



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

WHEEL SQUEALS

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Front Desk: Sonia Baron was at the door collecting everyone's money.

Guests: Guests included our 2009 Exchange Student from Switzerland, Aymeric Dietrich; our 2002 Exchange Student from The Netherlands, Kirsten Bakker; her parents, Rotarian Henk and Aafke Bakker; Henk's colleague, Rotarian Bas van den Dungen; and Heather Pearce.

Invocation and O Canada: John Ward led us in O Canada and Neil Creighton gave the Invocation.

Announcements:

Norman Thomson was acting president in the absence of President David Spears.

Seven members of our club are participating in a fun Rotary Golf Tournament on Bowen Island

Mark your calendars for the September 19th Terry Fox run - members are asked to keep that day open because we need everyone's participation.



The Duck Splash is planned for April 10th, 2011 - all hands on deck for that one too! Our beneficiaries will be North Shore Rescue and the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. Ticket sales are

absolutely crucial to the success of this project.

Banners were exchanged with Henk Bakker from Rotary Club of Groningen-West, Holland and Bas van den Dungen who will mail his banner to us.



Sergeant at Arms: Alex Wallace fined all the men who were not wearing shorts, took the happy and sad dollars and John Stuart's number was drawn, but the Ace of Spades still stayed in the deck.

Program:

Neil McDonald introduced Henk Bakker and Ba van den Dungen from ROYAL DUTCH KENTALIS. This organization does diagnostic, care and educational services in The Netherlands. They service people who are deaf or hard of hearing, deaf and blind and have speech difficulty and/or motor difficulties. They also do research, development and training for professionals.

The organization has 50 locations with 17 schools and 6000 students; 80 percent of the persons in care are children. Their payroll is 300 million dollars and they employ 4,500 people.

There are 70 million deaf persons in the world and they have their own language and culture. If children are diagnosed early enough in their life, they are more likely to be helped with speech and language. The program also takes elderly people.

The company does work with universities on research and development.

We watched a video of a variety of people who work at KENTALIS and some of the types of people who are part of the program.

Communication is vital to people and having only the ability to taste, feel and smell leaves out our other important senses, speech and hearing.

Henk and Bas were here to attend a conference in Vancouver and brought 40 people from their company. This is an opportunity for people to share knowledge and skills.

KENTALIS provides 90% of the care of medical services to the hearing and sight impaired persons in Holland. The program in Holland is sponsored by Health Care Insurance.

Henk and Bas were thanked by Norm Binion with a donation made to the Polio Plus Program.

Toast & Four-Way Test

Terry McCauley gave the toast to Rotary International and Bob McKilligan led us in the 4 Way Test.

Future Meetings:

July 26 th	Edible Garden Project, North Shore Neighbourhood House - Pauette Lacroix and Heather Johnstone
Aug 2 nd	No Meeting - BC Day Holiday
Aug 9 th	Services Canada Centres for Youth / Job Bank - Lauren Webb, Youth Services Officer, North Shore

Reminder:

Please bring your membership dues payment to next week's meeting as our club must pay District and International dues.