

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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Joy Jones met one and all at the door, happily took our money, recorded our attendance and gave us our raffle ticket.

After some time for stand-up fellowship, our fearless leader, President Norm, convened the meeting and welcomed all to the Wonderful World of Rotary for Monday, April 6th.

Tevis Michaud led us in one roaring rendition of O Canada, followed by Jim Cuthbert, who gave the invocation.

Special Guest

Gulnara Aituavoa spoke to the club about attracting success, and led the group in an impromptu dance lesson from her native country.

Announcements

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

- Duck Splash ticket sales are going strong with sales continuing through all of April and up to mid-morning of May 3
- Rotoract students working at London Drugs enjoyed a boost in sales by cleverly employing a small pool and putting some Ducks Splash ducks to work. It was affective in getting the attention of passers by, with the team reporting sales in excess of \$500 for the day!
- Brian Hooshi presented the new Duck Splash mascot as supplied from our friends via E-bay. Potential names are being considered.
- John suggested the club purchase of a popcorn machine, estimated at \$300, to offer popcorn to Duck Splash attendees. Proposed and accepted by the club.
- Rotary is now participating in the Twitter social network for timely, 140 character updates to our followers – and can be viewed online at <http://twitter.com/rotarynorthvan>. We already enjoy a healthy following of 58 accounts (made up of individuals and other Rotary Clubs). Please contact Ted Nugnet for account details on how to add updates.

Sergeant-At-Arms – (Deborah Sommerfeld)

Sgt. Deborah proceeded to her normal tough question of the day, which was tough indeed. The winning ticket holder sadly failed to pick the Ace of Spades but cleverly came close with an Ace of Diamonds!

Tonight's Program – Jessica Thoms – Development & Alumni Relations, Capilano University

Norman Thomson introduced this evening's speaker, Jessica Thoms, who joined us from Capilano University. She was proud to attend and noted that her father was a Rotarian, and that she had participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program as a student, which has had a significant impact on her desire to participate in Rotary.

Jessica spoke to the club about Capilano University's recent campaign to even the playing field of university degrees to BC students. Cap U has been offering degrees successfully for 15 years, and wanted to ensure that the students' hard work is equally recognized outside of the university. She also re-iterated their mandate to

enable students success in a wide range of programs, and to contribute as effective citizens in the global economy after they graduate.

Cap U works hard to identify a student's learning process, plug in to that process and encourage all students to succeed.

Jessica shared some quick facts of Capilano University:

- Average age of students is older than typical universities
- Classes never larger than 34 students
- Faculty works hard to learn all the students names in their class, focus on that students strengths and weaknesses
- Cap U is considered a Special Purpose Training University, focused on teaching and learning. It may choose to do research but is targeted to applied learning and education
- Offers a variety of non-standard programs in Tourism, Marketing and others to get students involved and active in their specific learning process (more than just lectures)

Programs

- First school to offer degrees in Music Therapy (very important in the treatment of children diagnosed with Autism)
- Launching a new degree in Applied Behaviour Analysis, one of the few proven techniques for treating children diagnosed with Autism. Degree will start in the fall, and is expected to produce 25-35 students a year
- The Mountain Bike Maintenance Program continues to attract worldwide attention to BC's unique trails and sports. Focused on Trail Maintenance and Tourism centered on biking.
- Capilano University offers a unique Elder College Program that targets students over the age of 55. They bring in guest lecturers and run courses in the community based on the student's interest to foster life-long learning.
- The Motion Picture Production Program supports and feeds graduates into the Motion Picture industry in BC (Documentary and Indigenous content). This program so impressed the CSI Production Company with their graduates that they were motivated to provide additional funding to Cap U to assist the program.
- Offers a literacy program and has worked in the downtown east side and with the Carnegie Centre for a few decades.

Tuition / Costs

- Canadian students pay lower tuitions resulting from government funding and additional benefits, averaging around \$3000 per year, and up to \$10,000 per year for specialized programs. Capilano U's tuitions are lower than most other organizations (UBC, SFU) and are the most affordable in BC. Foreign students pay full (non-subsidized) tuitions.
- Rotary has supported Capilano University with an endowment fund and bursary to potential students to ensure that Cap U's programs are always affordable.
- Financial assistance (like the Rotary endowment funds) is critical to supporting the students; it validates the importance of education and leads to more successful graduations

Partnerships

- Cap U is a community partner with VANOC and will be extending the reading break in 2010 for 2 weeks to allow students to attend, work and participate in the Olympics, largely focused on aspects of Tourism. Students even can participate for the opportunity to carry the torch leading up to the event.
- Cap U Alums can earn a chance to win tickets to one of the hockey games in the 2010 Olympics for sharing their experiences in Cap U / Capilano College

Jessica closed her presentation, thanking Rotary for its support and ably answered numerous questions from the audience.

For more information go to: <http://www.capilanou.ca>

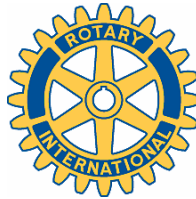
President Norm, on behalf of the club, formally thanked our speaker and presented her with a Certificate of Immunization of 20 children in the Polio Plus Program in her name.



The Toast – John Stuart raised the toast

The Four Way Test – Ted Nugent 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:

April 13th No Meeting – Easter Monday

April 20th Steve Davis – President, Independent Power Producers Association of BC

Wheel Squeals – Editor For A Day:

April 13 Easter

April 20th David Phillip

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