



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



December 15, 2008

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Edited by Bob McKilligan***

Joy Jones handled the registration desk and gladly accepted our contributions for the evening. David Spears led a low key group with the singing of O Canada. Neil Creighton gave the invocation.

Guests

- Liz Scott and her daughter Devyn together with our out bound Youth Exchange student for next year, Sarah Kokbun (all from Squamish), Aymeric Dietrich, our current Exchange student from Switzerland, Dr. Alexandre Berlin from Luxenberg and our own Heather Pearce, wife of Rotarian Jeff Pearce.

Announcements

During the meal, President Norm led off with the weekly announcements:

- Duck Splash - Sponsorship continues to grow with \$1500 from White Spot, \$1000 from Craftsman Collision and a Cruise for two from Holland America.
- Smoked Salmon Sales - Fred Sverre reported that sales are going strong with only a small number of boxes left to sell.

Program

- Aymeric Dietrich, our exchange student from Switzerland, gave us a snapshot of his background and his interests. He is very sports oriented - from sailing, rugby, table tennis and, of course, coming from Switzerland, an accomplished skier. He is currently attending Carson Graham High School in grade 11. He finds our school program less challenging than a comparable level back home. His career interest is to join the army and serve as a paratrooper with the French Foreign Legion.
- Mike McCarthy provided an update on some of the PR initiatives he has been undertaking on behalf of District 5040. Mike now recognizes the challenges of getting Rotary Clubs on the same page. He also provided us with a short video "The Scoop".

Sergeant at Arms

Norman Thomson was the lucky winner of the 50/50, drawing the ace of spades. "Congratulations Norman". Norman donated his winnings as a Duck Splash prize. Thank you Norman!

Annual General Meeting

President Norm provided an overview of how our club is advancing initiatives flowing from the Clubs strategic plan. He also presented a financial overview which indicated that the Club has had a successful year to date.

Each of the Directors for 2008/2009 provided a brief overview on the progress and plans for the remainder of the year.

The following slate of officers for 2009 / 2010 was approved.

* Norman Thomson	President
* Norm Binion	Past President
* David Spears	Secretary
* Riet Carter	Treasurer
* Brian Hooshi	Administration
* Jim Cuthbert	Community Service
* Terry McGauley	International Service
* Laurie Porter	Foundation
* Crystal Campbell	Membership
* Deneka Michaud	Public Relations
* John Stuart	Club Archivist

The toast to Rotary International was proposed by Fred Sverre.
Norm Binion led us in the Four Way Test

Future Programs & Events:

Dec 22nd	Christmas Fellowship Celebration - "Christmas Intervention" with DancePolice (Partner Event)
Dec 29 th	No meeting - Christmas Break
Jan 5 th	Pursuing Excellence & Dreams - Kathy Kreiner-Phillips, Olympic Giant Slalom Gold Medalist, and Oliver Tubb, Professional Golfer
Jan 12 th	Superintendent of Schools, North Vancouver School District 44 - John Lewis
Jan 19 th	Youth Drug Addiction - David Steverding, Vancouver Police Department



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