



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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Text by John Ward



David Philips greeted us at the door and Joy Jones happily took our money, recorded our attendance and gave us our raffle ticket.

We gossiped and laughed with our fellow members and guests until 6:30 when our president called to order to begin our meeting.

Our distinguished club vocalist, Norm Thomson, started our meeting with a rousing O Canada. Alec Wallace gave the invocation.

Guests

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

- Bob Nowell, a former member of our club, and now a member of Kelowna Rotary
- Sabrina Pontello and Sylvia Pensoto, members of the Hollyburn Rotoract Club of the North Shore.
- Luke Cowell, a prospective member introduced by Fred Sverre.
- Daphne Nederhorst, our 1st speaker
- Angelique Rose, our 2nd speaker, and a member of Rotoract.
- Juvy Lyn Fonbuena (President) and John Chan (Charter President) of the Rotary Club of Southern La Union D 3790, Philippines, arrived later to our meeting due to heavy traffic.

Announcements

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

- Wine & Food Festival - Approximately \$37,000 in gross revenues were realized. Net revenues will be determined after all expenses have been calculated. The Rotoract Club gained approximately \$1000 in sales of raffle tickets.
- Duck Splash - Norm reminded us of the urgency of approaching businesses for sponsorship. Some sponsors have already come on board, notably Grouse Mountain and Park Royal. Babak is leading the charge.

- Norm reminded one and all about the upcoming Foundation Dinner - November 21 - at the Firefighter's Club in Burnaby, cost \$70 per person. Our club is responsible to bring to the event a silent auction item. Past years we have donated to a gift basket with a wine theme. Please bring items such a wine, cheeses, crackers, or any item to compliment the wine theme to future meeting prior to Nov. 21. John Ward will collect the items and prepare a basket. Check out the web site:
http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/dxeventstab/_eventitem.aspx?did=5040&index=4424&linkcat=5&dir=f&tail=0

Tonight's 1st Program - Daphne Nederhorst - SAWA

Daphne explained that SAWA means "equal" in Swahili. SAWA Global is a group of individuals in 60 countries who are striving for a better world through "local hero" grass roots initiatives. The current campaign theme is "100 heroes are 100 solutions".

A SAWA hero is an extraordinary and inspiring individual residing in a poor country who typically runs a community based organization to achieve high impact results. These projects are non-governmental, non-political and non-religious. Through SAWA Global these local heroes are able to document their projects and reach a global audience for new partnerships.

SAWA Global has 5 focal points:

- 1) clean environment
- 2) equal opportunity
- 3) education for children
- 4) water, food and shelter
- 5) health for all

A call to action is a section of each SAWA hero profile that outlines how SAWA mentors can help with the success of a project. The SAWA hero application asks the hero to identify 3 to 5 actions through which mentors can support the project. The actions cannot include the direct request for money. The actions can include requests for advice, services or materials such as assistance with the development of a fund raising plan, ideas on volunteer opportunities (e.g. medical doctors), suggestions on new or used training materials (e.g. books for children) See www.sawaglobal.com.

Norm Binion, on behalf of the club, formally thanked our speaker and presented her with the coveted Rotary Club of North Vancouver pen.

Sergeant-At-Arms - (David Spears)

David allowed me (John Ward) to have my ticket drawn. Unfortunately I couldn't find the proper ace, drawing the club ace instead of the spade ace.

Many Happy/Sad dollars followed which for lack of my documentation are not shown here.

Tonight's 2nd Program - Angelique Rose - Ballet de Printemps

Norm Binion introduced this evening's speaker who has been dancing since she was 5 years old, and now combines her daily ballet practices with involvement in Rotoract.

The Ballet de Printemps is located on the North Shore. It is one of four companies in BC. The others are Victoria, Vancouver, and Kelowna. Ballet de Printemps is a small company of 12 members who travel to locations in BC to perform. They also perform at senior's homes and schools. Upcoming performances are:

On Nov. 7 they perform at the Maple Ridge ACT Theatre

On Nov. 11, the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre

On Nov. 12, the Lake Country Creekside Theatre

On Nov. 13, the Rotary Centre for the Arts

On Nov. 15, the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby

On Nov. 16, the Kay Meek Theatre in West Vancouver

On Nov. 21, the North Vancouver Centennial Theatre

On Nov. 22, the Terry Fox Theatre in Port Coquitlam

On Nov. 29, the Powell River Evergreen Centre

On Dec. 5, the Scotia Dance Centre in Vancouver

On Dec. 16, the Island Arts Centre on Salt Spring Island

On Dec. 20, the Lester Centre for the Arts in Prince Rupert

On Dec. 21, the R.E.M. Lee Theatre in Terrace

During the tour the company will also appear at several private schools and retirement homes at the various localities.

At the conclusion of her talk Angelique gave the members demonstrations on the proper ballet technique for bowing and curtsying. Members gave their best performance of this technique with varying degrees of success.

For more information go to: www.balletdeprintemps.com.

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The Toast - Peter Taylor 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".

Future Programs & Events:

- Nov 3rd A YMCA Philanthropic Story - Darren Mumford, Youth and Families Manager, Tong Louie Family YMCA
- Nov 10th Classification Talk
- Nov 17th District Governor - Bob Blacker (Partner Evening)



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