



Wheel Squeals

Rotary Club of North Vancouver

March 31, 2008



Desk: Charley Derban

Oh Canada: Fred Sverre

Invocation: Norm Thomson

Introductions:

There were many guests in attendance, including
Riet Carter's husband Bob
Bud Fast's wife Pat
ADG Esio Marzotto and partner Margaret
Danica Meursing from West Van Sun Rise
Guest speaker Rafe Mair and his wife Wendy
Jen Chapman, our outbound exchange student, and her mother Laurie

Announcements:

- John Stuart gave a very short report on his training, very interesting to see how the organization works, there is a manual for each of the officers, to judge by the comments made communications is an important and recurring issue.
- VASS innovation in adaptive snow sports, have a 45 minute presentation to be seen at the upcoming Rotary District Conference where speakers will be Carole Taylor and Rick Hansen .
- Tuesday April 22 at Taso's Pizza Steak and Seafood, the West Vancouver Club is hosting an evening of Chocolate with Thomas Hass.
- Harold has been in the hospital. He is now home and doing OK, and WOULD WELCOME VISITORS.
- The Terry Fox Run is coming up in September and NORM WILL NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET.
- Tuesday April 29 is our big reception event for potential members

Sergeant at-Arms:

Bud Fast collected happy and sad dollars and fines for all of those who do not know when the three upcoming events are and who do not know who the three speakers are at the upcoming conference.



Foundation Draw ;

Wendy Mair drew 462, but failed to draw the card

Introduce speaker: Neil

Rafe Mair is:

A Political commentator
Lawyer 1975 MLA for SC, 1981 retired politics,
Radio talk show host
Tyee on-line journalist
He won the Michener award for courageous journalism in 1995
In 2003 he won the Bruce Hutchison award for Lifetime Achievement
In 2005 he was installed in Canadian Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame
He has been recognized by the Georgia Straight.
Married to Wendy



Program: How We Govern Ourselves

He started to speak with some highlights:

- There is a correction; I was never the Minister of Education.
- I have 8 grandchildren.

Mr. Mair moved onto more serious things:

- Most people in Canada today do not know how government works.
- When I was elected I asked where do I get a copy of the rules of government? The response was “What have you been drinking?”
- There is the story of John Nunziata. His issue was Goods and Services Tax. The Liberal Party's Little Red Book said that we are going to abolish the GST. When the first budget came not only was the GST kept, it was increased.

- The reality is that, by and large, MPs and MLAs are nobodies. That is not the way it was supposed to be. When parties crept in. You voted with your party. The leader runs with an iron hand. You behave you might get a new post office in your constituency. If you really behave you might get into cabinet. Those are the carrots.

He finished his speech at 8:05 PM

Toast to Rotary International: By Dan Eisenhauer

The 4 – Way Test: Terry McGauley’

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 BENFICIAL TO all concerned?

President Neil adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM and wished a great Rotary week.

Future Meetings / Key dates:

- Apr 7 Classification Talk – David Philip - Mining
- Apr14 RYLA – Danica Meursing with RYLarians Horation Szeto and Gregory Sit
- Apr 21 No meeting – meeting moved to Thursday, Apr 24
- Apr 24 Joint Meeting – 4 North Shore Clubs – Incoming GSE Team
- Apr 28 No meeting – meeting moved to Tuesday, Apr 29
- Apr 29 Club-in-a-Club – Membership Program

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- Apr 7 Joy Jones
- Apr 14 Neil McDonald
- Apr 24 Bob McKilligan
- Apr 29 Laurie Porter