



ROTARY Club of Sussex Inc.
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Club #6355 District #7810
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COWBELL - September 12, 2016

Attendance: Bob B., Lisa B., Angie C., Don D., Rob D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Ed K., Robert K., Cecile M., Mary M., Lou M., Tina M., Bruce N., Teresa O., Bob S., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L

Regrets: Alaina A., Erik H., Blair H., Don I., Paul K., Greg K., Alaina L., Harold L.

Guests: Virginia R. Joles, Rotary International Governor 2016-2017,
District 7810, northeastern Maine and New Brunswick, Canada
Melissa Cummings-Keith, Alex Coffin, Jerry Joles, Jason Thorne

Grace, Toast to the Queen and Canada

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

Introduction of Speaker: Bob Tremblett introduced our District Governor. Virginia (Ginny) Joles, retired from a career in communications and development with Emera Maine, a northern Maine electric utility. Most recently she has worked as philanthropy lead for The Aroostook Medical Center, raising funds for capital projects and medical equipment. She has been active in the United Way, Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development, and the Presque Isle Fish & Game Club. A Rotarian since 1987, Ginny has served as Club President, District Conference Chairperson, and chaired several fundraising campaigns to benefit the community, including the County Dialysis Center project. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation. She and her husband, Jerry Joles, teach self-defense, handgun safety, and conduct clinics through NRA's Women on Target.

Speaker: Ginny Joles made a presentation on the work of Rotary International starting with the 2016 Rotary International Theme of John and Judy Germ entitled "Rotary Serving Humanity."

Ginny challenged the group to give to the Rotary Foundation especially in recognition of the 100th Anniversary. Since the Foundation was started with a \$26.50 donation, Rotarians are being encouraged to increase their giving to the Foundation by a minimum of \$26.50. Ginny circulated a copy of a book by David C. Forward entitled **Doing Good in the World** and invited members to attend a book signing, training, and banquet on November 19 in Presque Isle, Maine.

Ginny reviewed some of the changes made at the latest Council on Legislation where there is now flexibility of meeting times and locations. There will be an increase of dues of \$4 over the next three years.

Strategic Plans include:

- Presidential Citation goals
- Collaborative Projects and Meetings
- Adopting a Club (Sussex and St. Stephen have been twinned)
- Membership Grown and Engagement
- Youth Services – Exchange Program, Interact, and Rotaract

- Avenues of Service – Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, Youth Service
- Vibrant Clubs

All members were encouraged to attend the next Rotary International Convention being held in Atlanta, Georgia from June 10 – 14, 2017.

New Member Induction: Teresa O'Brien was inducted into the Rotary Club of Sussex with a classification of Banking - Commercial.

Committee Reports

Trip Draw – Consideration is being given to increasing the amount of the Trip Draw ticket to \$150 next year and replacing the option of a \$12/month post-dated cheque system to \$50/month every four months. Tina asked for feedback from members on this regard and to e-mail her with any concerns.

Social Committee – Tina announced the **Oktoberfest Rotary Social** scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2016, at Giermindl's Old Bavarian Restaurant. There will be a \$10 cover charge to assist with entertainment costs.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, September 17, 2016
 - MD Fire Truck Pull – 12:30 – 3 pm An e-mail will be sent out for Rotarians to sign up.
 - Boots, Bikes and Band-Aids – 10 am – 2 pm in the back parking lot of Shoppers Drug Mart. An e-mail will be sent out for Rotarians to sign up.
- Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 1 pm – Portage Atlantic's Recognition Ceremony and 20th Anniversary Celebration being held at Portage Atlantic Centre, 1275 Route 865, Cassidy Lake, NB RSVP 472-4847 or ybarriault@portage.ca by September 23
- Saturday, November 19 – Presque Maine – Foundation Book Signing and Banquet

Happy / Sad Bucks

Chase the Joker: No winner this week. The pot is now \$538.50 with 20 cards left.

Next Meeting: The next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016, at All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. Speaker will be David Alston, chief innovation officer for Introhive and leading proponent of expanding the Province's digital footprint.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson