



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER **WHEEL SQUEALS**



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Joy did a wonderful job, as usual, recording our attendance and relieving us of our money.

Guests included our speakers for the evening - Elizabeth Johnson and Marie Louise Kaligirwa, co-founders of the Grace Rwanda Society, as well as their board members Paul Johnson and Franco Bordignon.

President Norman opened our meeting with his friendly remarks but recognizing a low turnout of members which was likely attributed to fatigue resulting from working at the Wine Festival on Saturday. Bud Fast led the group in singing the National Anthem and David Spears provided the Invocation.

Announcements:

President Norman read a letter, received from the Terry Fox Foundation, thanking our Club for organizing a very successful run in North Vancouver.

He also provided an update on the great Wine Festival held at the Park Royal Shopping Center, and thanked our members for their work. While early indications are that fewer tickets were sold this year, the feedback from those in attendance was very positive.

Operations Red Nose will be getting underway shortly and President Norman encouraged members to sign up and get the necessary forms completed.

Fred reported that he is arranging to get a supply of Smoked Salmon again this year for sale by members prior to the Christmas Season.

Peter Taylor, as Sergeant-at-Arms, extracted some willing and unwilling donations. Alec Wallace held the winning raffle ticket but was saddened when he did not draw the elusive Ace of Spades.

Program

Our guest speakers, Elizabeth Johnson and Marie Louise Kaligirwa, who were both born in Rwanda, gave a very impressive presentation outlining the work being done by the Grace Rwanda Society, which they co-founded. This Society is focused on supporting the needs of youth in Rwanda by providing them with the facilities and tools to gain a high standard of education which, in turn, will enable the youth of Rwanda to make a meaningful contribution to the future growth and development of the country. Fundraising is an important role of the society and our speakers are very committed, spending countless hours in raising awareness in Canada of the challenges facing the children of Rwanda. Fred Sverre thanked Elizabeth and Marie Louise for a great talk and presented them with the customary Polio Plus thank you.

Adjournment

The evening was rounded out with the Toast to RI and the 4-Way Test. Upon hearing nothing further for the "Good of Rotary" and advising those present to be ready for some Halloween related fun at the next meeting, President Norman adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Nov 2	Wine Making - Brad Hodson, Valley Estates On Premises Wine & Beer Making
Nov 9	Nexterra Systems - Charlie Ker
Nov 16	Club Assembly - Snow Shoe Fund Raiser
Nov 23	Hospice Palliative Care - Bonnie Stableford, Lions Gate Hospice Society
Nov 27 (Fri)	OPERATION RED NOSE season begins
Nov 30	Jane Thornthwaite - MLA, North Vancouver-Seymour

Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day / Proof Reader

Nov 2	????????? / ?????????
Nov 9	Fred Sverre / Jeff Pearce
Nov 16	Ted Nugent / Terry McGauley
Nov 23	Bud Fast / Catherine Michaud
Nov 30	Laurie Porter / Maryam Hashemi