



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

November 4th, 2013

Written by David Spears

Joy Jones greeted us with her smiling face and collected our cash. We had a total of 12 members plus Marielle Wall, our guest speaker and Youth Exchange Student.

President Deborah opened the meeting and led us in O Canada. Bob McKilligan provided a thoughtful Invocation.

President Deborah introduced Marielle Wall, our 2012/2013 Outbound Youth Exchange Student who went to Catalonia, Spain.

Announcements:

- Deborah announced that the Rotary Club of Vancouver Fraserview was having “A Night at the Circus” in celebration of their 20th Anniversary. The night will include a cocktail reception, buffet dinner, guest speakers and entertainment by Circus West.

- David Spears showed the club the Street Soccer trophy we purchased for the Canada Street Soccer Championship coming to North Van at the end of May 2014. We have been asked to help out at the event and sponsor a meal.



- David also mentioned that ORN will be commencing at the end of the month. Those wishing to participate need to get a background check from the Community Police detachment.



- Joy offered raffle tickets for a wine and cheese basket, the proceeds of which go to The Rotary Foundation.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Sergeant Joy Jones fined Fred Sverre for his cell ringing during the meeting. She fined all those not wearing a poppy, then requested Happy / Sads:

- Deborah Sommerfeld was happy to have us present a wreath at Remembrance Day.
- David Spears was happy about his meeting with Robert Crozier regarding the Winefest debriefing and marketing plans for next year.
- Bob Malcolm was happy to celebrate Remembrance Day.

Speaker – Marielle Wall:



Marielle, our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student for 2012/2013, went to Catalonia, Spain. She found that they spoke their own dialect of Spanish called Catalan, which was hard to learn. They had Catalonia Independence Day as they believe they are separate in culture from the rest of Spain. Historically, the Romans came to bathe in the natural hot springs of Catalonia. Her host father was an engineer and the Rotary Student Exchange chair. She lived in a 3 story flat between 2 stores where she hung a Canadian flag upon arrival.

Students at her school were very cliquy and she had difficulty making friends until she moved to an arts school in February. During her stay, Marielle visited France and southern Spain. She tried skiing with friends and keeps in touch with many of them she met.

The trip was highlighted with her attendance at the Lisboa Portugal Rotary International Conference, where about 40 exchange students were with her. She also attended a Catalonia Rotary camp.

Adjournment:

Deborah Sommerfeld proposed the toast to RI and led us in The 4-Way.

Meeting adjourned.

Future Meetings / Key Dates:

Nov 11	No Meeting – Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
Nov 16	Meal for the Homeless – John Braithwaite Community Centre (Sat)
Nov 18	District Governor Visit – Garry Shearer, District 5040 Governor
Nov 25	Support and Services to Homeless and At-Risk Youth – Abbie Norrish, Covenant House
Dec 2	Annual General Meeting
Dec 9	Importance of Public Speaking and Taking Leadership in Your Own Life – Linda Vicic, Student, Speaking and Leadership Program
Dec 16	An Evening of Christmas Fellowship – Partner Evening
Dec 23	No Meeting – Christmas / New Years Break
Dec 30	No Meeting – Christmas / New Years Break
Jan 6	Fish Farming – Fred Sverre, President, Entech Environmental Consultants and member, Rotary Club of North Vancouver

