



## Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

**Cowbell**

**Date: April 18, 2016**

**Attendance:** Lisa B., Rob D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Erik H., Donna G., Rhonda H., Don I., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Lou M., Bruce N., Ian S., Rob T., Shelley V., Rhoda, Robert L.

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Bob B., Angie C., Don D., Kathy C., Harold L., Cecile M., Mary M., Tina M., Wendy O.,

**Guests:** Dean Landry, Sherry Shannons, Lois MacCallum-Losacco, Paul Kearley

### Grace & Toast to the Queen

**Welcome:** Lou McNamara, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Rotary Minute:** Lois MacCallum-Losacco, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Limbe, Malawi, (District: 9210, Club:17303) spoke about the work of her Rotary Club in Africa. Lois grew up in Moncton but made her permanent residence Malawi after she finished University and worked on a special project in that country. Lois and her husband run a Café and Art Gallery in the city of Limbe and are active in the community. Health and literacy are big concerns in Malawi, a country that is recorded as being the 7th poorest country in the world. Lois showcased special eyeglasses that were being made in her area to help students with poor vision. Malnutrition has meant that one-quarter of the children need eyeglasses. Lois presented President Phil Driscoll with a banner from the Rotary Club of Limbe and in return Lois was presented with a Rotary Club of Sussex golf shirt.

**Introduction:** Erik Homenick introduced special guest speaker Paul Kearley. Paul is President and Master Trainer of Impact Business Communications and is based in Sussex. Paul's business is affiliated with the Dale Carnegie Business Group that works on Communication Development, Leadership Skills, and Sales Training.

**Guest Speaker:** Paul Kearley discussed the distinction between attitude and skills in successful workplaces. The conclusion was "Hire for Attitude but Train for Skills." Paul told several stories about his experiences of going into businesses and training staff to improve relationships and help employers and employees become more effective in communication. When employees are engaged then the level of productivity goes up. Paul has written 5 e-books and 360 blog articles. Starting next Tuesday, Paul will be offering a new course in Sussex and there are still a few spaces open. Paul's website is <http://www.impactbusiness.ca/> and his e-mail is [paul@impactbusiness.ca](mailto:paul@impactbusiness.ca)



**Thank You** – Greg Keith thanked Paul for his motivational presentation.

### **Committee Reports:**

**New Generations** – Lisa stated that Sussex Regional High School teacher, Danny Reicker, has been approached about leading an Interact Club at the high school. It is hoped that the Club will start in the fall.

**Social** - The next Rotary social will be a pot luck at Robert Driscoll's on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at a time 6 pm. This will be a family-friendly gathering.

**PETS/SETS** is on the weekend and the Rob Driscoll, Rob Tremblett, and Rhoda Wilson will be representing the Rotary Club of Sussex at this event.

**Rotary Area Training** – Area training will be done more locally in the future and members were encouraged to attend when possible.

**Update on Council Legislation** - Rob Driscoll reported on two points of action that took place at Rotary International's Council on Legislation.

**Membership** – On April 11, 2016 the Council on Legislation approved two key measures that would give clubs greater flexibility in their meetings and membership. The first measure gives clubs greater leeway in when and how often they meet, how often they cancel meetings, and what constitutes a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second measure grants clubs Rhoda asked if any members objected to her forwarding their e-mail addresses to the Sharing Club so that the Sharing Club can communicate directly to the Rotary Club when needing volunteers to help with the unloading of trucks. flexibility to experiment with membership models. Proponents argued that clubs needed the enhanced freedom in order to determine what works best in their communities, noting that "one size does not fit all."

**Polio Plus** – The Council affirms that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International.

**Community** – On consecutive weeks, just two times a month, trucks arrive at the Sussex Sharing Club and need unloading. Bruce has offered Rotary's assistance. Rhoda asked if any members objected to her forwarding their e-mail addresses to the Sharing Club so that the Sharing Club can communicate directly to the Rotary Club when needing volunteers to help with the unloading of trucks.

### **Happy / Sad Bucks**

**Chase the Joker:** Greg Keith's ticket was drawn but still no joker. The pot is now \$351.

**Next Meeting:** Next Club meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2016, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. This will be a business meeting.

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