



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



Meeting of April 15, 2013

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Opening: Meeting at the North Shore Winter Club, President Wendy Law opened the session, Norman Thomson followed with "O Canada" and Bob McKilligan provided the invocation to set the scene.

Introduction of Visitors: Two visitors, former member Dan Eisenhauer and our Youth Exchange student from Brazil, Flavia Petri.



Sergeant-At-Arms:

Michael Schelhaas served as Sergeant-at-Arms and first conducted the 50:50 draw which was won by President Wendy, who then failed to scoop the big prize with her card selection.

A variety of Happy & Sad contributions to the pot were then submitted. Norman Thomson offered the fact that wife Pam was soon to depart for a three week trip and there was some merriment while we sorted out whether this was a Happy or Sad.



John Stuart suggested that in the absence of the regular domestic catering department, the \$3 meals available from the Salvation Army provided excellent value. A number of members provided Sad contributions in the name of the Boston Marathon explosions which happened earlier in the day. Neil McDonald advised that he had been contacted that morning by the RCMP looking for Flavia. All innocent however as they had found a bag that she had left on a bus!

Terry McGauley told us that a recent and very welcome bequest of \$30,000 to the World Help Network had pushed total



contributions to this worthy Rotary cause over the last ten years to over \$1.0M. Fred Sverre had been trying out Bud Fast's Duck Splash sales techniques with great success. Rolf Gillardon was happy to be back from his travels. Bob Malcolm has just returned from San Francisco visiting with friends who had then proceeded to Boston and



were there when the bombs went off.



Flavia told the club about her wonderful weekend at RYLA attended by over a 100 enthusiastic young people. The event concluded with a "flash mob" in downtown Vancouver which you can see by following this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fumFd6M6UJ4>

Presentation:

Instead of an external speaker, this portion of the meeting focused on logistics for the Duck Splash to be held this coming weekend. Neil Creighton led this discussion with excellent support from Deborah Sommerfeld and others. Sitting on the back row and trying to keep a low profile, Neil McDonald and Terry McGauley fondly reminisced about filling exactly the same logistical roles in the early Duck Races... held a long time ago some time back in the last century!



Closing

President Wendy closed the meeting with the Toast to Rotary International and a rendition of the Four Way Test.



Future Meetings / Key Dates

- Apr 21** Great Capilano Duck Splash
- Apr 22** Fellowship Evening - Duck Detagging
- Apr 29** Choosing to Smile - Glenda Standeven, Rotarian, 25-Year Cancer Survivor and Amputee

