



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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Front Desk and Opening: Joy Jones was in her usual position at the front desk to welcome members and guests to another evening of Rotary. President David Spears was once again in top shape, organizing and directing an otherwise chaotic crew of young and not so young Rotarians.

Guests: Guests comprised - Karolina Francis who is an immigration consultant and possibly soon to be Rotarian; Ray Rich, Rotarian from Vancouver RC, and John Jackson, both representing Highland Little League baseball. Also present was Johanne McMaster accompanying our Rotarian Alain Fredette.



Announcements:

- The Duck Splash tickets are almost all distributed. If you do not have your stack of tickets, please communicate with David or Norman asap.
- David Spears managed to sell all his tickets last Saturday morning at the electronic recycling depot where Norman Thomson volunteers with his son.
- Deneka suggested we load the Duck Splash presentation on our website which has been done following the meeting.
- Norman Thomson offered and distributed more Duck Splash bumper stickers. Get yours too as they are easy to remove after the event!
- David and Norman debated as to who looked the best for the picture taking. None of the ladies would comment on the question, probably afraid to hurt one or most likely both of the gentlemen's feelings.
- Michael just came back all energized from a weekend with the soon to be Rotary Club Presidents. He can hardly wait to get to work in his new position this summer.
- Ray Rich and John Jackson gave a very good introduction as to what they are planning this summer with the Highland Little League. They will be hosting a competition where 6 teams selected from the best teams across Canada will compete for the top spot. The winner will head for one week to the Little League World Championship in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. What they are looking for from our club, and other clubs on the North Shore, is help in and assistance in the overall transportation plan. That is basically Highland's mandate during this competition. Help during the tournament will also be appreciated. This tournament

will take place at Chris Zuehlke Memorial Park near 19th Street and Jones Avenue and we should hear more about it in next few months.

- The "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner" event was a great success as many commented positively on their experience.
- On February 23rd, 2011, it was possible to double your Paul Harris point contribution by going on TRF.org.
- Joy saw a mouse...
- Wendy Law brought back a Rotary banner from her trip to Hong Kong.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Alec Wallace was back and quickly managed to empty many Rotarians of their pockets full of change. The usual draw for the 50:50 pot was held and Norman Thomson won once again. But, he had no luck picking the winning Ace of Spade.



Thailand Presentation: Our Youth Exchange student, Tan Panyanonwat, gave a wonderful presentation on his country of origin, Thailand. Did you know that Thailand is a monarchy with a king, a prime minister, that the main religion is Buddhism, the Thai alphabet has 44 letters, and that there are 76 provinces there? Even the Red Bull drink comes from Thailand. These are only a few of the very interesting facts Tan was able to explain to an attentive crowd hoping to be able to travel there some day.



Alain Fredette thanked the speaker and gave Tan a certificate attesting that 20 people will get polio immunization. If you want to thank Tan yourself, he likes ice cream a lot.

Adjournment: Bob McCullough gave the Toast to Rotary and Bud Fast led us in The Four Way Test before closing the meeting.
