



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Desk: With open arms Joy Jones 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 was looking beautiful as usual as she collected the cash and issued tickets.

Greeter: An assortment of greeters embraced members and guests alike with open arms.

O'Canada: David Philip started off the festivities with a rip roaring rendition of O Canada. It sounded particularly good because of the close knit group of friends coinciding with rhythm and harmony. The small room also contributed. This great opening was followed by a heart felt invocation by Bud Fast. You could tell it was natural and truly from the heart.

Guests: We had many welcome guests, including two special North Shore Rotoract members (Sylvia) who each gave a happy dollar for feeling so at home with our club. Jacquie Engel (Brooksbank PAC president), Jay (Ararat Carpets), Brian Hooshi's wife and Dr. Claudia Launhardt were among the guests.

Announcements: President Norm conveyed his thanks to Bob McKilligan for all his effort in receiving Save-On-Foods cards for our cherished Duck Splash. This was followed by some great news: Norm has been given the privilege to take our donated 'Go West 31' Motor Home' to Whistler on Saturday for a day of skiing and fun. With over four feet of new powder at Whistler and lots of fridge space for beer and wine we might not see President Norm for a while. No seriously, it is great news that President Norm has been given access to this great motor home for our Duck Splash. President Norm presented a cheque for \$1000 to Jacquie Engels, President of Brooksbank PAC, towards development of an accessible playground at Brooksbank School. Jacquie thanked RCNV for our generous



donation and presented President Norm with a letter of thanks. Brooksbank also looks forward to participating in the sale of Duck Splash tickets. Some more great news is that our Rotoract guests have volunteered their time to help us sell some Duck Splash tickets; they are taking an entire day at one of our mall locations. Deborah confirmed the whereabouts of our large Duck Splash banner that we need for the event. We also confirmed the use of a Duck selling table for the event. Duck Splash tickets were set at the back of the room for pick up, if you haven't received yours please do. One more important note, we will check the funds in the Community Foundation to see if we can again fund four \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students. Poor market conditions might crimp our desire to fund at this level, but we will do the best we can.

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

Jacquie Engels, our guest from Brooksbank PAC to whom we donated funds toward the construction of a new playground, had the winning raffle ticket, but missed pulling the ever elusive Ace of Spades.

There were too many happy dollars to keep track of! Ali Hashemi said he was happy to be selling Duck Splash tickets and suggested that he would push to sell one thousand Duck Splash tickets. President Norm, recognizing Ali to be an overachiever, challenged him to not set the bar too low (no sense high jumping 8' if you can push for 9'). He hit the 'more' button on Ali with a request for 5000 tickets. Ali said he would do his best! Game on!

Presenter: Brian Hooshi did a fantastic job introducing our speaker, who is also his cousin, Dr. Claudia Launhardt. Dr. Launhardt is a Professor of Anthropology and taught us all something new. Her presentation revolved around the Norouz tradition, which has been celebrated for over 5000 years. The main reason why we don't know how old the tradition goes is because of the lack of quantifiable sources. Norouz stands for the 'Persian New Year'. Twelve countries celebrate Norouz and all countries are Islamic or Muslim. According to Persepolis, which is one of their calendars, we are in the year 2568. So apparently the rest of the world missed out on 559 years of life, I think I want to be apart of the Norouz. The best part was being blessed with Rosewater. This is a tradition where you pass around a beautiful vase full of Rosewater and rub in on your face, hands and neck to cleanse yourself. It smells great!



Thanks to Speaker: Babak Shahbazi thanked our speaker very graciously and made the entire room burst into laughter, when he presented a certificate to Dr. Claudia Launhardt with his promise to eradicate twenty children. We all knew, of course, that Babak presented Dr. Claudia Launhardt with a certificate that promises to immunize twenty children against Polio, with the intent of eradication of polio.



Toast to Rotary International: Ali Hashemi led the group in toasting Rotary International. **The 4-Way Test:** John Stuart led the group in the 4-Way test. President Norm, 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

- March 30th Dr. David Fung - Chair of National Board of Directors, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters.
- April 6th Jessica Thoms - Director, Development and Alumni Relations, Capilano University
- April 13th No Meeting - Easter Monday
- April 20th Steve Davis - President, Independent Power Producers Association of BC



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- March 30 Ted Nugent
- April 6 Jim Isman
- April 20 David Philip

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