



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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**Desk:** With open arms Charlie Derban noted our name, rank and serial number, graciously accepted our fees and donations to RI Foundation, and directed us to the mess hall. Joy Jones collected the cash, for deposit.

**O'Canada:** In the tight confines of the small downstairs room, President Norm set in motion a complicated audible - blue 42, O747, red 1590I, down, set, hut, hut, hut. The play went in motion. It looked like President Norm was going long to Laurie Porter, to lead the singing. Before Laurie could mutter, 'You're such a brat', President Norm faked a hand off of the singing to Alec Wallace and hit Deneka Michaud on a slant pattern, just as she was sitting down. Without missing a beat Deneka, possibly thinking about American Thanksgiving turkey, fainted left, dove right, faked a start to the Star Spangled Banner and launched into O Canada. Her fellow Rotarians burst into song in support. On second down President Norm again faked to Alec Wallace on the Invocation and came quickly back to Neil Creighton. Neil responded with an appropriate Invocation.

**Guests:** There were four welcome guests - Aymeric Dietrich (our youth exchange student), Ted Nugent (aspiring RCNV member), John Johnstone (our guest speaker from PWGSC Office of Small and Medium Enterprises) and our frequent and always welcome visitor Frank Milledge.

**Announcements:** President Norm noted that RCNV is hosting Operation Red Nose on Friday, December 5 and is expected to provide pizza and sandwiches to feed 36 people. Alec Wallace offered to contact Boston Pizza to see if they might donate pizza. An ORN sign-up sheet was passed around the room.





Norm mentioned that there was a Ducksplash 'Sponsors and Prizes' committee meeting prior to the meeting and that prizes should be firmed up in the next week so that we can proceed with applying for a gaming license. Aspiring new RCNV member Ted Nugent volunteered to donate \$250 in sponsorship of the Ducksplash. Excellent!

Jeff Pearce, John Ward, Joy Jones, Neil Creighton and Deneka Michaud all commented on the fun they had at 'Guess Who's Coming To Dinner' last Saturday night. Jeff, Catherine, Deneka, Wes and Crystal were all thanked for hosting.

Norm announced that John Stuart was taking on the new role of 'Director of Club Archives', which starts with cataloguing Duck Splash and Club History at the Museum. John described the work involved and how it would be done. The cost to RCNV is \$300. John Ward is assuming the position of Club Secretary. Thanks to both!

John Ward commented on the District Foundation dinner last Friday night and the quality of the company, meal and entertainment.

Jim Cuthbert announced that there was a tour, presented by The Land Conservancy, at the B.C. Binning Residence - 2968 Mathers Crescent, West Vancouver. Jim handed out cards with the details.

John Stuart announced that there was an open house coming up at the museum and handed out cards with the details.

President Norm presented Laurie Porter with a certificate of appreciation, signed by District Governor Bob Blacker, for her committed and diligent work as our RCNV Director of Foundation the past three years. Good work Laurie!

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Oliver Twist the artful dodger, last night again in the guise of Dr. Deborah Sommerfeld, systematically picked our pockets.

Bud Fast had the winning raffle ticket but missed pulling the ever elusive Ace of Spades.

David Spears produced a happy dollar because his daughter's house did not burn down when simmering baby bottles melted on the stove.

There were happy dollars for the fine Rotary company at 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' and the District Foundation Dinner.

**Presenter:** Fred Sverre introduced our guest speaker - John Johnstone from the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises with Public Works and Government Services Canada. John has previously worked in Search and Rescue with the Coast Guard and is now touring the province providing education and instruction on how the Federal Government bidding system works. John reviewed the tender and request for proposal process and underscored that assistance is available to small and medium businesses to help them through the process.

**Thanks to Speaker:** John Stuart thanked John for his presentation, noting that, in the absence of someone like John enlightening the public, it would be very difficult for a small business to work it's way through the bureaucratic process of responding to Federal tenders and requests for proposals. President Norm presented John with a certificate that promises to immunize twenty children against Polio.

**Toast to Rotary International:** Jeff Pearce led the group in toasting Rotary International. **The 4-Way Test:** President Norm led the group in the 4-Way test and hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary adjourned the meeting.

**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**

Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Credit Crisis - Trials, Tribulation, Travesty and Tragedy
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Pascuzzi - Values and Ethics Advisor
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	RCNV Annual General Meeting
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Fellowship Celebration (Partner Evening)
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting

**Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day**

Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Neil McDonald
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Taylor
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	David Philip
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alec Wallace

**Proof Reader**

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