



# WHEEL SQUEALS



March 17, 2008



**GREETER** - David Philip

**DESK** - Charley Derban

Bud Fast led us in O'Canada and Alec Wallace provided a very fitting Irish Invocation, given that today is St. Patrick's Day.

## GUESTS

There were many guests in attendance, including at least nine Rotarian spouses, and most everyone displayed a little green to compliment the green beer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Vancouver Canada Day. The Committee is still soliciting help from Rotarians. Check this out if you are interested. [www.northshoreparade.org](http://www.northshoreparade.org)

The Iranian Days festivities on Sunday were a great success by all accounts. Our booth was rated by many to be the best and John Ward advised that they ran out of popcorn several times. Numerous brochures were handed out to prospective new members. Maryam Hashemi advised that in excess of 10,000 people were in attendance.



The East African Rotary Exchange Team will be visiting us upon the occasion of a joint North Shore meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (there will be no regular Monday Dinner Meeting that week for our Club).

Our outgoing youth exchange student, Jennifer Chapman, will soon be en route to her host family in Brazil and we are looking forward to receiving reports from her.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have a special dinner with Rafe Mair as our guest speaker (\$25.00/person). All other North Shore Clubs are invited to join with us on this occasion.

On Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> there will be an Introduction to Rotary - at least 80 invitations to prospective new members are going out. This is definitely the time to bring out a prospective

new member yourself or to propose other potential new members. Please contact Peter Taylor or Sonia Wolowidnyk.

Rotarian, Harold Stringer, is presently in LGH room 404 and fellow Rotarians are encouraged to visit him.

David Philip and Sonia Wolowidnyk spoke about their recent vacations to Acapulco, Mexico and visits to numerous Rotary Clubs there.

Riet Carter had the right ticket, but the wrong card, in our Ace of Spades draw, so the pot continues to grow...

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Deborah Sommerfeld collected a significant haul of Happy and Sad dollars and fines for, amongst other things, members not being able to recall at least three significant items placed upon our tables at our last dinner meeting in recognition of the upcoming Iranian New Year.

### **FOUNDATION DRAW**

Rotarian, David Philip, held the lucky ticket for a bottle of Okanagan Pinot Gris and a goodly sum was raised by Foundation Director, Laurie Porter, for our Foundation. Well done Laurie!



### **PROGRAM**



Rotarians Alec Wallace and John Stuart presented a very informative slide show on Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic and St. Patrick. Alec has conducted our St. Patrick's Day festivities for four years now and once again excelled! We now know that St. Patrick was really a Welshman, born 461 AD in Wales... one of our fellow Rotarians opined that Rotarian Mike Bevan could confirm that because he was there!!!...the subject of a fine next week Deb?



Alec Wallace concluded his presentation by leading in a toast to St. Patrick, our Irish Rotarians and to the first two Clubs established outside of North America which were in Dublin and Belfast.

## “IRISH FACTOID”



3,822,660 Canadians are of Irish decent (millions more likely have some Irish blood coursing through their veins)

The Titanic was outfitted in the Harland and Wolf Shipyard in Belfast

The Giant’s Causeway in Northern Ireland was declared a World Heritage Site in 1986

Dublin has over 1,000 pubs



Trinity College, Dublin, is the oldest College in the English speaking world (est 1592)

From 1945 - 1955, 1.5 million people left Ireland because of the Potato Famine - almost one half the population of Ireland

Want to be eloquent? Kiss the Blarney Stone whilst upside down - Alec knows....



## TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Led by Dan Eisenhauer

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

Led by Terry McGauley

With nothing further for the good of Rotary, President Neil adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m. and wished everyone a great Rotary week.

### Future Meetings/Key Dates

March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Eater Monday - No meeting
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Rafe Mair - How We Govern Ourselves (both Federally and Provincially)
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Surprise
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Surprise
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	No meeting - Meeting moved to Thursday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>
April 24 <sup>th</sup> (Thurs)	Joint meeting - Four North Shore Clubs - GSE - Incoming Team from District 9200 - Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Eritrea
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting - Meeting moved to Tuesday April 29 <sup>th</sup>
April 29 <sup>th</sup> (Tues)	Club-in-a-Club - Membership Program

### Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day

March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Maryam Hashemi
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joy Jones
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Neil McDonald
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bob McKilligan
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Laurie Porter