



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: September 14, 2015.

Attendance: Don I., Scott, Cindy D., Robert K., Kathy C., Donna G., Bob T., Rhoda, Bruce, Ian S, Rob D., Wendy O., Shelley V., Alaina A., Erik H., Don D., Mary McN, Robert L., Jeff F., Lisa B.

Regrets: Alaina L., Lorinda P., Harold L., Lou McN, Rhonda H, Tina M., Bob B,

Guests: Beverly Lyons, Keith Lyons, Angela Cummings, Tammy Scott-Wallace.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Rob D. welcomes all members back for the 2015 – 2016 Rotary Year. Rob welcomes today's guests and thanks each for joining our meeting today.

❖ **Rotary Minute: None.**

❖ **Speaker:** President Rob D. spoke on the upcoming year and the great topics available through the Rotary International website. Rob encouraged every member to take the time to develop a user name and profile on the RI website. Rob also highlight the following topics:

- Inspirational videos and topic form former president Ron Burton. These videos and topics are available to every Rotarian to view.
- Rob spoke on his vision for the coming year. Ideas include but not limited to:
 - Building and development of a strategic Plan for the Club.
 - Develop projects that could fall into our strategic plan.
 - Offer advice and opportunities for each club member to participate and contribute.
 - Develop Club structure.
 - New Board to begin meeting soon.
 - What is our next big project? Over the coming months develop and seek proposal of worthy projects for the Club to consider.
 - Website advertisement, seven (7) spots still available.
 - Develop membership. Viewed as the key to our future success together with engagement by each member and an opportunity to play a meaningful role in the Club.
 - Shelter boxes and the recent deployment to Greece was discussed at the District Conference.
 - New Generations and to get there involvement started. The Sussex Club may be able to play a role to assist in the development of the Rotary Youth Exchange and the startup of an Interact Club in Sussex.
 - Development of Fellowship Groups and maybe our club could start a



couple of groups this Rotary Year.

- ❖ **Correspondence:** Scott indicated the club had received 2015 -2016 official directory of Rotary International on DVD.
- ❖ **Sussex Rotary Amphitheatre:** Rob D. spoke on the success of the grand opening of the Sussex Rotary Amphitheatre on July 01, 2015 and the impact this Rotary Project has had on the community. This project will be used as a guide to the development of ideas on the next Rotary Project for our club.
- ❖ **District Conference:** Rob D. highlights the clubs success acknowledged at this past weekends the District Conference. The club was recognized for the following three (3) awards:
 - New Member Award: Is presented to the club that inducted the most new members into their Club during the current Rotary Year. President Bob T. accepted the award on behalf of the Rotary Club of Sussex.
 - The Duncan Wathen Achievement Award is presented to the Club in the District that has the highest percentage net increase in members during the current Rotary Year. President Bob T. accepted the award on behalf of the Rotary Club of Sussex.
 - President of the Year 2014 - 2015 Award. President Bob T. accepted the award at the District Conference this past weekend. Bob thanked each member on their contributions over the two years of his presidency and this award is reflective of the good work each member has contributed during his term.
- ❖ **Muscular Dystrophy Fire Truck Pull and Challenge:** Membership advised of the upcoming Fire Truck Pull and Challenge scheduled for this Saturday, September 19th at the Walmart Parking Lot. Any Sussex Rotarians that have time available to assist in hosting the event Barbecue please contact Rob D. or Harold if you are available.
- ❖ **Next Meeting:** Next club meeting has been scheduled for Monday September 21st, 12:15 pm at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Cindy D.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!