

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Joy Jones met one and all at the door and John Ward happily took our money, recorded our attendance and gave us our raffle ticket.



After some time for stand-up fellowship, our fearless leader, President Norm, convened the meeting and welcomed all to the Wonderful World of Rotary for Monday, October 20th.



Gord Dalglish, returning to his roots, led us in one of the best renditions of *O Canada* ever heard in the upstairs banquet room (no echo chamber). Fred Sverre gave the invocation, giving special thanks for the success of the Wine & Food Festival and resulting benefit to the chosen beneficiary, North Shore Family Services.

Guests



After enjoying his salad, President Norm asked for the introduction of guests:

- the aforementioned Gord Dalglish, District Governor Elect from Richmond Sunrise and formerly our club
- Aymeric Dietrich, our Youth Exchange Student from Switzerland
- Heather Pearce
- Pat Fast
- Paulette Lacroix, a potential new member who helped at the Wine & Food Festival
- Mark McLaughlin, our guest speaker
- Anthony Brophy
- Glenn Arblitt
- Visiting Rotarian Steve Hicks (Rotary Club of Shepparton, Victoria, Australia)

the later three all being educators from Australia.

Announcements

After too short a time enjoying another wonderful meal at Cheers, President Norm led off the announcements:

- Wine & Food Festival - Norm thanked the club members for enthusiastically representing the club in all things Wine & Food, from ticket sales (approx 250), to organizing the wineries and restaurants. In particular, he thanked John Ward for the excellent job on organizing the logistics for the evening. John went on to say how pleased the wineries and restaurants were, even the one last minute winery entrant. He also thanked Deneka and Catherine for putting together the booth to promote the Duck Splash
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- Duck Splash - Norm reminded one and all that our next task, hopefully to be completed in the next week (or two at the latest) is to line up the sponsors and prizes. Baback is leading the charge.
 - Wedding Bells - our own Sonia has a new last name, having run off and tied the knot with Stan Baron. Congratulations Sonia!!!
 - DGE Gord Dalglish reminded one and all about the upcoming Foundation Dinner - November 21 - at the Firefighter's Club in Burnaby, cost \$70 per person. Come out and support DG Bob Blacker. They are also looking for silent auction donations from all the clubs. Check out the web site: (http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/dxeventstab/_eventitem.aspx?did=5040&index=4424&linkcat=5&dir=f&tail=0). Gord also mentioned that he had spent Saturday at the Rotary Leadership Institute - web site: http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxprogramhome/_programhome.aspx?did=5040&pageid=20974 and Sunday with our new Assistant Governor, Ken Wilson who has taken over from Riet.
 - Group Study Exchange - Neil McDonald reminded us that applications for this year's outgoing GSE team must be submitted by November 7. The team will be going to District 1090 in England which includes Oxford, Abingdon, Henley, Windsor and Reading. Team members, who cannot be related to Rotarians and must be between the ages of 25 and 40, will enjoy an awesome vocational and cultural experience - just ask Deneka or Crystal. See www.gse5040.org.
 - Banner Presentation - Visiting Rotarian Steve Hicks from Shepparton, Victoria, Australia told us about the tour of Canada (Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Toronto and Hamilton) in which their group of 45 educators is partaking. They have a particular focus on self-directed learning. He also told us about his club of 50 members in an agricultural community of 60,000 people. Their projects



include: Rotary Gate, an agricultural show; and a golf day. They are also building a house, the sale of which will generate funds for their projects. Steve closed out by presenting President Norm with their club banner. In exchange, and lacking our club's banner, President Norm presented a coveted Rotary Club of North Vancouver pen and a retired thoroughbred racing duck to each of our three visitors.

Sergeant-At-Arms - (Deborah Sommerfeld)

Sgt. Deborah set the tone by drawing her own ticket - a fix?? Unfortunately the fix was not strong enough and she failed to draw the correct card from the ever diminishing deck. She then proceeded to her normal tough question of the day - what is the significance of the new \$1313/club donation target for the Polio Plus campaign. Of course no one had the answer - 1313 is the number of recorded polio deaths in 2007.

