



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

November 10, 2008



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Guests: Aymeric Dietrich - our Youth Exchange student from Switzerland; Sue Godey - Lions Gate, Executive Assistant Governor and Operation Red Nose; Jim Godey - Lions Gate; Joe Heilman - running for City Council; Louise Spears; Frank Milledge - Kingston; Alan Nixon - running for District Council; Harj Gill - Fraserview Club; Ken Wilson - Assistant Governor.

Desk/Greeter/O Canada/Invocation: Joy registered guests while Alec Wallace greeted those arriving. David Spears led Club members in the singing of O Canada and Ken Wilson gave the Invocation.

Announcements:

1. **Yaletown Club:** will be sent a cheque for \$200 in support of their being chartered as a new club.
2. **Volunteer Recruitment for Operation Red Nose:** This is the 25th year of Operation Red Nose - everyone received a pin. Every time you volunteer you get a chance for a trip for 2 to the 2009 Winter Carnival in Quebec City. Posters are available. Get your RCMP forms done.
3. **Foundation Dinner - November 21st:** Remember to bring donations for gift basket for silent auction.

4. **Vancouver Fraserview Rotary Club Event on Friday, November 14th at the Fraserview Hall:** Harj Gill informed us of this event in support of a cure for blindness. Proceeds support a \$30 operation that has been done on 1 million people. Children are treated for an eye condition called trachoma, where re-infections cause blindness. The largest driller of wells in Kenya is also looking for support. \$50 dollars for dinner and entertainment - Indian food and good dancers.

5. **Ken Wilson has taken over from Riet as Assistant Governor for the North Shore.** He has been in Rotary for 15 years. Ken invited everyone to bring potential Rotary members and your spouse to next week's meeting with Bob Blacker.

6. **North Vancouver Archives:** We can put our archival material from the club into the archives.

7. **Rotary Public Relations:** Michael McCarthy updated us on his public relation efforts to inform people of Rotary doing projects all around the world. The NS News is doing an article on a Tibetan Video showing on November 18 at the North Vancouver Archives. "Travel Tales" would be on going advertising for the Rotary Club of North Vancouver and in the future all profits will go to the Rotaract Club.

Presentations:

Alan Nixon - running for District of North Vancouver Council
Joe Heilman - running for City of North Vancouver Council

Sergeant-At-Arms: Rotarian Deborah Sommerfield skillfully challenged members about how much money Rotary raised last year. Does anyone remember the answer?

David Spears: David Spears gave an informative and fascinating presentation about his life, his work and his values. Some of the interesting highlights include:



- Born: March 2 1954 in North Vancouver General Hospital.
- Graduated in Mechanical Engineering from UBC in 1977.
- Married Louise in July 1977.
- Children: Dara 27 who is a nurse at VGH, Adam 24 who is a mechatronics engineer.
- Grandchildren: Little Cameron.
- He looked like a terrorist when he had a beard to keep himself warm in Canadian winters.
- Has bears visiting his home in Lynn Valley.
- Loves sports, coaching sports, animals, dogs and cats, travelling, cruising, and gardening.
- He's fit and over 50! He meditates
- Retiring this year: Dec 22!

- Looking forward to forming his own Tilson consulting, renovations, play time: golf, run, cycle, hike, x country ski, snowshoe, tennis, bridge, photography, writing, traveling and babysitting Cameron.

The Toast to Rotary International: Laurie

The Four 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?

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Nov 17th District Governor Bob Blacker (Partner Evening)
 Nov 24th PWGSC - Small and Medium Enterprises - Ravinder Rakhra
 Dec 1st Club Committee Meeting - Duck Splash

Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day

Nov 17th Bud Fast
 Nov 24th Neil McDonald

Proof Reader

John Stuart
 Peter Taylor

