



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Robbie Burns Supper

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A smiling Charlie Durben met us at the door, took our \$22, recorded our attendance, and gave us our raffle ticket, while John Ward was surrogate greeter. We had a great crowd of 40 for Robbie Burns night.



Some members enjoyed a social drink before the meeting.

After President Norm convened the meeting, Alec Wallace led us in O Canada - a robust, rip roaring, and mildly raucous rendition. Neil McDonald led us in a fitting Rotary invocation.

A kilt-wearing Norm Thomson led the haggis procession followed by a toast of scotch to Robbie Burns. Norm was the official MC of the Burns Supper.



Guests: We had a significant number of guests for this partners event: Colin Busserie, of Leaders of Tomorrow; Don Bell, candidate for the provincial Liberal nomination in the North Vancouver-Lonsdale riding; Ren Speer of Dorothy Lynas PAC; Will Tarnasky of VASS; Ramin Azadi, who was inducted later in the evening; Aymeric Dietrich, our Swiss exchange student; Tevis Michaud, a prospective new member; Marianne Binion; Jeremy Binion; Eric Binion; Mara Creighton and boyfriend Ruy Diaz; Pam Thomson; Bob Carter (honorary member); Chris McDonald; Bob and Marilynne Nowell; Harold Stringer (honourary member); and Liane McKenna.

Announcements, Activities and Requests for Participants

After a delicious meal of pot roast or salmon and some haggis, President Norm Binion, on behalf of Rotary North Vancouver, presented cheques of: \$500 to the Canadian Iranian Foundation, represented by Brian Hooshi; \$1000 to the Dorothy Lynas PAC, represented by Ren Speer; and \$1500 to VASS, represented by Will Tarnasky.

Colin Busserie gave a brief explanation of Leaders of Tomorrow, while Don Bell took an "extended" 2 minutes to remind us of his past political contributions and announce his candidacy for the provincial Liberal nomination in the North Vancouver-Lonsdale riding.

Induction

Norm Binion inducted Ramin Azadi as a new member of NVRC. Ramin was then welcomed with a handshake from the members.

Robbie Burns Program

The Induction was followed by a stimulating game of Scottish trivia to familiarize us with Burns' Scottish heritage.

MC Norm Thomson, in his best Scottish dialect, read (and interpreted) a Robbie Burns poem.

John Stuart then gave a toast to the Lassies, followed by Catherine Michaud's toast to the Laddies.

Sergeant-At-Arms - (Deborah Sommerfeld)

Deborah's weekly pick-pocketing question was "Who did not have Scottish heritage?" Many pitched in their Loonie.

John Stuart had the winning raffle ticket, but pulled the King of Clubs from the deck, not the elusive Ace of Spades.

Happy and Sad contributions followed.

We celebrated the sport born in Scotland with a golf putting competition. One member from each table participated (chosen by musical tams). The closest to the pin was won by Tevis Michaud.



We then broke into our raucous rendition of Auld Lang Syne.

The Toast to Rotary International - was ably led by Laurie Porter.

The Four Way Test - was equally ably led by President Norm.

Adjournment - with nothing further for the good of Rotary, President Norm adjourned the meeting and wished all a good Rotary week - **GONGGGGGG!!!!!!**.

Future Programs:

- Feb 2 GSE 2008 Outgoing Team (Deneka Michaud et al) Tanzania Documentary
- Feb 9 Darrell Mussatto, Mayor, City of North Vancouver - Key CNV Issues and Strategies for Addressing Them
- Feb 16th GSE Outgoing Team Presentation
- Feb 23rd Ararat Oriental Rugs
- March 2nd John Lombard - Mosuo

Wheel Squeals - Editor For A Day:

- Feb 2 Peter Chapman
- Feb 9th Ted Nugent
- Feb 23rd Ramin Izadi

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