guests:**

- Don Dow, Owner of Quality Home Care.
- Lorinda Porter, Owner Graysia Web Design.
- Mrs. Alaina Lockahrt, Lockharts Weddings and Special Occasions, Sussex.
- Ms. Angela Cummings.
- Mr. Erik Homenick, Palmer and Palmer Law.
- Mr. Jeff Fuller, Remax Professionals.
- Judge Andrew Palmer, Court of Queens Bench.

### Rotary Grace

### Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Sandra Moon welcomed all members, and expressed regrets from members not attending. Sandra introduced and welcomed our guests to our meeting.

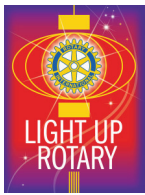
**Rotary Minute:** Robert L. spoke on the Paul Harris Fellowship and the significance of this Rotary designation in our rich history. Robert indicated as the club or a member contributes \$1,000 to the foundation it permits the club to name a Paul Harris Fellow. Robert spoke on a couple recent articles that indicated the widow of the Late Jim Flaherty was a Paul Harris Fellow for here charitable pro bono work as a lawyer. Also Sue Stultz a Moncton MLA is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

**Guest speaker:** Mrs. Lisa Brown, Tir na nOg Forest School.

Sandra M. welcomes Lisa Brown to the Sussex Rotary Club as the owner of Tir na nOg Forest School for preschool outdoor learning.

Lisa Brown spoke on the programs and development of the Tir na nOg Forest School for preschool outdoor learning.

- o Tír na nÓg Forest School is an outdoor education experience.
- o The schools approach involves moving away from computers and man-made devices, to embrace nature.
- o Provides outdoor learning to 10 students per session.
- o Scholl has been expanded to the second location in Saint John in 2014.



- 2 full days a week during all weather conditions.
- At Tír na nÓg Forest School we believe that hands-on experiential learning is the best educational approach for children.
- Outdoors provides them with not only fresh air, it encourages imaginative play, creativity, hand-eye coordination, balance, physical strength and mental clarity.
- It is believed when children's natural curiosity is stimulated, learning flows.
- The schools program is guided by our educators, however the day remains flexible and follows the energy and lead of the children.
- Lisa provided many first year experiences and provided a slideshow of the school's first year and a video that had over 40,000 hits on youtube.

Kathy C. thanked Lisa for her interesting presentation and offered Lisa a luggage tag as a token of our appreciation for his interesting talk.

### Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Correspondence:** Scott reports on this week's correspondence. An invoice for the costs to host the Sussex Rotary Website was forwarded to the Club's treasurer for payment.
- ❖ **Membership:** Robert Driscoll spoke on the current membership recruitment efforts ongoing and welcomed our guests at today's meeting.

Rob indicated preliminary discussions with the District Governor are promising to schedule an induction ceremony while he visits the club on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

- ❖ **Rotary Project 2014:** Scott spoke on the Rotary Amphitheater Project and presented a copy of the tender plan presently out for public tender to secure probable costs for this exciting project. The Tender / quotation is scheduled to be opened on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- ❖ **Rotary Learning Institute:** Bob T. spoke on the upcoming leadership training scheduled for late October in Truro NS. Anyone interested is requested to contact him.
- ❖ **Highways Cleanup Fall 2014:** Sandra reminded everyone of the preliminary schedule for this year's fall Highway Cleanup is scheduled for the last Saturday in October. Details to follow as the scheduled cleanup date gets closer.

### Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Kathy C.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!