



## Wheel Squeals

### Rotary Club of North Vancouver

April 25, 2008

### Group Study Exchange Evening



- Hello everyone!
- This being my first time as editor and the fact that it was a combined meeting with the 4 North Shore Clubs I decided to break away from the traditional format.
- Desk, Greeter, Introductions, Announcements, Speaker Introductions, Thanking the speakers and Toast to Rotary were all done by various members of the 4 clubs, which was a nice touch.
- The 4 presidents did a super job orchestrating the event and making it feel like one big club. Having more Rotarians together builds on the momentum of all the good things Rotary stands by.
- Jeff Pearce introduced Jennifer Chapman, our outbound Exchange Student.



Wow what a girl she is, or as guys would say a real ringer. Her accomplishments are many; on grad council at Carson Graham High School, Captain of the Rugby Team, on the Vancouver Ski Team, on a swim team, works as a life guard, ski coaching. Not sure if she is aware there are only 24 hours in a day!

- Neil MacDonald Introduced the GSE Team from East Africa.



John Mpagi has 6 sons and one adopted daughter. John did an overview of Rotary in Africa and some of the projects i.e.: water projects, mushroom farms, street children rehabilitation center.

Charles Jirobi from Zanzibar Tanzania has 3 children. His vocation is teaching. He says they are concentrating on their environment; teaching in schools how to plant trees, disposing of waste, new environmental clubs and sharing knowledge with family and friends.





Juliet Nabawanuka is an x-ray technician and comes from a family of 15. Juliet explained some the challenges they face with inadequate personnel and lack of knowledge. She lives in Uganda and explained that although it is a land locked country it is very tropical. The population is 31 million and the life expectancy is 51 years of age. Uganda has lots of wildlife but is best known for its Gorillas.

Sarah Keino is a banker. She is very involved in all aspects of Rotary and community projects. She is a International Service Coordinator and is in professional basketball.



Augustine Anyegah is a lawyer in Kenya. From a family of 7 he is the youngest. His rotary club has 45 members and their projects include constructing a classroom in a remote area and organizing medical camps.

- There was a question and answer period. One question was what do they find interesting about Canada? The answers were as follows; Diversity of people and cultures, the high quality of our educational facilities, seeing snow for the first time, we eat a lot of cheese, water is served every where without being asked, it appears there are more cars than people and we have really good looking fireman but she wants to know what we feed them.
- Neil Creighton thanked everyone for coming and started us off on the four way test.



On a personal note: It was my first GSE evening and I found it very interesting. For those of you who attended I think you would agree the GSE team was a pleasure to meet, personable and professional at the same time. For those who could not attend you truly missed an inspiring evening and hopefully you can make it next year.

Future Meetings / Key dates:

April 28 No meeting – meeting moved to Tuesday

April 29 Club-in-a Club-Membership Program

And the best part I saved for last.

Bob McKilligan is “Editor for a Day” NEXT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!