Many Happy/Sad dollars followed:

- Deborah - for the success of the Wine & Food Festival
- Bryan Chalmers - for his North Van beachcombing collection, on display in the room
- Gord Dalglish - he learned something (who knows what?)
- Aymeric Dietrich - sad dollar for tipping his scull at the High School Rowing Regatta this weekend
- David Philip - wants to know where he can donate an old car for a tax receipt
- John Ward - a great Wine & Food Festival
- Norman Thomson - great trip to Scotland, England and Amsterdam
- Neil Creighton - Aymeric's water misadventure at the rowing regatta (the drowned rat), great Duck Splash booth at Wine & Food Festival by Deneka and Catherine, trip to Los Vegas this weekend to see Cirque de Soleil Love, and Neil McDonald being awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.
- Joy Jones - her first wine festival, and a great one too, and for the late notice that she was to be the greeter tonight - she ran out of the house with her slippers on
- Paulette Lacroix - good time at the Wine & Food Festival, she knows where cars can be donated for a tax receipt (Is it the Rotary Club of White Rock - Millenium - www.rotarydonateacar.ca)
- Bob McKilligan - the Cardiac Rehab Group had a great time at the Wine & Food Festival



- Fred Sverre - got something for free????
- Steve Hicks - happy that the Seabus goes both ways across the harbour
- Neil McDonald - glad to be back in town, honoured by the award he had received from his peers.

Tonight's Program - Mark McLaughlin - Crystal Meth Society of BC

Norman Thomson introduced this evening's speaker who had come over from Victoria and has given his presentation to over 30,000 people

Mark thanked us for the excellent meal then launched into his program. The aim of the Crystal Meth Society is to educate people about the ravages of Crystal Meth. His presentation tonight was a brief outline of a much more detailed presentation they make to as many people as possible - The Meth Info Show.



Crystal Meth is addictive, toxic, cheap, wide spread, easy to make and dangerous to make (explosion danger). There is little understanding of it among the public. It causes inexplicable behavior, it infantilizes the brain. It can be smoked, injected, eaten and snorted. "Meth Wants More Meth" - it takes over big time! Users don't sleep, eat or drink fluids, they just crave more meth and are constantly dosing in ever increasing quantities to feed their need.

Users become a menace to society as shown in a bait car video. It affects all organs in the body and everyone around the user. Crystal meth is made from readily available but nasty substances - anti-freeze, drain cleaner, cat litter, camping fuel, etc. To make matters worse, detox is very difficult.

Users come from all age and income groups. The Crystal Meth Society's goal is to educate kids and anyone else who will listen - how they can be affected - the cycle of addiction. They are looking for help from other groups, including community service clubs, in the form of sponsorship (maybe to pay for Tee Shirts and wrist bands they give out at their presentations, brochures, or to help open doors to new audiences for them (maybe the North Vancouver School District).

Mark closed his presentation by ably answered numerous questions from the audience.

For more information go to: www.crystalmethbc.ca

Neil McDonald, on behalf of the club, formally thanked our speaker and presented him with the coveted Rotary Club of North Vancouver pen. President Norm followed by saying he would personally, maybe by way of a foul on the basketball court, introduce the topic to the superintendent of the North Vancouver School District

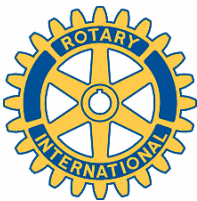


The Toast - Mike McCarthy raised the toast

The Four Way Test - President Norm led us all in The Four Way Test.

Adjournment - Hearing there was nothing further for the "Good of Rotary", President Norm adjourned the meeting and wished one and all a "Good Rotary Week".

A Rotary Tid Bit:



October is Vocational Service Month. Vocational Service, one of Rotary's Avenues of Service, encourages Rotarians to serve others through their professions and to practice high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations and inspire others in the process.

Future Programs & Events:

- Oct 27th Angélique Rose (Ballet de Printemps)
- Nov 3rd A YMCA Philanthropic Story - Darren Mumford, Youth and Families Manager, Tong Louie Family YMCA
- Nov 10th TBD
- Nov 17th District Governor - Bob Blacker (Partner Evening)



Wheel Squeals - Editor For A Day:

- Oct 27th John Ward
- Nov 3rd Terry McGauley
- Nov 10th John Stuart

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