



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

Oct 6, 2014

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Desk: Joy Jones greeted those members and guests attending.

O Canada: President Daniel Tardif led us in O Canada.

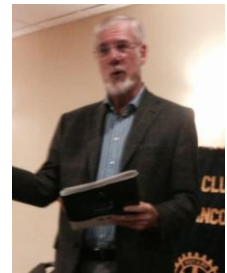
Invocation: Bob Nowell gave the invocation.

Guests:

We had three guests: our speaker, Noah Desaulniers; Dianny Ruthman, our RYLA candidate; and former member Norman Thomson, who we wish to return.

Announcements: President Daniel led the announcements, including:

- Norman Thomson reporting on The Terry Fox Run for North Vancouver. Norman was delighted with the support of our Interact Club. Those attending did whatever was asked with a smile. Donna White of the Terry Fox Foundation told Norman that this year had more people than in the past few years. The North Vancouver event raised \$7,035.60 from donations in person, online, and from sales. Norman was congratulated for his organization of this event. His attention to detail is superb!
- District Governor Ken Wilson's visit is next meeting.
- October 18 is the "Rotary on Ice" event at the Vancouver Giant's game. President Daniel canvassed the club to see who was planning to attend.
- Other announcements included Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving Day (no meeting), the Halloween party (a spousal event), and possible future events to raise funds and attract new members.
- President Daniel introduced our special guest, Dianny Ruthman, who our club sponsored to attend the District RYLA North program in Prince George. Dianny was born and raised in Venezuela. She has lived in Canada for the past three years. At 19, Dianny was one of the youngest attendees. The RYLA program was for three days at Camp Ness. Dianny loved the program, her fellow attendees, and the events, particularly team building! Dianny had pictures of her adventures which she showed as she spoke. Dianny answered many questions and stated that she would promote RYLA, however requested. Dianny will be a leader whether in Venezuela or elsewhere.



Sergeant-At-Arms:

Michael Schelhaas did this duty. In the ticket draw our guest Dianny drew the winning ticket, but sadly drew the Four of Spades.

Happy and Sads:

Michael solicited many dollars with his usual humour. Norman Thomson was happy for participating in organizing the Terry Fox Run in our area for the past 10 years.

Presenter:



President Daniel introduced Noah Desaulniers, our guest speaker. Noah was our outbound Youth Exchange Student in Zarate, Argentina during the 2013-2014 school year. He is now in grade 12 at Sutherland Secondary School. Noah was jointly sponsored by our club and the North Vancouver Lions Gate Rotary Club, and hosted by the Rotary Club of Zarate.

Noah began by thanking our club and Rotary International for enabling him to grow through his wonderful experience. Despite the odd misstep, his year was fantastic. In May, 2013 Noah attended the District 5040 YEC Outbound Orientation in Price George with the then hosted students and fellow outbound students. He was then excited to begin. Unfortunately, his Argentina visa issues complicated his plans, resulting in him having to go to Uruguay each quarter to renew his visa.

In September Noah arrived in Buenos Aries. Zarate, a city of 150,000 people, is about an hour from Buenos Aries. Noah was able to visit Buenos Aries regularly during his exchange, often staying with his host brother studying there. Noah loves Buenos Aries! His first host family had a son and a daughter. The daughter was a Youth Exchange Student in Brazil for the 2013 calendar year. When she returned, Noah moved to his second host family. This family lived in their bakery. It was unable to fit Noah into their routines. He moved to the home of the club President for six weeks. Noah lived with his last host family from April to his return.

The Rotary Club of Zarate has 16 members and meets evenings in the homes of its members. During his year the club celebrated its 75th anniversary. The President was a `grandmother` to Noah. The club also hosted a student from France, Louise Gatte. Education is treasured in Argentina. Schools are divided into six years primary and six years secondary. University tuition is paid by the state. Noah was placed in the last year of the secondary program and was pushed to do well. Until he became fluent in Spanish, Noah had difficulty understanding what was being taught, math in particular. He was in a class of 30 students in a classroom. His teachers rotated.

Noah presented pictures as he spoke. His program was well received. He answered numerous questions throughout. Again, Noah expressed his thanks.

Thanks: John Stuart thanked Noah and presented him with a Polio Plus certificate.



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

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

Future Meetings / Key Dates:

- Oct 13 No meeting – Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday
- Oct 20 District Governor Visit – DG Ken Wilson, District 5040
- Oct 27 Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening – Halloween Party
- Nov 3 Prostate Cancer – Eric Huffey, Prostate Cancer Foundation BC

