



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



January 11, 2010
Written by David Spears

Members & Guests

Joy Jones happily accepted funds from the 17 members in attendance.

O Canada was lead by Brian Hooshi after which Bob McKilligan gave a humbling invocation.

Guests

Guests were introduced, including Neil Creighton's partner Liane McKenna, Jeff Pearce's wife Heather, ADG Ken Wilson and guest speakers Marina Roma-March and Derrick March.

Dinner

A spinach-stuffed chicken dinner with broccoli and roast potatoes, followed by lemon meringue pie was served by Jane.

Announcements

1. President Norman congratulated the members on their hard work for 2009.
2. His New Year's resolutions are to increase membership by 9 and to fundraise for \$25k.
3. He reminded us to respond to the "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" invitation by Jan 15.
4. Riet has requested proceeds from Salmon Sales to be remitted ASAP.
5. Our club President-Elect for 2010-2011 is David Spears.
6. ORN did not have enough Rotarians participating, but had 2/3 of volunteers from outside the clubs to fill in and make it a success.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Sergeant-at-Arms Rolf Gillardon fined himself for not wearing a badge and delivering the awful weather that night. He fined Fred Sverre and Brian Hooshi for being late. He fined President Norman for a late meeting start and fined Brian Hooshi for not sitting between Norm and Fred. Marina Roma-March drew the 50/50 ticket, which Fred Sverre had. Fred pulled the 3 of Hearts (of only 9 cards in the deck) in search for the elusive Ace of Spades.

Glads and Sads included:

Deborah Sommerfeld was sad about the loss of a 47 yr old employee over the holidays.

Jeff Pearce, Fred Sverre, Neil Creighton and David Spears were sad about the passing of Chris McDonald.

Program

Brain Hooshi introduced the speakers Dr. Marina Roma-March and Derrick March. Marina and Derrick provided the background to their Third World Eye Care charity they started 14 years ago to provide used eyeglasses and other eye care to the poor. Marina, an optometrist, and Derrick, an eyeglass lab technician, have two optometry stores in Vancouver and Burnaby.

They presented a moving documentary of their mission to Vietnam last year filmed by one of the participants on the trip. Participants pay their own airfare and take 2 weeks off work to accompany Marina and Derrick on a mission. To date, their charity has helped 59,000 people in third world countries. They had just returned from a mission to Ethiopia the day before our meeting.



Rotary has assisted them in collecting and sorting used eyeglasses to take on their missions.

Neil Creighton thanked the speakers and provided a certificate that our club will vaccinate 20 children in their name against polio.

Adjournment

Bud Fast made the toast to Rotary International and Deneka Michaud led us in the 4-way test.

Future Meetings

January 18th Life Money Illusion
January 25th Robert Burns Supper

Wheel Squeals Editor for a Day

January 18th Editor - Neil Creighton
January 25th Editor – Babak Shahbazi

Proof Reader – Norm Binion
Proof Reader - Bob McKilligan