



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER **WHEEL SQUEALS**

October 7th, 2012

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Desk: John Ward greeted the attendees with open arms at the front desk - one arm extended in greeting, the other to divest us of our dinner fee and Rotary International donation.

Choice of Dinner: Pork cheek stew or salmon on rice

O Canada: Norman Thomson guided the group in our rendition of O Canada.

Invocation: Bob McKilligan produced an appropriate invocation

Guests: Ms. Tammy Lyon (teacher, Carson Graham Secondary) and Kian Sani (student) and active member their new Interact Club. Guest speaker Jeffrey Hwang, RC Vancouver Centennial, to present their water project in Paraguay. Peter Birrell, Lynn Valley Lions Club, to discuss support for the SOS Children's Village program.



Norman Thomson and Michael Schelhaas kidnapped the three guests at their table: Kian Sani, Tammy Lyon and Peter Birrell



Deborah and guest speaker Jeffrey Hwang enjoy dinner.

Announcements:

President Deborah Sommerfeld returned from her vacation to Italy and provided some insight into her enjoyable trip.

Deborah announced that there will be no meeting on October 14th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Terry Lehouillier, our Assistant Governor, will be in attendance at the next meeting on October 21st.

David Spears discussed our upcoming Wine and Food Festival scheduled for October 19th. We have 28 wineries and 21 food vendors on board for the event! Chris Loat is using Facebook to promote the event, updating the page regularly. Only 15 tickets have been sold on line so far. David will get the volunteer program organized and send the details out to the members. This is an all-hands-on-board event, so we expect to see everyone there.

Guest Peter Birrell talked about the great things being accomplished with the [SOS Children's Village](#) program, where there are 5 homes in the village. He asked for our Club's continued support of this program. Discussion followed and since our member Joy was the person spearheading this for our Club in the past she will be briefed on the planned activities for this Christmas season.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Our Sergeant-At-Arms, Alec Wallace, drew the winning number but missed the winning card. To the delight of everyone, the pot will continue to grow. He then did an admirable job of systematically picking our pockets and raising funds for the club.



Alec with his card!

Presenter:

Bob Nowell introduced our keynote speaker, Jeffery Hwang, RC Vancouver Centennial (the first Mandarin speaking Club in Vancouver) who discussed their water project in the Chaco area of Paraguay. Mr. Hwang spoke at length about the history of polluted water and associated health problems in rural villages of the country. He had travelled to Paraguay and met with a Buddhist monk named Antonio who was teaching school children how to use their native clay and silt mixed with a little bit of organics to make clay pots. The pots are used for water filtration for drinking water (99.9% effective) and for a water saving method of irrigation for growing crops. His club supports this program to educate children so the parents would also be encouraged to adopt this simple yet most inexpensive proven program (over hundreds of years) to teach environmental health to their people.

Thanks to Speaker: Fred Sverre thanked Jeffery and presented him with our highly coveted certificate promising to immunize, in his name, twenty children against Polio, with the intent of eradication of polio.

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

The 4-Way Test: President Deborah 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 Deborah adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates:

- Oct 17 No Meeting - Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday
- Oct 21 Rotary Youth Exchange Presentation - Valentine Beguin, Inbound Student from Belgium
- Oct 28 Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening - Halloween Party - Partner Evening
- Nov 4 Rotary Youth Exchange Presentation - Marielle Wall, 2012 Outbound Student to Spain
- Nov 11 No Meeting - Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday

