

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

January 21st, 2013

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Joy Jones kindly took our money at the desk and cheerfully greeted us all. Twelve members attended as well as prospective member Bamishi Davies, and exchange student and guest speaker, Flavia Petri.



O Canada was led by Deborah Sommerfeld after which Bob McKilligan gave the Invocation.



Brazilian Exchange Duck



Announcements:

- Deb announced that Chris Offer had stated that the Rotary Clubs comprising District 5040 had raised \$8.5M last year
- Deb announced Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is March 9th
- Norman announced that he, David, Neil C, and Neil's daughter, Mara, had a Duck Splash marketing meeting to discuss posters, the web site, Facebook and Twitter.
- Neil Creighton showed Mara's mock-up of the poster
- Alec announced that NS News has a new formula for calculating the total value of advertisements for charitable organizations

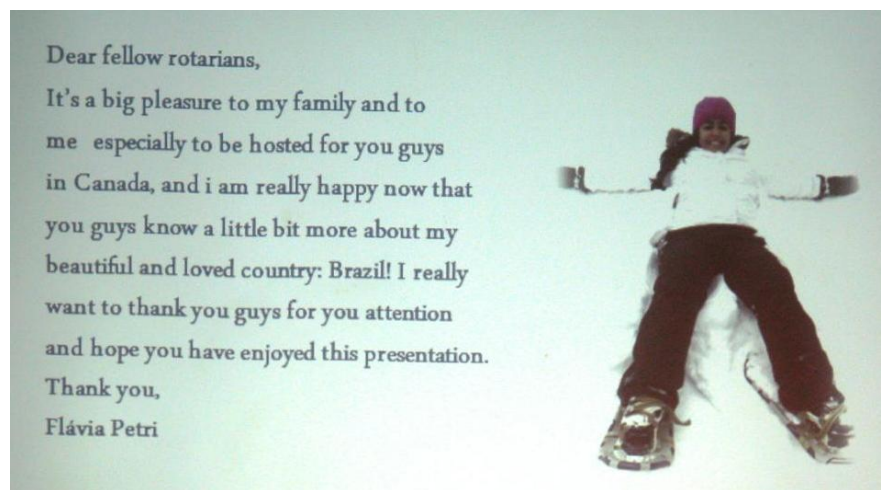
Guest Speaker:

Deborah introduced our speaker, Flavia Petri, who spoke about her background and her home country of Brazil.

Her mission statement is “Today, Tomorrow, Don’t Lose Hope”

Key points were:

- Brazil is the 5th largest country in area and 9th largest in population (195M)
- It has 26 states, including Flavia’s state of Ceara
- GDP is \$3.675 trillion
- The Amazon has the most fresh water in the world, the 2nd most amphibians, the 3rd most birds, the 4th most reptile and 50,000 species of trees and shrubs
- Sao Paulo has the largest population in Brazil at 11.3M while Rio has 6.3M. Flavia is from Fortaleza with a population of 2.3M.
- The main industry is agriculture (largest in Latin America), followed by livestock, manufacturing (auto & aircraft), service, mining, oil & gas, tourism, alternative energy and exports of textiles, coffee, orange juice.



Flavia’s Closing Remarks

Michael Schelhaas thanked Flavia with the coveted Certificate stating that our club will donate funds in her name to immunize 20 children against polio.

Deborah proposed the toast to Rotary International and led us in the 4-Way Test. Meeting adjourned.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

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| Jan 28 | Club Assembly/Fellowship Evening |
| Feb 4 | Adult Youth Safe House - Paul Butler, Hollyburn Family Services |
| Feb 11 | No Meeting - BC Family Day Statutory Holiday |
| Feb 18 | Teaching Teachers in India, A Literacy Project - Gem Munro, The Amarok Society |
| Feb 25 | Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening |

