



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Peter Chapman met one and all at the door and Alec Wallace happily took our money, recorded our attendance and gave us our raffle ticket. The members in attendance were Jeff Pearce, Laurie Porter, Neil Creighton, Peter Taylor, Alec Wallace, David Spears, Peter Chapman, Deb Sommerfeld, Bob McKilligan, Bryan Chalmers, Brian Hooshi, Crystal Campbell, Terry McGauley, Fred Sverre, John Stuart and Neil McDonald.

After some time for stand-up fellowship, acting president Neil Creighton convened the meeting and welcomed all to the Wonderful World of Rotary for Monday, February 9, 2009.

Brian Hooshi, with his bright smile, led us in a robust rendition of O Canada. Terry McGauley gave a thoughtful invocation.

## Guests

After enjoying his salad, Neil Creighton asked for the introduction of guests:

- Diana Cowden and Mimi Hudson from Family Services of the North Shore
- Aymeric Dietrich, our Youth Exchange Student from Switzerland
- Don Bell
- Our guest speaker, City of North Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto

## Announcements

After too short a time enjoying another wonderful meal at Cheers, the following announcements were made.

- Brian Hooshi informed us the marketing of the Duck Splash event is well under way and the posters, with the sponsorship logos, are to be printed within a week.
- Deborah Sommerfeld announced that, to date, we do not have any candidates for RYLA but she was hopeful two candidates would be found before the deadline.

- Mimi Hudson gave a heart felt thank you for the Wine Festival proceeds that will be put to use in helping the operation of the two North Shore Family Services locations. Over 300 families use the services during the year and they are treasured by all.



### **Sergeant-At-Arms - (Deborah Sommerfeld)**

Sgt. Deborah had another sneaky question to ensure the pot became a little bigger. The question that stumped everyone was: What is Wilf Wilkinson's (former Canadian President of Rotary International) new job? The answer is: Board of Directors of The Canadian Landmine Foundation. There are estimated to be 50 million land mines in 70 countries around the world. Mimi Hudson was given the honour of picking the ticket and Alec was the lucky man, but the luck stopped there as the elusive Ace of Spades slipped away again.

Many Happy/Sad dollars followed:

- Bryan Chalmers - Just got back from a MONTH away on a cruise and Palm Springs. Looking healthy and happy.
- David Spears was happy to reconnect with Diana from Family Services as he coached with Diana's husband.
- Sorry there were more but my dog attacked my notes.

### **Tonight's Program - Mayor Darrell Mussatto**

Peter Taylor introduced this evening's speaker, of course in a very professional bank manager way. Mr. Mussatto is serving his second term as Mayor of the City of North Vancouver. He was elected to City Council in 1994 and served four terms as Councillor. His priority issues are sustainability, affordability and homelessness. A paramedic with BC Ambulance Service, Mayor Mussatto also holds a BA and Professional Teaching Certificate, as well as a Health and Fitness Certificate.

The Honorable Darrell Mussatto started his presentation with his goal: To ensure the City of North Vancouver is a Vibrant, Diverse and Sustainable community for all levels of income. The City has a population of 50,000, the average household income is \$51,000 and 40 years old is the average age. Only 16% live in single family residences. Rental units have declined in availability, which is a concern. The City of North Vancouver is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with Victoria in density per square mile. There are many exciting changes coming to the City in the near future. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Seabus is in the process of being built and will be in operation by



October 2009, enhancing the current schedule with more trips per hour. A staggering 50% of Lower Lonsdale residents do not use their vehicle every day to commute to work. A Marriott Hotel is to be built in the bottom section of Lonsdale and will also have convention center facilities. The Maritime Museum funding is almost complete at which time construction plans will commence. The City is also getting closer to solving connection issues so a trail along the entire waterfront will be possible. Darrell's presentation was full of positive energy and he is passionate about his job and the future of a very colourful city. Darrell closed his presentation and ably answered numerous questions from the audience.



Bob McKilligan, on behalf of the club, formally thanked our speaker and presented him with the certificate whereby our club will donate funds to immunize 20 children in the efforts to eradicate Polio.



**The Toast** - Brian Hooshi once again with a smile.

**The 4-Way Test** - Crystal Campbell

And with that Neil Creighton hit the bell and wished everyone a great Rotary Week!

**Future Programs & Events:**

- Feb 16th Group Study Exchange (GSE) Outgoing Team to District 1090 England (Oxford, Abingdon, Ascot, Henley, Windsor & Reading)
- Feb 23rd Persian Rugs, What Is So Special About Them - Jay Etemad, Ararat Oriental Rugs
- Feb 28th "Friends We Haven't Met Yet" - a GSE Documentary - Vancity Theatre, 6:00 pm
- Mar 2nd Introduction to the MOSUO, a Chinese Ethnic Minority Group - John Lombard
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Capilano Duck Splash

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