



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

WHEEL SQUEALS

February 18, 2013

by Jeff Pearce



RCNV meeting at The Eighties Restaurant, 6:30 PM. Joy Jones was at the desk, signing us in and taking our money, in her usual friendly manner.

22 attendees, including guests: Mr. Chris Carmack a prospective new member, Mr. Gem Munro tonight's Guest Speaker, and our Rotary exchange student, Ms. Flavia Petri.



Chris Carmack



Gem Munro

Bob McKilligan gave a thoughtful invocation.

The City and District of North Vancouver have proclaimed Rotary Day as Feb. 23, 2013. This day is also District 5040/5050 Rotary Peace Forum; an opportunity for Rotarians and friends of Rotary of different ages from different parts of our districts and beyond to gather to share ideas and develop strategies to progress toward a more peaceful world. The mayors

will attend a luncheon, hosted by the Lionsgate Rotary Club, at Cheers Restaurant on Feb. 22.

There will be a bus chartered for the District Conference in Quesnel, \$150 return from the Lower Mainland. Details will be on the District web site.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5040>

A number of events are planned in celebration of 100 years of Rotary in BC:
Tuesday April 16, 12 noon - Vancouver Board of Trade Lunch with RI Pres. Tanaka

Friday April 19, 5:30 PM to 10 PM - Community Celebration at Jack Poole Plaza, Vancouver Convention Centre

Saturday April 20, 12 noon to 4 PM - Rotary Showcase at Vancouver Convention Centre

Saturday April 20, 6 PM to Midnight - 100 Years of Rotary in BC Gala Vancouver Convention Centre

More information at www.rotaryvancouver.org

Our club will sponsor a North Vancouver student age 16 - 18 years for the RYLA camp being held April 5 - 8 at Camp Jubilee on Indian Arm. Contact Neil McDonald with any potential candidates.

There were many happy dollar donations at tonight's meeting.

Neil Creighton introduced tonight's guest speaker, Mr. Gem Munro. Gem has devoted his life and career to improving educational opportunities for disadvantaged people across Canada and abroad. He is a Director of the Amarok Society <http://amaroksociety.org>, a registered Canadian charity that provides educational programs to the very poor in Bangladesh. Bangladesh is one of the most populated and crowded countries in the world, with over 150 million people in less than 150,000 km². The slums of Bangladesh are huge and considered the worst in the world. Along with his wife and four children, Gem moved to Bangladesh to bring positive change

through education to the illiterate women of the slums. The women are mostly mothers who are taught to teach their children. Gem has authored a book titled "*South Asian Adventures with the Active Poor*" about his experiences in Bangladesh. To date, The Amarok Society has started 14 schools in the slums of Bangladesh at a cost of \$9,000.00 per school, per year, funded through book sales, grants and donations.

Bob Nowell thanked the speaker for tonight's presentation and commented on the great efforts of the organization.

Next week's meeting is at the MarinaSide Grill, 1653 Columbia St., North Vancouver.

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?

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Feb 25 - Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening

Mar 4 - Heart Attack Recovery - Bob McKilligan, Rotary Club of North Vancouver

Mar 11 - Internship and Apprenticeship Programs for North Vancouver High School Students - Danica Silver, Teacher, Argyle Secondary School (NV)

Mar 18 - Climate Change - Ben West, Healthy Communities Campaigner, Wilderness Committee

