



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

## June 2, 2008



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As he usually does, smiling Charlie Derban met us at the door, took our \$20, recorded our attendance, and gave us our raffle ticket.

David Philip led us in Oh Canada - a robust, rip roaring, and mildly raucous rendition. Joy Jones led us in a fitting Rotary invocation.

**Guests:** We had six guests grace us with their presence this evening - Hanneke Eyres from the West Vancouver Rotary Club; Rob (Past District Governor) and Margo Jeffrey from Australia; Scott Stroschin, President of the North Shore Rotoractor Club; David Spears, a prospective Club member; and our District Governor Dean Rohrs.

### Announcements, Activities and Requests for Participants

Norm Binion provided a status update on President Neil Creighton. Neil underwent a 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour operation yesterday to repair a mitral valve, using experimental robotic surgery. Neil is recovering at VGH in intensive care and expects to be in hospital for 5 to 7 days. He would love to see visitors when he is allowed.

Norm Binion thanked Sonia for printing 200 '[Adventure in Adaptive Snow Sports](#)' pamphlets and thanked Norman Thomson for his recent edition of 'Wheel Squeals'.

Norm Binion provided an update on the [Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion](#) event scheduled for this Sunday, June 8. A 'Kamikaze Rotary Wheelers' team will participate. So far, \$320 has been raised in donations.

Jeff Pearce provided an update on the [Canada Day Parade](#), but expressed concern that our [Ducksplash](#) mascot, 'Admiral Quacker' is missing in action. We would like the Admiral to participate in the Canada Day celebration. If anyone has seen him please direct him home. There is speculation that he may have been kidnapped. Deborah believes that she last saw him after the 2006 Ducksplash event, but this may have been similar to an Elvis sighting.

Rob (Past District Governor) Jeffrey from Australia discussed his District 9600 and presented a District 9600 pin to Norm Binion. Norm, unfortunately, could not reciprocate with a Club banner and speculated that he had left the banners in a bag following the District Conference. In fact that is where they are.

Governor Dean Rohrs thanked our Club for our participation in the District Conference. In particular, she noted the tremendous support provided by Riet Carter and Joy Jones. Every one who attended agreed that it was an interesting, educational, entertaining and fun event.

Scott Stroshin, the President of the North Shore Rotoract Club, discussed his Club's participation in the [24 Hour Easter Seals Run](#) the weekend of June 14/15. Scott is encouraging donations. Ten members and friends will run/walk/skip /jump/pogo stick hop/stilt walk, etc. in intervals for 24 hours straight. Proceeds go to BC children with disabilities, to give them the chance to attend a camp, gain new skills, develop new friendships, gain confidence and independence. It was agreed that our Club would consider a possible donation to this cause.

Norman Thomson thanked Scott for his involvement and service contributions in Rotoract and for his presentation. He wished him all the best with the 24 Hour Easter Seals Run project.

### **Sergeant-At-Arms - (Deborah Sommerfeld)**

Deb commenced her systematic weekly pick pocketing by inquiring as to who knew where our scholarship funding came from. A few knew the answer to be the North Shore Community Foundation, but they pitched in anyway. Many others did not and pitched in as well. Happy and Sad contributions came from: Joy, for her enjoyment of the District Conference and her

participation in Rotary; Fred Sverre for the arrival of another Grandson; Randy for his excitement at the prospect of Dr. Ken Dubeta presenting on plastic surgery next week, in particular on breast implants and augmentation; Norm Thomson for feeling smug about receiving a compliment from an acquaintance on the appearance of the North Shore Rotary Wheel; David Spears expressing thanks for his invitation to our Club and his interest in our community service; Hanneke Eyres happy to be at our Club meeting and to meet us; Governor Dean Rohrs expressing her enjoyment of the District Conference and her appreciation of our involvement; and many others.

Guest Margo Jeffrey had the winning raffle ticket but, alas, returned down under to Australia without having pulled the big Kahuna card - the ever elusive Ace of Spades.

**SPEAKER** - Our own John Stuart provided us with an introduction to life on the North Shore as a first settler and tent dweller.

**The Toast to Rotary International** - was ably led by Riet Carter

**The Four Way Test** - was equally ably led by Bob McKilligan

**Adjournment** - with nothing further for the good of Rotary, President Elect Norm adjourned the meeting and wished all a good Rotary week - **GONGGGGGG!!!!!!**.

**PRESENTATION HOUSE** - We proceeded on mass to Presentation House, where our own John Stuart continued a presentation on the history of the early settler days on the North Shore. In a world where in the course of months an ipod can replace a CD (which replaced floppies, which replaced tape) we could not help but marvel at the staying power of the clothes peg. Patented in the 1800's, it somehow continues to stand the test of time.

Norman Thomson thanked John for opening up Presentation House to us and for taking the time to enlighten us on early settler behavior and lifestyle. He awarded him for his efforts by bestowing upon him the much coveted Rotary Club of North Vancouver pen. John was speechless.

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Future Programs:

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| June 9  | Plastic Surgery - Rhinoplasty - Dr. Ken Dubeta      |
| June 16 | Salvation Army - Simon McNeil & Dyanne Zitko        |
| June 23 | Installation of New Executive                       |
| July 7  | Canadian Youth Business Foundation - Christine Klar |
| July 14 | North Shore 4 Club Barbeque - Cypress Rotary        |

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Wheel Squeals - Editor For A Day:

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| June 9  | Bryan Chalmers |
| June 23 | Joan Ferri     |
| July 7  | Ali Hashemi    |
| July 16 | Brian Hooshi   |

