

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Desk: Bob McKilligan and Bob Nowell greeted the attendees with open arms at the front desk - Mr. McKilligan looking after the dinner fees while Mr. Nowell was handling the many wine festival ticket sales returns. David Spears, who gracefully handled most of the coordination at the wine festival, was receiving left over wine festival tickets.

O Canada: Norman Thomson, our renowned North Shore second bass, led us in another O Canada.

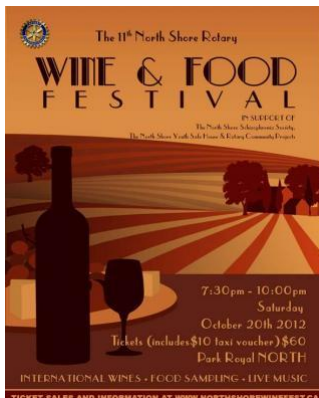
Invocation: Bob McKilligan, who is never caught by surprise when asked for an invocation, delivered another poetic version of positive thoughts he always seem to keep handy.

Guests: We had three welcome guests in attendance - our District Governor Rebecca MacPherson from the Rotary Club of Quesnel, our Assistant Governor Terry Lehouillier, as well as Ko Eto, our Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan.



Announcements:

Many comments were made about the successful wine festival we just had over the weekend at Park Royal North. As mentioned earlier, David Spears, who coordinated a great part of the logistics, was running around all day and night on Saturday to make sure all loose ends were tied up. It appears we sold 641 tickets. Many commented that the food supplied by the sponsors was probably the best ever this year. David tried to convince us he did not have a chance to taste any of the wine that night... Some of us did better than others at selling wine tickets with Deborah Sommerfeld for instance, who sold 60 tickets, and Ali who managed to sell over 35. All agreed that the Save-On-Foods chocolate fountain was a total success along with the rest of their offering.



President Wendy reminded us of next week's meeting which will be a Halloween event where partners are invited, costumes are encouraged and prizes and games are to be expected. Be prepared for a scary night next Monday!!



Sergeant-At-Arms: David Spears was once again given the duty to recover as much of our hard earned wealth as possible for the benefit of a future winner and the club's projects. The ticket draw gave John Stuart a brief moment of excitement that quickly vanished when he picked the Two of Hearts.

Happy and Sads: A few happy and sads were expressed with Bob McKilligan topping them all with his \$20 donation to the pot following the success of our wine and food festival. Norm Binion expressed happiness in knowing both his sons appear to be settling in and landing good jobs early in their careers.

Presenter:



ADG Terry Lehouillier introduced DG Rebecca MacPherson. Rebecca is from the town of Quesnel. She and her husband sold their electrical contracting business two years ago but they are still very active professionally. Rebecca is on the board of the Quesnel Chamber of Commerce, she likes to host theme dinners and we were all surprised to hear she has five kids, 12 grand-kids and two great-grand-children!

What Rebecca wanted to talk to us about was Peace through Service. The way she sees it, peace obviously means no wars. But it also means freedom of thought, of speech, security and hope in the future. It is about being able to feed your children and about being able to read and write. Peace does not make room for bullying. Rebecca believes our goal should be to make a difference in the lives of others and this often requires putting the needs of others above our own.



In regards to Rotary membership, we should always strive to bring in new members. The District membership is stable in numbers but it is not growing. When bringing in a new Rotarian, we need to make him a "Rotarian" which means recognizing what in Rotary has attracted this person and how we can make him/her participate in a way that nourishes their desire to serve. The same kind of approach needs to take place with existing Rotarians in order for them to feel like they are useful and needed by the club they belong to.

Rebecca explained how she learned recently that sharing your own Rotary story with others can be a very powerful tool to explain what Rotary is about to others. Let's try to remember that Rotary is not simply about fund raising events but also

about the positive outcomes of all those efforts in the lives of others less privileged.

Rebecca wanted to remind us of some upcoming events:

- 104th Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, June 2013
- there are 3 Peace Forums coming up in Berlin, Honolulu and Hiroshima,
- there is also a Peace Forum in Richmond on February 23rd,
- the next District Conference will take place in Quesnel during the May long weekend. A chartered bus will travel from Vancouver to Quesnel for the occasion and Rebecca assured us a very good time in her town.

Thanks to Speaker: Rolf Gillardon thanked Rebecca and presented her with our highly coveted certificate promising to immunize, in her name, twenty children against Polio, with the intent of worldwide eradication of polio.



Toast to Rotary International: President Wendy led the group in toasting Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: President Wendy 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?

Hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, President Wendy adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Oct 29	Halloween Theme Night (Partners evening)
Nov 5	Foundation Information Session (Joy Jones)
Nov 12	No meeting - Remembrance Day long weekend
Nov 19	Japanese Marshall Arts - Ko Eto, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan
Nov 26	Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening
Dec 23	SelfDesign Learning - Michael Maser, Program Executive and Special Projects Director, SelfDesign Learning Community
Dec 10	Annual General Meeting
Dec 17	Fellowship Evening / Christmas Dinner (Partner Evening)
Dec 24	No meeting - Christmas Eve
Dec 31	No meeting - New Years Eve
Jan 7	Lonely Town: Increasing Social Connection in Metro Vancouver - Paul Singh

