



## Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

### Cowbell

Date: January 18, 2016

**Attendance:** Lisa B., Rob D., Kathy C, Angie C., Cindy D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H., Don I., Mary M., Wendy O., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Bob B., Don D., Jeff F., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Harold L., Lou Mc., Tina M., Bruce N.

**Guests:** Mayor Marc Thorne and Marilyn Michaud

### Toast to the Queen

**Welcome:** President Rob Driscoll welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

**Rotary Minute:** Shelley Vail talked about adding members to our Rotary Club. She highlighted some of the benefits and encouraged members to be active in recruitment.

**Introduction of Speaker:** Rhoda Wilson introduced the Mayor. Mayor Marc Thorne was first elected to Sussex Town Council in 1987 in a by-election and he has moved up the ranks to Deputy Mayor and then Mayor. In addition to his duties as Mayor, he is an employee of the Department of Transportation where he is a Professional Technologist specializing in new bridges and highway construction.

**Speaker:** The Mayor started the meeting by giving accolades to service clubs and to the Rotary Club of Sussex in particular. He spoke highly of Rotary's work and their most recent construction of the new Rotary Amphitheatre that is a centerpiece for the Town. He stated that the Amphitheatre is "a big part of what we do in this community and will be for years to come."

The Mayor spoke of the Town's work with the amalgamation process, the building of the Princess Louise Barns, the consolidation of ball fields, an enlarged skate park, traffic issues, and rebate programs for flood victims. There were a few questions about flooding and the Mayor explained that there have been studies and the Town is studying recommendations and working within the guidelines and in cooperation with the Department of the Environment. Public meetings are being planned for the future.

**Thanker:** Rob Driscoll thanked the Mayor for the informative talk.

### Secretary Reports:

- Up-dating Clubrunner is ongoing.
- Correspondence has been received from the Town of Sussex about National Week. Rotary has given asked to nominate a person in recognition of their work with Rotary. The deadline for applications is April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Volunteer Recognition Reception is April 14, 2016 at 7 pm.



**Meeting of Board:** The Board will be meeting this week on Thursday, January 20, 2016, at 7:30 pm at Rob Driscoll's house.

**Next Meeting:** Next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016 at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. This will be a business meeting.

**Happy / Sad Bucks**

**Chase the Joker:** Still no winner. The pot is now \$164.

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

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