



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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Joy Jones did a wonderful job at the door as usual. Deborah Sommerfeld led our club in singing O Canada. Fred Sverre gave the invocation.

Guests

Tan Panyanonwat visited for the first time as our new Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Thailand.

Wendy Law came as a guest of Neil Creighton. She is in the rescue helicopter equipment business, and is a prospective member.

Erica Detorrs, from Handsworth, and Dennis Bastillo, from St. Thomas Aquinas, visited as grateful recipients of North Vancouver Rotary scholarships.

Lauren Webb, was our guest speaker from Service Canada Centres for Youth. Rick Mitchell came as a prospective member.

Announcements

Our scholarship students, Erica and Dennis, each presented their thanks to the club. They each will be pursuing higher education for which the money will be very helpful.

Jeff Pearce and David Spears are working very hard on the Duck Splash getting sponsors and prizes.

The Terry Fox Run will take place on Sept 19, its 30th anniversary. Norman Thomson gave a rousing talk on the need for volunteers and participants. Pledge sheets were handed out.

On Sunday, Sept 25, Rotary Leadership Institute is holding their training for Levels 1, 2 and 3 at the Delta Town and Country Inn. On Sept 29 the Rotary Foundation Dinner occurs. On Oct 29 and 30 the Rotary Success Forum occurs.

Babak and Brian will not be returning to Rotary this year. Their families are taking all their time.

Sergeant-At-Arms (Alec Wallace)

Rick Mitchell won the ticket draw and drew the 4 of Clubs. There are now 3 cards left. President Norman, in his zeal to capture the prize, bought 5 tickets, and lost.

Happy and Sads:

Neil McDonald's son was married this wet weekend. The rain did stop just as the ceremony started.

Joy Jones will be going to Savary Island to visit her brother, and then immediately on a holiday to the Maritimes.

Bob McKilligan was able to convince Save-On-Foods to be a sponsor of the Duck Splash again.

David Spears did 60K on his bike for MS, and raised \$9K; the Lions lost again unfortunately; and David reported that his doctor told him that his kidneys are functioning at 58%. We hope this is not serious, David.

Laurie Porter, who we know dreads public speaking, gave a speech at a friend's funeral.

Fred Sverre will be visiting his son on Thormanby Island.

Norman Thomson saw Falstaff at Bard on the Beach, and will be going golfing at Nicklaus North Golf Club, in Whistler, on a prize won by his wife, Pamela.

Program

Neil McDonald introduced Lauren Webb. Lauren is a student at The University of Victoria who has been hired for the summer by Service Canada to promote youth employment on the North Shore and up to the Pemberton community. The program applies to all youth employment, however she is focused on summer employment during her employment. She has been speaking at group sessions from Pemberton to the North Shore to make young people and possible employers aware of the services of the Service Canada Centres for Youth.

The Service Canada Centres for Youth offer a full range of services, all with the intent of getting more youth employed in our community. These services include tracking of potential jobs and postings, registering youth who wish employment, info on services and programs within Centres for Youth, safety and health practice on the job, labour exchange services, financial assistance, resume preparation and interview techniques, and guiding youth on specific requirements of particular employers. It is important the youth proactively look for work and not wait for a job to come to them.

The casual labour program is suited to youth who do not want a full time job or want summer work only. Casual work is usually with the hospitality industry, working with seniors or other services to the public, funded by small businesses and charities. Also casual summer work can provide career work experience. Applications to the Service Canada Centres for Youth are required by February.

Lauren also meets with potential employers to encourage hiring of youth. The hospitality industry is the focus.

The Centres for Youth has "ROE Web." This is a record of employment for youth posted on the website for employers to scan work history information, etc. on potential youth employees.

During the year about 500 jobs have been posted with 80% being filled within 2 weeks.

Norman Thomson gave a wonderful "thank-you" to Lauren, explaining the efforts of Rotary to eradicate Polio from the world with the presentation of a certificate promising that our club would donate the funds to immunize 20 people from polio on her behalf.



Thanks to David Spears for the photo



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A 2nd level Paul Harris was awarded to Joy Jones

The Toast to Rotary International was led by Bryan Chalmers, and the Four Way Test was led by David Spears.

Adjournment