

Rotary



Club of
Sussex, NB



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DIFFERENCE

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Meeting Agenda – April 16, 2018 All Seasons Inn & Restaurant

Present:

Alexander, Alaina	Cummings, Angela	Lockhart, Robert	Monahan, Tina
Black, Bob	Gilchrist, Donna	Matthews, Julie	Northrup, Bruce
Brown, Lisa	Haynes, Rhonda	McNamara, Lou	White, Matt
Cameron, Josh	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Moffett, Christine	Wilson, Rhoda

Absent:

Coffin, Alex	Hyslop, Blair	Long, Craig	Smyth, Ian
Dow, Don	Ingersoll, Don	Lowe, Harold	Thorne, Jason
Driscoll, Robert	Kearley, Paul	McNair, Mary	Tremblett, Robert
Fuller, Jeff	Keith, Greg	Savidant, Mark	Vail, Shelley
Homenick, Erik	Lockhart, Alaina	Short, Bob	Wallace, Tracey

Chair – Lou McNamara

Social Media Check-in - Tina

Rotary Minute – Lisa and Tina gave a brief report of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Conference they attended on Saturday, April 7, and recommended that all members attend these sessions as they are an excellent way to be better informed of the “big picture” of Rotary. Sussex has been asked to host one of the future RLIs.

Introduction of Speaker – Randy Dickinson is currently retired but is well known for his advocacy efforts on behalf of persons with disabilities. Randy served in various professional positions during his career including Director of Camping and Community Relations and later as the Executive Director for the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, now known as Easter Seals NB.

Speaker – Randy Dickinson gave a brief history of Camp Rotary. This Camp was started in 1952, 66 years ago, at the time of the polio epidemic. Although formed to serve people with disabilities, only those with mild disabilities attended in the beginning years. Over time, the facilities were upgraded so many types of disabilities can be accommodated – diabetics as well as the physically, emotionally, and mentally challenged. The Camp has professional staff who provide training. Meeting other campers who also face challenges helps campers gain acceptance of their own disabilities. The Camp was first started by the Rotary Club of Fredericton but is now administered by Easter Seals NB. This past summer 450 people participated in the Camp.

Randy shared his personal story as a former camper and the impact of winning two trophies at the Camp - one for best camper and one for best athlete. Randy showed the Club these trophies that had weathered a house fire and stated these awards were among his most-prized possessions. The Rotary Camp for Randy meant a series of "first times" in his life and ended up shaping his career. Randy was awarded the Order of Canada in 1999 for his community service.

Thanker – Christine Moffett thanked Randy for his most inspirational talk.

Membership – Rhoda Wilson reported that Rob Driscoll would be taking a break from Rotary. Rob Driscoll will be stepping back from the Membership Committee at this time but plans to continue with District activities on a scaled-down level. Rhoda thanked Bob Black for agreeing to act as Chair of this Committee for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Committee sign up lists for 2018/19 – Lisa said that sign-up sheets are coming shortly.

Events:

Breakfast Clubs – Mary McNair and Christine will be serving at Sussex Middle School on Wednesday, and Shelley Vail will be serving at Sussex Elementary School on Friday.

Next Rotary Leadership Institute – October 27, 2018 in Truro

Rotary District 7810 Conference – Bathurst, October 19 – 21, 2018

Community Clean up – Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9 - 12 noon at the 8th Hussars

Relay for Life – Sat., June 9, 2018 from 1 - 11pm, Relay begins at 6pm – Amphitheatre

Happy Bucks/Sad Bucks/Fines – Robert Kimball.

Chase the Joker - Robert Lockhart's ticket was drawn but still no winner. The pot is now \$337.

Next Meeting – April 23, 2018, **Speaker:** Alison Smith – Google Apps,

Chair: Mary McNair, **Rotary Minute:** Don Ingersoll

Adjournment – Four-Way Test

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson, Secretary
Rotary Club of Sussex