



# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: September 21, 2015.

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

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Erik H., Don D., Cindy D., Alaina L., Lorinda P., Harold L., Lou McN, Tina M., Lisa B.

**Guests:** Greg Keith, Darren McLeod.

### 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:** Rhoda W. speaks on the youth exchange program differences for the exchange programs of Rotary and ADE. With the Department of Education most exchange students are from Brazil. With Rotary there are two programs, the short program and the Long Program.

Rhoda indicates these programs are great programs to be involved in and encourages any member to consider this rewarding opportunity.

Mary McNair introduces Mr. Darren McLeod, Senior Philanthropy Specialist for the Saint John Hospital Foundation and welcomes him to the Sussex Rotary Club.

- ❖ **Speaker:** Mr. Darren McLeod, Senior Philanthropy Specialist for the Saint John Hospital Foundation outlines the Foundation and its philanthropy work in the Region.

- ❖ **Five (5) Guiding Pillars:**

- **Capital Equipment:**

- The Saint John Regional Foundation works with Horizon Health Network to identify the highest priority medical equipment and health care projects that are not funded with government funding. Your donations are essential to supporting the world-class health care facility we have in the Saint John Regional Hospital.
    - In spring 2014, a 3T MRI scanner was installed at the Saint John Regional Hospital, for the use of the entire province.
    - Acquiring a 3T MRI to use in conjunction with our existing 1.5T MRI is a major step toward a more innovative healthcare system for New



Brunswick. First of its kind in Atlantic Canada, and one of only a few in the country.

- The 3T unit will provide deeper, more detailed MR images quicker than ever before, along with enhanced diagnostic services for patients. This will mean shorter wait times and more accurate treatment programs.
  - Our New MRI Suite: Home of the first hospital-based 3T MRI scanner in Atlantic Canada
- **MindCare New Brunswick:** is a committee of the Board of Directors of the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation and is a major funder of community mental health initiatives in New Brunswick. MindCare supports community mental health initiatives by considering applications for funding under the following four categories:
- Therapeutic and/or Treatment Programs
  - Education Scholarships
  - Research Funding
  - Transformational Funding.
- **FIRE – Fund for Innovative Research Excellence grant:** The Mandate of the FIRE is to provide funding necessary for increased excellence in innovative research initiatives in New Brunswick and Horizon Health Network Saint John. All clinicians within Horizon Health Network, Saint John Area, are eligible to apply for funding. Eligible Research: Research considered for the FIRE includes health research projects which fall under any of the following five areas of research:
- Biomedical
  - Clinical
  - Health Services and Systems
  - Society, Culture and Health of Populations
  - Research wins!
- **Education:** Your donations will help to sustain important and greatly appreciated programs such as grants for medical education scholarships and professional development grants for nurses.
- Nursing Education Fund We recently announced an annual \$50,000 Nursing Education Fund so our nurses will be able to access top-notch professional development conferences, courses, and workshops. Their response to this announcement has been heart-warming. Approximately 200 RNs and LPNs attended the "Our Journey to Becoming Truly Patient Centered" conference on March 19-20th, 2015.
  - New Brunswick Medical Education Scholarship: We're investing in the future of health care in New Brunswick – one doctor at a time.
- To maintain a strong healthcare system, In 2014, the Foundation awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships to 31 doctors who, after their training, will return to practice right here in New Brunswick.
- **Patient Comfort:** Donations help bring comfort to our patients and their families.
- The New Brunswick Extra-Mural Program, *known by many as the "hospital without walls"*, The New Brunswick Extra-Mural Program provides comprehensive home health care services to New Brunswickers in their homes and in their communities. The EMP provides a range of



healthcare services, including rehabilitative services, education and support for chronic disease management and palliative services for both patients and caregivers.

- **Employee Crisis Fund**, the employees of our hospital need to be cared for as well.
- **Comfort Items for Palliative Care**, donations have helped to purchase personal and family items such as two Comfort Care Carts that will provide added comfort to patients and families. Often, it's the small comforts that make a biggest difference to our patients and their families.

Mary McNair thanked Darren for his interesting presentation on the Saint John Hospital Foundation.

- ❖ **Correspondence:** Scott indicated the club had not received any correspondence this week.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Rotary Leaning Institute:** Rob D reminded membership of the upcoming program scheduled for Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Truro, NS. Anyone interested in attending please contact Rob D.
- ❖ **Portage Atlantic:** Upcoming invitation to Rotary to attend the 2015 Portage Atlantic Recognition ceremony this Sunday, September 27, 2015 at the Sussex Regional High School beginning at 1 pm.
- ❖ **Muscular Dystrophy Fire Truck Pull and Challenge:** President Driscoll advised of the success of the MD Fire Truck Pull and Challenge that happened on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Walmart Parking Lot.
- ❖ **Next Meeting:** Next club Business Meeting has been scheduled for Monday September 28<sup>st</sup>, 12:15 pm at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant.

**Happy / Sad Bucks**

**50/50: Jeff F.**

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.**

**Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!**