

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: September 16, 2013

**Attendance:** *Robert K, Andrew, Donna, Wendy, Bob T, Sandra, Rhoda, Scott, Bruce, Rob D.*

**Regrets:** *Jason, Teri, Matt, Rick, Murray McG, Harley, Robert L, Lou, Peter, Shawn, Bob B.*

**Guests:** *Dave Peters, President of the Agriculture Museum of New Brunswick*

### Rotary Grace

### Toast to the Queen

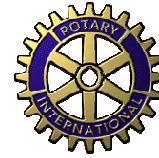
Meeting Chairperson Wendy welcomed all members to the second meeting of the year and welcomed Guest Dave Peters, President of the Agricultural Museum of New Brunswick

back following our summer recess and thanked the host of the two summer socials in July and August. President Bob thanked Bruce for accepting the recognition award for Rotary's semi-annual highway clean-up campaign. Bruce provided the recognition plaque for all members to see.

### Rotary Minute: NA

### Guest Speakers: *Dave Peters, President of the Agriculture Museum of New Brunswick*

- ❖ Bob T introduced Dave Peters to the Sussex Rotary Club.
- ❖ President Peters indicated the Museum started 27 years ago with the help of a group of local farmers and local business people.
- ❖ The museum is the home of over 1000 artifacts.
- ❖ Open in mid June to Labour Day in September each year.
- ❖ Annually welcomes 800 to 1100 visitors / Guests.
- ❖ The museum hosts two fundraising events annually, the Antique Tractor and Power Show as well as Harvest Days in late September. This year's Harvest Days are scheduled the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Mission Statement, the permanent display and dedication to the agricultural heritage of the New Brunswick.
- ❖ Mr. Peters introduced the museum Pole Barn Project to be located in the Museum's court yard located on Perry Street in Sussex.
  - 60 x 100 foot open air structure, pole barn type construction.
  - Viewed as an avenue or revenue source for the Museum estimated at \$10,000 annually.
  - Potential uses include, but not limited to; local staging area, venue for service club



functions, corporate function venue, community venue, annual outdoor event venue, outdoor meeting place, crafters and flea market events.

- Part of the overall infrastructure of the Princess Louise Park.
  - Approximate costs to complete the structure, \$150,000.
  - An addition \$30,000 would be necessary to recondition the existing concrete slab.
  - Structure is planned to be lighted to permit night time use.
  - The Museum is looking for a major title sponsor, in the vicinity of \$100,000. The Museum is prepared to permanently recognize this sponsor on the interior and exterior of the Pole Barn as well as permanently acknowledging the partnership inside the current Museum.
  - Various artist sketches and concept aerial views were displayed during Mr. Peters Power Point Presentation.
- ❖ Andrew P. Thanked Speaker Peters for his interesting talk and presentation of the New Brunswick Museum and its upcoming project.
  - ❖ **Rotary Project:** A draft Request for Proposal to solicit project ideas for a future community project was presented to the club for review and consideration. It was suggested that the club review the draft RFP and suggest any changes or additions that could be considered for the final document. The draft RFP will be forwarded to all members electronically for ideas and to suggest a list of invited projects for club consideration.
  - ❖ **Charles Main:** Bob T thanked Robert L and Bob B. for the suggestion that the club donation in the name of Charles Main who recently passed away.
  - ❖ **Sandra updates the club on the upcoming speaker scheduled at Kingswood University.** Dr. Matthew Sleeth, MD will be speaking on "Finding Rest in a 24 / 7 World". The talk is scheduled for October 1, 2013 free of charge. Registration is requested online at the Kingswood University Website.

### Reminders:

- ❖ **Highway Cleanup:** has been rescheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, if you are able help to clean some of the highway please join us and meet just prior to 8am at the Lower Tim Horton's.

**Happy/Sad Bucks**

**50/50: Scott**

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:10pm.**

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