



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



## February 1, 2010

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**Desk:** Joy Jones, once again, greeted us at the front desk and happily collected funds from the members in attendance. Everyone received their "lucky" raffle ticket hoping that tonight would be the night to win! No such luck.

**O Canada:** Alec Wallace led us in a beautiful rendition of O Canada.

**Invocation:** Babak Shahbazi gave a wonderful invocation.

**Guests:** We had three visiting Rotarians: Jackie McTavish from West Vancouver Sunrise, Larry Moody from Dawson Creek and Colin McSween from Abbotsford. Ferzana Jamal attended as a prospective new member who is interested in becoming a Rotarian, wanting to give back to her community. Also visiting Rotary as our guest speakers for the evening were Ed Lavalle, Director of the European Study Tour & Internship Program at Capilano University, Giselle Shareei from Capilano University who spoke to us about the Canada E.U. Trade and Andreanna Mazereeuw from UBC who talked about Education & Youth.

### **Announcements:**

- John Ward proudly announced to the club that the ShelterBox display at Park Royal raised \$6000.00 in donations, thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers who gave their time and commitment to this worthy cause.
- President Norman said the Wine Festival depends on the Duck Splash. Everyone hopes to find support for the Wine Festival. The vendors really enjoy and support this event. The numbers were down last year, so some creative thinking will have to be done to increase the volume.

- "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" is taking place on Saturday, February 6, 2010. It should prove to be another "entertaining & very tasty" successful annual event.
- Jackie McTavish modeled a stylish and ever popular "Canada" Hoodie with the Rotary logo on the left front shoulder. They are \$28.00 per sweatshirt with 10 percent of the proceeds going to Rotary International and 5 percent going to Polio eradication.
- Babak Shahbazi talked about the Iranian Day Festival coinciding with the Iranian New Year. This year the festival will be an indoor bazaar event with live entertainment. It will be held at the Mickey McDougall Rec Centre, 200 block East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, North Vancouver on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is sure to be an exciting and fun-filled event.
- The Philippine GSE Poker Night Fundraiser was a huge success. It was held at the Legion on 15<sup>th</sup> & Lonsdale and had a good turnout. There were approximately 50 people in attendance with 35 of them playing in the poker tournament. Slow cooker pulled pork with buns, chips, cookies and pop was the fare for the evening - delicious and reasonably priced. The big winner of the tournament was a random person who was frequenting the Legion's bar and wandered into the fundraiser and asked if he could join in on the poker tournament. Lucky night for him! Kelly Corscadden of the Rotary GSE Team from District 5040 raised \$700.00 for her trip to the Philippines. She was very pleased, to say the least. A big thank you to all who attended and for those who volunteered their time and talent.



**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Peter Taylor asked the question (that stumped us) "What is the month of February known for in Rotary?" The answer: "February is World Understanding Month". Lots of loonies were tossed in the bucket for that one. Peter asked everyone if they would like to pay a loonie for an extra raffle ticket to up their odds of winning. Alec Wallace's raffle ticket was drawn but he was unlucky in picking the ever elusive "Ace of Spades". Maybe next week! The cards are getting low.

**Happy Dollars:**

- \$30,000 was raised at the European Soccer Fundraiser.
- Deborah is off to Tanzania for a wonderful vacation.
- Colin told a joke about "Hickory Daiquiris"

**Presenter:** Bob McKilligan introduced our speakers Andreanna Mazereeuw and Giselle Shareei who spoke about their experience and involvement with the European Union Trade Agreement. They were recipients of a Rotary bursary

that helped send them on a "European Union Trade and Education & Youth" three week study tour throughout Germany and Brussels. Brussels is the administrative centre of the European Union. Giselle spoke about Canada and E.U. Trade and Andreanna talked about Education and Youth.

#### **Canada and European Union Trade:**

- Relations between Canada and what is now the European Union are the European Community's oldest formal relationship with any industrialized country.
- Canada-EU economic relations cover a wide range of sectors, such as: forestry products, renewable energy and energy conservation, urban transportation, radioactive waste disposal, information technologies and small business networking services, just to mention a few.
- The EU is Canada's second largest trading partner after the United States.
- Two-way trade in goods and services between the EU and Canada totaled \$76 million in 2002.
- The EU is also the most important source and destination for Canadian foreign direct investment (FDI) after the US.
- Canada ranks fourth among the source countries of FDI to the EU with approximately 4% of total inward FDI stocks in the EU.
- Canada is the third largest destination for EU FDI.
- EU-Canada Transport Agreement was signed December 17, 2009 enabling the opening of markets and investment opportunities.
- Canada and the EU both participate in NATO.

#### **Education & Youth:**

- Financial support is available to policy oriented measures involving organizations active in higher education, training and youth.
- Measure may include studies, conferences, seminars, working groups, professional development workshops, benchmarking exercises.
- Addresses joint European and Canadian higher education and vocational training issues.
- Recognition of qualifications and the transfer of credits under the European Credit Transfer System. The Canadian Universities directly involved are Carleton University, Dalhousie University, University of Toronto and University of Montreal-McGill.
- Strengthening of the links between young people in Europe and in Canada.
- Enhancement of EU-Canada economic relationship.
- Enhancement of the quality of human resource development.
- Creation of ways to prepare students for work in the global economy.
- Improving the knowledge of international issues and cultures.

**Thanks to Speakers:** Brian Hooshi thanked the speakers and presented Ed, Giselle and Andreanna with a Rotary Certificate in their names to vaccinate 20 children against Polio.

**Toast to Rotary International:** Bryan Chalmers led the group in toasting Rotary International.

**The 4-Way Test:** David Spears 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:** President Norman, thanking everyone for another successful Rotary evening, adjourned the meeting.

**Future Meetings / Key Dates**

February 08	Club Assembly
February 15	Club Member - David Spears

<b>Wheel Squeals -</b>	<b>Editor for a Day</b>	<b>Proof Reader</b>
February 08	John Stuart	John Ward
February 15	Tevis Michaud	Alec Wallace

