

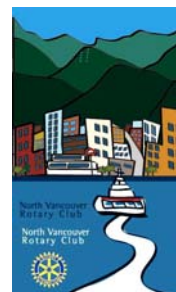


Rotary Club of North Vancouver

## Wheel Squeals

April 14, 2007

Cheers Restaurant



**Desk:** Charley Derban

**Greeter:** Sonia Wolowidnyk

**Oh Canada:** Bob McKilligan

**Invocation:** Riet Carter

20 members in attendance

### **Guest Introductions:**

Sauvabeh Zarrinkash, a friend of Babak's visiting from Iran; Sonia's daughter Elana and her children, Jeremy, Benjamin and Sarah; Frank Milledge, Rotarian from Kingston Ontario; Diane Butler, Marketing Manager at Churchill House; Bob Nowell, Rotarian visiting from Kelowna; Michael McCarthy, Rotarian in waiting; Danica Meursing, Rotarian from West Vancouver Sunrise and RYLA South Program Director; Gregory Sit, Rylarian; Horatio Szeto, Rylarian; Art Sit, father of Greg.

### **Announcements:**

A Celebration of Life service for Val Stephenson (1941 - 2008), Rotarian, West Vancouver Sunrise was held this morning at West Vancouver United Church. Over 400 turned out including many from RCNV. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donation in Val's name to The Lions Gate Hospital Foundation Hospice in support of the new Hospice.

Jeff Pearce has heard from Liz Scott, the District Youth Exchange Inbound Coordinator that we will be hosting Aymeric Dietrich of Switzerland for 2008/09. Aymeric is 15 years of age (turning 16 in June). He was born in Fribourg and lives with his family in Villars-sur-Glane a small city of 10,000 next to Fribourg. He is looking forward to his year in North Vancouver. Aymeric will arrive in late August to attend Carson Graham Secondary in September.

Norm Binion spoke about the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Celebrate North Shore Society. The sole purpose of the new society is to manage the running of the North Shore Canada Day Parade. Rotarians, Norm Binion, Neil Creighton, John Ward, Riet Carter and Jeff Pearce were in attendance. Riet was elected Treasurer and Jeff was elected as Director at Large. The RCNV will coordinate the assembly of parade participants. Norm's request for 5 volunteers to help out was easily met.

Jeremy Harder, with a little help from his mom, Elana Wolowidnyk,



presented the club with a team photo of Jeremy's soccer club, the U-12 Lynn Valley Hawks. Jeremy was proudly wearing one of the team jerseys with the Rotary logo on the sleeve that was donated by our club.

Brian Hooshi reminded us that the Wine & Food Festival is moving forward. Please let Brian know of any of your favorite North Shore fine food restaurants that may want to participate at this year's event, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was a table full of club members at Lions Gate Rotary's "The Beat Goes On" 60's dinner/dance/auction last Friday. The Lions Gate club raised around \$5,000.

District Conference early registration deadline has been extended, so sign up quick and come join the fun. You can even just take in an individual event if you can't make the whole conference. Check out the District web site.

**Sergeant At Arms: Deborah**

Art Sit had the lucky ticket but did not draw the elusive Ace.

Along with assistant, Norm Thomson, doing the follow me dance Deborah collected lots of loonies for those of us who did not know that the memorial Peace Garden was done by the Richmond Sunrise and Richmond Rotary Club's in memory of Rotarian, Sue Smith.



Many Happy & Sad loonies were collected, including:  
Norm B's son climbed to the peak of a 20,000 ft. mountain in Bolivia.  
Babak is off to Iran for a couple of months.  
Bob Nowell hasn't been flossing his dog's teeth.  
Diane Butler was very pleased to attend and will return.

**Tonight's Program:**



## **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

Terry McGauley introduced, Danica Meursing, Program Director for RYLA South and a member of the Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise, along with the two students that we sponsored this year, Gregory Sit and Horatio Szeto. They gave an excellent presentation on this year's RYLA South program that was held during spring break at Camp Jubilee on Indian Arm.



Danica was a Rylarian a number of years ago where she met Sue Smith and was inspired to become involved. Gregory is a member of VASS and attends high school in Burnaby. Horatio, originally from Hong Kong has been in North Vancouver for 6 years and is a grade 12 student at Windsor Secondary.

The 4 day program is designed to develop leadership skills of around sixty, 16-18 year olds, through stimulating workshops. Rotarians, Ambassadorial Scholars and International Youth Exchange students are involved in helping out as speakers, and team leaders. Danica spoke of the Ethics and Value workshop, the Talking Stick ceremony and other activities that encourage leadership through communication and fun. The participants come away from

the program with great attitudes and many new friends. An excellent program that demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth.

Norm Binion thanked the speakers.

Brian Hooshi gave the toast to Rotary International

Fred Sverre led us in the 4-Way test

**Future Meetings / Key dates:**

Apr 21 No meeting - meeting moved to Thursday,

Apr 24 Joint Meeting - 4 North Shore Clubs - Incoming GSE Team

Apr 28 No meeting - meeting moved to Tuesday,

Apr 29 Club-in-a-Club - Membership Program

**Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day**

Apr 24 Bob McKilligan

Apr 29 Laurie Porter