

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: Sept 19, 2011

Attendance: *Bob T., Wendy, Bob B., Lou, Barb, Paul, Robert L., Robert Jr., Kim, Harley, Rhoda & Donna*

Regrets: *Andrew, Bruce, Murray, Bob Sr., Stewart, Peter, Jason & Jeremy*

GUEST SPEAKERS: *Joan Routledge – Communities in Bloom (Sussex)*

Other Guest: *Sunil Ragaram (ADG)*

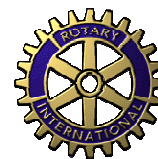
50/50: Lou

Rotary Minute: Noted below is the schedule of who is doing the Rotary Minute during each meeting. Please be sure to mark you calendar. You can also find material on our web site www.sussexrotary.org or on RI's www.rotary.org or the Rotary magazine. If you are not able to attend on the meeting of your minute, please find a substitution for your slot.

Rotary Minutes

19-Sep-11 Bob Black
26-Sep-11 Barb Crowe
4-Oct-11 Stewart Duncan
17-Oct-11 Jeremy Erickson
24-Oct-11 Donna Gilchrist
31-Oct-11 Peter Haines
7-Nov-11 Robert E. Kimball
14-Nov-11 Jason Sturgeon
21-Nov-11 Robert Lockhart
28-Nov-11 Paul MacIntosh
5-Dec-11 Bob Tremblett
12-Dec-11 Louis McNamara
19-Dec-11 Bruce Northrup
9-Jan-11 Wendy Osborne
16-Jan-11 Andrew Palmer
23-Jan-11 Kim Pearson
30-Jan-11 Bob Tremblett
6-Feb-11 Rhoda Wilson

Bob Black – “How to fundraise w/o fear.” From a member in Waterville Me. Pitman, a member of the club says that asking for money is often a fear that outweighs the fear of public speaking and even death itself, we procrastinate fundraising until it becomes a crisis. His club raises over \$100,000 a year and notes that the project must match the needs and interests of the club and the community. There should also be a balance and a relationship between the fundraiser and the cause.



Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

Mon, Sept 26 - Bus Meeting

Mon, October 3 - Ken Baker, Hospice

Nov 7 - Special Dinner - Harley's Guest

***Note; emails and contact phone #'s will be on this list for the purpose of getting information for the introduction.

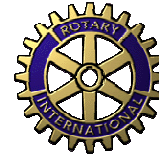
Introducer, Thankers & Chairs for September & October

Date	Chair	Intro	Thanker
26-Sep-11	Barb Crowe		
4-Oct-11	Donna Gilchrist	Robert Lockhart	Wendy Osborne
17-Oct-11	Peter Haines	Paul MacIntosh	Andrew Palmer
24-Oct-11	Robert E. Kimball	Robert E. Kimball	Kim Pearson
31-Oct-11	Barb Crowe		

THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!

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| SEPTEMBER | - | Shelter box display
@ Balloon Festival | - | Book Rotary Dinner
Venue |
| | - | Coats for Kids | - | Membership Dinner |
| | - | Purple Pinkie
@ Balloon Fiesta | - | Purple Pinky w/
Elementary |
| | - | Apps for Adventures
In Citizenship | - | Schedule date for
Highway Clean-up |
| OCTOBER | - | Highway Clean-up | - | Trip Draw (Get Lotto
License & Tickets) |
| | - | | - | Christmas Boxes |
| | - | | - | Flower Wheel |

Barb introduced Joan Routledge from Communities in Bloom (CIB). Barb has often admired Joan's own garden at the back of her home by the Lion's Club.



CIB is a group consisting of seven women and Jason Thorne from the Town. They put the plans together and give them to Jason to execute. They have a great working relationship with the Town. Flowers are only 1/7th of what CIB does. Other categories include landscape, environment, turf & ground cover, floral arrangements and tidiness. The hardest thing they had to do was create a binder with brochures on Sussex for the judge of CIB.

CIB Sussex met with the judges last month and when they met they invited the representatives from several other groups in the community. The judges found this to be a great advantage to be able to represent Sussex in that manner.

CIB was a great help with our Rotary Flower wheel in O'Connell Park and it looks better than ever. She did say that they will start earlier next year and have a few tricks up their sleeve to improve the wheel even more next year. They also said that they would like to see the backside of the mound changed so it is not just earth and grass. Right now it is wasted reality and they would like to do something with the side facing the park itself.

Their other focus is to have a nice "Welcome to Sussex" once you get into town to really show off the entrance to the town itself. They feel that the sign off the highway does not accomplish that well enough so they want to better represent the town and the area that the town "begins" so to speak. They have come up against some obstacles with crown and federal land but are still on the search.

The other big focus is the refurbishment of the gazebo at the 8th Hussars. They need manpower for this project and hinted that Rotary might be a good partner for this job (I see potential here). The town will cover the cost; they just need a few people to help out.

CIB Sussex will accept donations in cash, manpower & even ideas and they don't hesitate to ask for it. If we have anything that we would like to partner in just call Joan at 433-1085 or email at cibsussexnb@gmail.com.

Bethany helped them out with the marigolds on Maple Avenue and will do this every spring and fall. Vesey seeds are donating all the bulbs for the project. The middle school and elementary school kids have been responsible for the planting and growing of the flowers on Maple. CIB figures that if they take part in the flowers then they will appreciate them more when they are older and perhaps tempted to vandalize the gardens.

CIB raised money at the craft show selling packets of seeds for \$1.00 each. They had their name on the packet and raised over \$500.

Sunil told a story about a tour he did of homes in Seattle. Every house was only 600-700sqft and no bigger but they all had the best lawns in Seattle. This was because they get residential tax credits for having better looking lawns and properties.

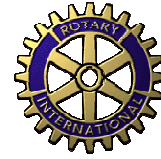
Sussex competed with 6 other villages and our biggest competitor dropped out at the last minute (probably because they heard Sussex was joining.....)

Joan is at Sun Nurseries now and she mentioned that Michelle at Sun told her to let us know that they are always interested in helping out or participating in any fundraisers or projects we are looking at doing in the future.

Lou thanked Joan for coming in to talk to us and especially thanked CIB for helping out with the Flower Wheel.

ADG, Sunil Ragaram – Sunil reminded us about the Elvis show in Hampton & also talked about the fundraiser that the Rothesay Kings club does. The Classic Dinner is on the 15th of October and they will be honoring Dr. Jennings with a PHF. Tickets are \$60 ea and they give receipts for \$20.

RLI is on the same day in Truro October 15th and they have a block of rooms available for \$98.00. Please contact Kim for details.



Sunil talked about areas of service and touched on each area. Club Service – Should a have three year written strategic plan. Vocational Service – We should have speakers with vocational aspects in their profession. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) – Should sponsor a high school student for RYLA again. International Service includes hosting a youth exchange.

Harley attended a dinner at the Legion last week and the group charged \$500 a ticket and served the mal themselves. It sounded like a dinner theatre.

Note from the Treasurers Department – Robert Lockhart announced that we are balanced.

Meeting Adjourned.

***** Please note that I have included our Rotary Club Calendar with this Cowbell. *****

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!