



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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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. He was joined by our Greeter for the Evening, David Philip, who made sure he warmly welcomed all.

John Stuart led us in Oh Canada - a great rendition, and John Ward led us in a fitting Rotary invocation.

Guests: We had five guests grace us with their presence this evening - Janice Bosley from the West Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Club; Andrew Matwick, the 2008 outbound GSE team member sponsor jointly by our club and the Rotary Club of North Vancouver Lions Gate; and, from the North Vancouver Canada Day Parade Committee - Glennys Pederson, Marion Menzies and Rick Shields.

Announcements, Activities and Requests for Participants

2008 GSE to Tanzania - mid-April to mid-May

Andrew Matwick, sponsored as an outbound GSE team member by both our club and the Lions Gate club, was introduced by Neil McDonald, who, as you all know, is the District 5040 GSE Chair. Andrew thanked our club for sponsoring him and went on to tell us about himself and what he is looking forward to in the GSE trip. He has a Masters of International Business from Royal Roads University and is now with the North Vancouver detachment of the RCMP. He has a keen interest in peace keeping and the RCMP's role in the important undertaking world wide. The GSE, he told us, will provide him a unique opportunity to immerse himself in another culture -

a much better way than being a tourist in another country - an opportunity to which he is very much looking forward.

Grouse Mountain VASS Corporate Cup - Team Member Auction

Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports (VASS) has partnered with Grouse Mountain Resort Ltd. to host the first annual Grouse Mountain VASS Corporate Cup on Thursday February 28th. Our club, with its commitment to provide \$2000 from Operation Red Nose funds towards needed equipment as its entry fee, will sponsor a RCNV team of three people who will be partnered with a high performance disabled skier for a non-competitive level 'guess your time race'. In the absence of Norm Binion, Laurie Porter did a stellar job of auctioning off the 3 positions to our members in a combination live and secret bid auction - funds to VASS. The winning bidders, and up and coming champion skiers (and their winning bids) are: TaDa - John Ward (\$125), Norm Binion (\$123) and Laurie Porter (\$102). Jeff Pearce and Norm Thomson were heavily involved in the bidding too. No, Laurie's win was not a result of rigged bids - it was "Fair to All Concerned"

North Vancouver Canada Day Parade

Jeff told us about attending a meeting of the Canada Parade Committee, then introduced committee members Glennys Pederson, Marion Menzies and Rick Shields. Glennys gave us some history of the parade, telling us that it has been held every year since 1907, except for 1 year during WWII and in 1998, when the Lion's Club ceased organizing it. After that, a group of interested citizens, including our 3 guests, got together to revitalize the parade. The current committee is now looking for additional help for this year and would like to pass it on to a community group such as a Rotary club. They have everything in place for a smooth transition, including all committee roles, sponsors, funding, etc. The parade draws 25,000 to 35,000 spectators and, since the current group took over, the number of entrants in the parade has grown from 45 to 100. There is a \$50 fee for commercial entries - non-profit organization entries are free. Both the City and District of North Vancouver provide funding. Heritage Canada provides flags and pins. The pancake breakfast raises funds, matched by WalMart, for charity. Check out www.northshoreparade.org for more details

This looks like a great project for our club, and a good fit given the Lions Gate Rotary Club organization of the Waterfront Park Canada Day

Festivities. Jeff will be attending the next committee meeting on February 17 and is looking for a few other members to join him - interest???

Operation Red Nose

Janice Bosley told us that each of the 3 clubs participating in Operation Red Nose will receive \$7000 to \$8000 - a fantastic result. Thanks to Riet, Sonia, John W, Dan and everyone else from the club who contributed

Spring Fling - March 1st - West Vancouver Sunrise Rotary

Janice also took the opportunity to put in a plug for her club's spring fund raiser being held at the Gleneagles Community Centre. It promises to be a fun event, complete with a chicken and rib BBQ dinner, live and silent auction, toony and loony auction, and dancing to the music of Bruce Bissell. Tickets are \$65 per person with the prime beneficiary being the Lions Gate Hospice Fund. For tickets, see your President Neil or contact Val Stephenson at vstephenson@shaw.ca.

Chor Leoni Cabaret - River Rock Casino - March 9

The Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise is inviting all Rotarians and friends to an evening of fellowship and entertainment AND a fund raiser for the Rotary Foundation and Chor Leoni. Cocktails at 5:00 pm, plated dinner at 6:00 pm - tickets are \$98.65 (including GST). This event will host 400 at tables of 10 in the dinner theatre. The Richmond club has 220 tickets available to Rotarians for \$10 less than the price on Ticketmaster. Tables of 10 are \$986.50. E-mail Garth Edwards at garth@cbelow.com for tickets.

Wheel Squeals - Editor For A Day

Neil announced that, thanks to Jeff's efforts last week, Wheel Squeals is back. And, to keep it going, every member is being asked to be "Editor For A Day" according to the schedule sent out this past week. Here is a chance to be creative, have some fun and make an important contribution to our club. Neil will handle this week's edition, followed by Dan and John Ward. If, for some reason, you cannot do it when scheduled, please make alternate arrangements with another member.

Rotary International Council on Legislation

Lastly, for some heavy duty Rotary news, Neil announced that PDG Chris Offer has been selected by the District 5040 Nominating Committee as the District representative on the 2010 RI Council on Legislation. PDG Ron Nuekomm was selected as alternate.

Sergeant-At-Arms - Peter Taylor (Standing in for Deb)

Peter, after a brief interlude about being a rookie at this important duty and his lack of Sergeanting skills, proceeded in his usual eloquent manner, to extract beaucoup funds from our membership. Jeff, Charlie and Neil were all fined for faux pas while introducing, or forgetting to introduce, guests. Dan paid up for interrupting the president and for not knowing he was next weeks Wheel Squeals editor. Happy and Sad contributions came from: Jeff for his up coming trip to Lost Wages and for last weeks Robbie Burns night (thanks to Norm T); Dan for not having any money left after being subject to so many fines; Neil for a great time skiing yesterday; and many others. Sgt. Peter noted that he was wearing a tie and threatened future fines for dress code indiscretions. Guest Rick drew David Philips' raffle ticket. Alas,

David drew the  - too bad!

Program - Games Night

Our own Vana White, the less formally attired Laurie Porter, kicked off our Games Night. All were asked to tell us something interesting. We would then vote on what we thought was the most interesting. Many interesting facts were revealed, including:

- Neil McDonald's great grandfather being a stand in for William Wallace
- Dan E driving get away car for a bank robber
- Bob M having his life saved by chewing an Aspirin
- Andrew (our GSE visitor) telling about Canada's history as a peace keeping nation
- Neil C's ancestor being the founder of organized hockey in Canada
- Peter's grandfather was the 10th person to enroll to fight for Canada in WWI
- John Ward's grandfather was in the famous "Last Spike" photo

Bob McKilligan's story was easily voted the most interesting. He went home with a top notch bottle of red wine.

The Toast to Rotary International - was ably led by Bob McKilligan

The Four Way Test - was equally ably led by Uli Maurus

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

Future Programs:

Feb 4	Club Assembly - Duck Splash (& Foundation Draw)
Feb 11	Shipping Containers to Third World Countries - Elena Agala
Feb 18	Shelter Box - Bob Nowell
Feb 25	Eye Glass Sorting Workshop - Third World Eye Care Society
Mar 3	TBD
Mar 10	Mind Spin High Definition Thinking - Jerry Hennessey
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner - (Partner Evening)

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Feb 4	Dan Eisenhower
Feb 11	John Ward
Feb 18	Terry McGauley
Feb 25	John Stuart