



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

November 3, 2008



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There were a total of 22 of us in attendance at this week's meeting including 3 guests. Joy Jones collected our money and Bob McKilligan greeted everyone at the door.

Ali Hashemi led us in singing "O Canada" and Norm Thompson gave the invocation.

Guests

Ali Hashemi's friend and business partner, Ali Ostad, was a guest. We also had our exchange student, Aymeric Dietrich, and our guest speaker, Darren Mumford.

Announcements:

Foundation Dinner - 21 November 2008

We usually donate a wine and cheese basket to be auctioned at the dinner and members are reminded to bring donations for this basket to the next meeting.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - 22 November 2008

Dinner at the Top of Grouse Mountain - Norm Binion acquired a certificate for a dinner for 8 at the restaurant at the top of Grouse Mountain valued at \$ 1000. He paid \$ 853 which was a donation to VASS from the Club and we can use the certificate to either make a donation to the Rotary Foundation by auctioning it or as a Duck Slash prize.

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Publicity - Michael McCarthy

Michael McCarthy reviewed the work he has been doing regarding Rotary publicity. He has been working with the District PR Committee on print, visual and on-line publicity and liaising with the 4 North Shore Club's PR Committee. He has just completed a 9 minute video which will be part of a 13 part series presented by Shaw Cablevision and will be presenting the first of a series of travel tale video and slide presentations on November 18th in Lynn Valley.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Crystal Campbell won the lucky number but unfortunately missed drawing the Ace of Spades. Deborah Sommerfeld extracted a dollar from each of us who did not know how much money the Rotary Foundation spent on humanitarian projects last year.

Program

John Stuart introduced our guest speaker, Darren Mumford. Darren is the Manager of Community Services for the YMCA in White Rock and a member of the White Rock Semiahmoo Rotary Club.

Darren outlined the various community service programs carried out by the YMCA including child care, youth recreation and leadership, health care and various family services. All of the funding for these services comes from the community and the YMCA will subsidize the costs of the programs for families who can not afford them. The cost for facilities such as the new facility in downtown Vancouver is raised by donations primarily from business. The YMCA does receive some grant moneys but is basically self funding.

In the Greater Vancouver area 64,150 people participated in YMCA programs in 2006 involving 1770 volunteers.

Crystal Campbell thanked Darren for his presentation and Norm Binion presented him with a certificate indicating that the Club would immunize 20 children for polio in his name.

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Conclusion

Norm Binion led the toast to Rotary International and Jim Isman led us in the 4-Way Test.

Future Meetings

November 10th - Classification talk - David Spears

November 17th - District Governor Bob Blacker (Partner Evening)

November 24th - PWGSC - Small and Medium Enterprises - Ravinder Rakhra

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November 10th

November 17th

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