



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



January 12, 2009

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Bob McKilligan met one and all at the door and Charley Derban happily took our money, recorded our attendance and gave us our raffle ticket.

After some time for stand-up fellowship, President Norm, convened the meeting and welcomed all to the Wonderful World of Rotary for Monday, January 12th.

Brian Hooshi led us in one of the best renditions of O Canada ever heard in the upstairs banquet room (no echo chamber).

Jim Cuthbert gave the invocation.

Guests

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

- Mara Creighton (daughter of Neil C.)
- Aymeric Dietrich, our Youth Exchange Student from Switzerland
- Sue O'Neill - visiting us from Sydney, NSW, Australia
- Tevis Michaud - a potential new member and another of the Michaud clan
- Jacquie Engel - representing Brooksbank Elementary Playground Committee
- Suzie Cohrs - also representing Brooksbank Elementary Playground Committee
- Tricia Gardner - representing Dorothy Lynas Accessible Playground Committee
- Eric & Jeremy Binion - good looking sons of President Norm
- John Lewis - Superintendent of North Vancouver School District #44

Announcements

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

- Duck Splash - Norm informed us that a DS meeting was to be held later tonight
- Brian Hooshi announced that as of 4:01pm today, there was another major (\$5,000) Duck Splash sponsor - Ararat Oriental Rugs on Granville.

Banner Presentation

Visiting Rotarian Sue O'Neill, Sydney, NSW, Australia, presented President Norm with a banner from her Rotary Club. Norm apologized for our club having run out of banners to present in return.

Presentations

Jacquie Engel spoke of the current condition of the playground of the Brooksbank Elementary School and their plans for its redevelopment, making the playground accessible to children and care givers with physical disabilities.

Tricia Gardner spoke of the Dorothy Lynas French Immersion Elementary School history and their plans to develop an accessible pre-school playground.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Sgt. Deborah once again stumped us and we believe there is almost sufficient moneys collected from her well researched questions to bail out the car manufacturers (just for Canada though).

Many Happy/Sad dollars followed.

Tonight's Program - John Lewis - Superintendent of North Van School District 44

David Spears introduced guest speaker John Lewis and went through his very impressive bio. As well, President Norm added that John has a wicked hook shot.

John's presentation was very interesting and spoke of the history of the school district, and informed us of the facts of the aging, sustaining and enhancing the quality of education and financing of schools in NVSD.

For more information the presentation has been emailed to everyone by PN.

John closed the presentation with Q & A.

Peter Chapman, on behalf of the club, formally thanked our speaker and presented him with a Polio Eradication Certificate representing immunization of 20 children against polio.

Toast to Rotary International - new member - Ted Nugent

The Four Way Test - Terry McGauley

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

- Jan 19th Youth Drug Addiction – David Steverding, Vancouver Police Department
- Jan 26th Robbie Burns Night (partner evening)
- Feb 2nd GSE 2008 Outgoing Team (Deneka et al) – Tanzania Documentary

Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day / Proof Reader

- Jan 19th Jim Cuthbert / Jim Isman
- Jan 26th David Spears / Peter Chapman
- Feb 2nd Peter Chapman / David Spears

