



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

February 11, 2008



Fred Sverre was the greeter, Norm Thompson led us in O Canada and John Stuart gave the invocation.

Guests: Visiting Rotarians Bob Nowell of Kelowna, Colin McSween of Surrey, and Elena Agala of Richmond were welcomed to our dinner meeting.

Announcements

Ticket Package - Vancouver Canucks Game

Bob Nowell indicated that through his son he was able to get a ticket package to the February 29th Canucks game comprising dinner including beer or wine at the Boston Pizza on the North Shore, a bus trip to and from the Canucks game including tickets and a chance to win various prizes. The cost is \$ 100 per person but if a group of 10 or more were interested the cost would be reduced to \$ 85. Let Bob know by 18th of February if you are interested.

Spring Fling - March 1st - West Vancouver Sunrise Rotary

Let's support the West Van Sunrise club with its Spring Fling. For tickets, see President Neil or contact Val Stephenson at vstephenson@shaw.ca.

Sergeant-At-Arms - Deborah Sommerfeld

Deborah, with her usual efficiency, extracted money from us. Colin McSween told several of his famous jokes which cost him considerable and also brought us up to date on his activities over the last couple of years. Elena Agala won the draw but did not pull the lucky card.

Program - Shipping Containers to Third World Countries

Terry McGauley introduced Elena Agala who is a member of the Richmond Sunrise Club and has been a member of the board of the World Help Network for several years. Elena immigrated to Canada from the Philippines in 1972 and has been very active in providing development assistance to her home country for a number of years. About a year ago, Elena spent 2 months in the Philippines and during this time identified the need to send medical equipment and supplies to a hospital in the town of Balyan. In August our club sponsored, through the World Help Network, a container of medical supplies that was sent to this hospital. In October of this year Elena was presented an Award of Achievement by the President of the Philippines for the work she has done for the country over the years.

Elena provided us with some background information on the World Help Network and on the conditions in the Philippines, a country of over 7000 islands. She showed us pictures of conditions at the hospital and of the equipment we sent to the hospital. She also presented the club with several certificates and letters of appreciation from both the hospital and the municipality.

Joan Ferri thanked Elena for taking the time to come and speak to us and for her presentation.

The Toast to Rotary International - Joy Jones

The Four Way Test - Riet Carter

Adjournment - with nothing further for the good of Rotary, President Neil adjourned the meeting and wished all a good Rotary week

Future Programs:

Feb 18	Shelter Box - Bob Nowell
Feb 25	Eye Glass Sorting Workshop - Third World Eye Care Society
Mar 3	Tibetan Refugee Aid Society - Michael McCarthy
Mar 10	Mind Spin High Definition Thinking - Jerry Hennessey
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner - (Partner Evening)

Wheel Squeals - Editor For A Day:

Feb 18	Dan Eisenhauer
Feb 25	John Stuart
Mar 3	Ken Dubeta
Mar 10	Bud Fast