



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Greeter: Bob McKilligan greeted everyone enthusiastically. We had 32 attendees tonight and the meeting got off to a great start thanks to a stirring rendition of *O Canada* led by Bud Fast. Alec provided the group with an Irish Lesson for the Invocation.

Guests: There were 5 guests - Diane Olton, Sackville NB Rotary; Corinne Chan, Zenith 2008; Nadia Meharaly, Richmond Rotoract / Zenith 2008; Brian Hutchison, Firefighters without Borders; Dennis Thomas.

Announcements:

Bob McKilligan gave us a recap of the Rocky Mountaineer Barbecue on July 19, 2008. The event was moved to the downtown station due to inclement weather. We had 10 able Rotarians flipping burgers and cooking hot dogs and for our efforts we received a generous donation of \$600.00 to the club.

President Norm presented Bob with his second Paul Harris fellow.
Congratulations Bob!

Norman Thomson gave us a recap of the preparations for the Terry Fox Run on Sunday September 14, 2008. Thanks to Riet's suggestion, we have made slight modifications to the route. Norman indicated things are on track, but as usual he is always a little nervous. We will need volunteers for the event. For any donations on-line, our run number is 0211.



The Wine Festival is back on October 18, 2008 and Brian advised the group we have 20 restaurants on board and we may be having up to 30 by the time of the event. Sonia indicated we have 16 wineries to date and are targeting 30.



President Norm gave us an update as to the progress of the Duck Splash. We have confirmed the date of Sunday May 3, 2009. Sponsorship and the beneficiaries are the key functions that need to be addressed quickly.

We celebrated Harold Stringer's 90th birthday and a loud and boisterous version of Happy Birthday was sung in Harold's honour. Congratulations Harold!

Our PR Director, Mike McCarthy gave us an update of his committee's activities. A meeting was held with the Outlook about reviewing PR opportunities with them. Mike mentioned that we will be looking to provide media outlets with Scoops for their Community News Format. Deneke is working to pitch a story to the North Shore News.

Our guests Corinne and Nadia made a presentation on the Zenith Global Citizenship Conference. The inaugural event was launched in Summer 2007



under the vision of our PDG Dean Rohrs to bring youth together. There were 300 delegates in 7 themes and the slogan of "Your inner potential to become a global citizen can only be unleashed where you take a proactive role. We challenge you to ask critical questions, explore intriguing opportunities and meet new people". The group is preparing for the 2008 summit and is currently looking for a

Key Note speaker and financial assistance.

Our Sergeant-At-Arms Deborah dispensed with the tradition of drawing a number in deference to Harold's 90th birthday. Harold pulled a card, but alas, the Ace of Spades remained elusive for another week. There was some fine money this week as only a few people knew the answer as to where the 2009 Rotary International Conference will be (Birmingham, England). Some Happys for the week - Riet just back from a family 50th Wedding Anniversary in Europe, Bob McKilligan's son caught a 70 pound halibut, Neil Creighton's mother celebrated her 89th birthday (hot on Harold's tail...) and Catherine is off to San Francisco for the long weekend.

Presenter: Peter Taylor introduced this week's speaker, Brian Hutchison from Firefighters without Borders. Brian shared his experiences with this excellent organization. They operate as a registered Non-Profit throughout BC and takes retired gear from our province to countries in need. He spoke about how their project in El Salvador, where the response time to a typical fire call

is almost 30 minutes as compared to 6 minutes here in BC. The last shipment involved 3 retired engines, 125 full turnout gear and other key supplies.

Brian indicate one of the key aspects that make their projects successful is having a team of firefighters go to El Salvador, meet the trucks and give comprehensive "BC Style" firefighting training. The next phase is to send a ladder truck and another engine in November. Brian was very grateful for extensive community support, including 11 Rotary Clubs, Vancouver Fire Department and numerous other organizations that make the shipping possible.



On behalf of the club, Norman Thomson thanked Brian and presented the coveted Rotary Club of North Vancouver pen.

Catherine gave the toast to Rotary International and President Norm led us in the 4way test.

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and Better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Sept 15 th	Alicia Rampel	"The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society"
Sept 22	Dr. Peter Tang	"Preventing Back/ Disc Injuries"
Sept 29 th	Kent Bubbs	"Universal Outreach program"
Oct 6 th	Club Committee meeting	

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Sept 8 th	Alec Wallace
Sept 15 th	Deneka Michaud
Sept 29 th	Riet Carter
Oct 6 th	Jeff Pearce

