



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



October 3, 2011

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Desk: Joy Jones cheerfully greeted members and guests.

O Canada: Rolf Gillardon led us in the singing of O Canada.

Invocation: Once again, Bob McKilligan, Mr. "Have Invocation Will Travel" - gave a very appropriate invocation.

Guests: Guests included Alexandre Berlin, a Rotarian from Luxembourg who is a frequent visitor to our Club. Alexandre was accompanied by 2 students: Helen Ayres from the UK and Rafael Madeja from Poland. Helen is studying Human Trafficking in Canada and Rafael is studying at the Asia Pacific Foundation. Other visitors included Joann McMaster, and Mr. and Mrs. Crouse, visiting Rotarians from New York State. As well, Jorgen Hey from Denmark was present, visiting from his local Rotary Club of 43 members in Rye, Denmark.

Announcements:

1. John Ward presented Wine Festival tickets for the 4 Club event Oct 22, 2011. Cost is \$50 per ticket and includes a taxi voucher.
2. Neil Creighton announced that the chocolate selling initiative will proceed with 40 tins ordered; to arrive next week.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

President Michael pitch hit for Alec Wallace. The ticket draw was won by Alexandre Berlin who missed the Ace of Spades by 2 cards. Happys and Sads followed: Rolf Gillardon expressed sadness that the guest fee at the WV Rotary Club was \$40, and John Stuart expressed happiness that he is about to begin giving a university lecture series on 20th Century Design. Everyone is welcome to sign up for John's course.

Speaker: Don Wright, Regional Development Coordinator for Amnesty International Canada, was introduced by Wendy Law. Amnesty International is a global organization, formed in 1961, with 3 million members worldwide. It is dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights. Its mission is to enshrine human rights. This is achieved through research and documentation

of human rights violations and abuses. In 1977 Amnesty International was awarded the Noble Peace Prize for helping to create legislation on torture. Currently it is attempting to create an "Arms Trade Treaty" to present to the UN. Awareness of human rights abuses and consciousness raising is achieved by Documentary Film Festivals that Amnesty International hosts in cities around the globe. At SFU Harbour Centre 25 films will be shown in 4 days in October.

Toast to Rotary International: John Ward led the group in toasting Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: Terry McGauley 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?

Adjournment: President Michael, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Oct 10	No Meeting - Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Oct 17	District Governor Visit - Hans Doge
Oct 22 (Sat)	North Shore Rotary Wine & Food Festival - Park Royal South
Oct 24	Impact of Rotary - Ryan Carrier, lawyer and form UN War Crimes Prosecutor in The Hague
Oct 31	No Meeting - Halloween
Nov 3	Rotary Club of Bowen Island Charter Night , Rivendell Retreat, Bowen Island
Nov 7	Rotary Youth Exchange to Brazil - Michelle Congdon, 2010/11 Rotary Clubs of North Vancouver and North Vancouver Lions Gate Outbound Student

