

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



November 16, 2009

Created By Norm Binion

Desk: Joy Jones greeted us with open arms at the front desk - one arm extended in greeting, the other to divest us of our dinner fee and Rotary International donation. Before directing us to the Cheers mess hall Joy confidently assured each of us that she 'sensed' we had the winning ticket.

O Canada: John Ward started off the proceedings with a rip roaring, raucous and robust, rendition of O Canada. It was clear that John had sung the national anthem at many hockey games, as the Hockey Night in Canada theme song seemed to blend in with the national anthem. All other members were in good form, if not on key.

Invocation: 'Have invocation will travel' David Spears produced an on the spot and appropriate invocation.

Guests: We had three welcome guests in attendance, to join our eleven members. RADU, who like a world famous soccer player needs no surname, (although his surname is Eremciuc), joined us from the Republic of Moldova. Barbie Bruce, a potential new member, is a former member of the Rotary Club of Fernie. Jim Francis, a potential new member, is a corporate development consultant, business partner of Norm Binion and former VP with HSBC.

Announcements: Acting in replacement of recovering President Norman, Past President Norm led off the announcements with an 'all hands on deck' reminder to register and volunteer for Operation RedNose. The crowd then produced a rip roaring Happy Birthday song for John Stuart, after which John gave a summary of last week's Remembrance Day event, where he placed a wreath on behalf of



the Club at the North Vancouver cenotaph. Fred Sverre then reminded one and all that delicious and nutritious salmon was now at the processing plant and that it was in need of freezer space (and orders). Jeff Pearce mentioned that five candidates, from Windsor, Handsworth and Seycove, have applied for next year's Youth Exchange program and that these will soon be reviewed by the committee. David Spears reported that President Norman is doing well. David then gave a brief recap of the Pre-PETS event he attended. Sporting a budding mustache David also reminded us that it was 'Movember' and that in response to Paul Creighton's request for support he was creating a rug on his face in recognition of the fight against prostate cancer. Norm Binion reminded all that MLA Jane Thornthwaite was presenting at the Club on November 30th and that advance comments, ideas and questions from members on issues of community concern should be forwarded to Norm so that Jane could plan her talk around the Club comments. Finally Norm asked about whether the attending Club members supported sponsoring the application of Tyson Hepburn as a GSE candidate. After comments from several members and a related discussion a vote was put to the membership. The unanimous decision was to support Tyson's application as a GSE candidate. Visiting guest Radu Eremciuc, a past president (2007/08) with a Rotary Club in Maldova, then gave a summary of some of the Rotary events his club runs. A recent one was a wine festival in support of abandoned children. It sounds like it may have turned into a multi-day party! Radu then presented Past President Norm with his club banner and a couple of other souvenirs. Radu will be residing in West Vancouver for a few months and promised to visit our Club again, at which time we can reciprocate with our own banner. Visiting Guest Barbie Bruce then gave us a brief history of her involvement with the Rotary Club of Fernie and her current plans, including completing a Masters degree in education, while now living in Vancouver.



Sergeant-At-Arms: Visiting guest, Jim Francis, pulled the lucky ticket

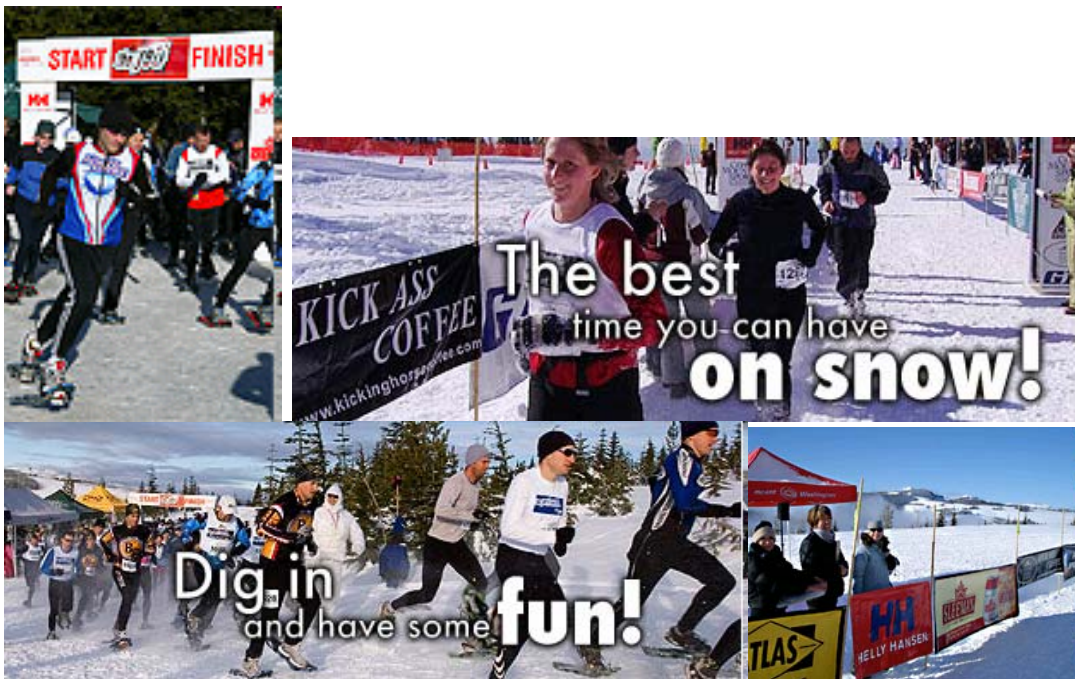


but missed the ever elusive ace of spades by pulling a queen of diamonds. Laurie Porter, who through an oversight by Past President Norm evaded having to produce the invocation, was asked to perform the role of Oliver Twist, the artful dodger.

Laurie, clearly seeking revenge, went on the rampage and proceeded to systematically pick our pockets. She wanted to know what Rotary month November was (Foundation), which produced the loud sound of pinging as many coins hit the pot. Then she stared at Past President Norm, who was not

wearing a tie, and declared that any man not wearing a tie had to buck up. Much more pinging followed. Happies and Sads then followed, with Alec Wallace saying that he was pleased to see guest Jim Francis again after a period of 20+ years. Were there any sads? If so they were lost in the parade of happies.

Presenter: Past President Norm provided a PowerPoint presentation on how the hypothetical Rotary Fun Snow Sports Race might look. Visiting guest Jim Francis, who has extensive experience in planning and organizing adventure learning events, also provided some colour commentary. Several club members chipped in with valuable feedback. Jeff Pearce thought it was a great idea, but pointed out that several Club members were already committed to volunteer work during the Olympics and wondered how this might impact the scale of the event. Deneka Michaud proposed that we might involve the local 'Spirit of BC' organization to improve the profile/visibility of the event. The structure of the event is also, of course, significantly impacted by the thinking of the management of Grouse Mountain, where it is presently under review. Stay tuned!



Thanks to Speaker: Having previously stripped him of all of his coin of the realm Laurie Porter then thanked Norm for his presentation.

Toast to Rotary International: Tevis Michaud led the group in toasting Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: Alec Wallace led the group in the 4-Way test.

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Adjournment: Past President Norm, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

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| November 23 | Hospice Palliative Care |
| November 30 | MLA Jane Thornthwaite |

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