



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Entry On 'auto-pilot' many Rotarians ascended Cheers' staircase in great anticipation of what many North Van Rotarians attest to being the best part of their Monday—the esteemed club meeting! However, the meeting was not held at its adorned location (upstairs), but on the main floor of the restaurant...back down the stairs we went, and for many Rotarians the trip downstairs proved 'fruitful' as refreshments were made available along the way!

Desk After the confusion settled, and drink in hand, Rotarians were met by the lovely, Joy Jones. She 'quacked' ... "Do you have your Duck Splash tickets?...quack, quack!!" In addition to the 'quacker', Jim Cuthbert stood with his welcoming smile, upon which Rotarians could rest assured that we were in for yet another purpose**FULL** meeting.

After some time for standup fellowship, our courageous leader, President Norm Binion, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Wonderful World of Rotary for Monday, April 27th.

O Canada The club's newest member, Danica Silver, was put on the spot (because she hadn't checked her email) to lead the club in a roaring rendition of O Canada. Embarrassed as she was, she found the courage from within to bellow out the anthem...in addition, she also belted out a 'drum-beat' at the (in)appropriate time! Bud Fast led us in the invocation—clearly; we were in for a good night if this was to set the tone!

Guests:

Introduction of Guests

1. David Smith—Educator, author and a new resident in Edgemont Village (and potential club member?!) visited our club. He generously donated his book called *If the World Were a Village* to be auctioned off at a later point in the program.

2. Jamie Taras—Director, Community Relations for the BC Lions Football Club. Not to mention, a retired Lion and member of the BC Lion Dream Team, he was our guest of honour and program speaker.

Announcements:

Commitment needed ASAP—Our club needs Youth Exchange hosts from the North Shore for the upcoming calendar school year September 2009-June 2010. Three host families are needed. If you are interested please contact our YEX counselor, Neil Creighton, by May 11, 2009.

Popcorn Maker Found—John showed off the club's most recent purchase—an old fashioned popcorn maker! He proudly showed off the red and gold popcorn maker and excitedly made a few batches of popcorn for members to sample during the meeting...the aroma of sizzling butter over hot popcorn kernels dispersed throughout the restaurant, reminding many Rotarians of days long gone at the carnival and having FUN with family and friends! Way to go John!

"Duck to splash"—Joy Jones had her own "duck to splash" as she was adamant about the upcoming deadlines for the Duck Splash fundraiser!

- The cut-off date for Duck Splash ticket sales is Saturday, May 2, 2009. All money and ticket stubs are to be hand delivered to Joy's house by 5:00pm.
- Duck sorting at Bud's house on Saturday, May 02, 2009. Ducks need to be sorted, so come over early as many hands make light work!

Sergeant-At-Arms: Deborah Sommerfield \$\$Happy/Sad Dollars\$\$

- Neil was very happy that Chris is out of the hospital.
- Jeff Pearce is happy because his daughter graduated from UBC, and she is going travelling for 4 months! (He's thrilled to get her out of the house—hahah!)
- Dan is happy because his son, who is a new lawyer, just won his first trial!
- Fred is happy as he reminisced about his snorkeling trip on the coral reef in Belize!
- Bryan had happy dollars in recognition of innovative ways to sell thousands of tickets, and reminded the club that the Duck Spash is always full of surprises!

- Neil had happy dollars in recognition of the success of the Spring Fling fundraiser held by the West Vancouver Sunrise Rotary on April 25, 2009.
- John was happy that the popcorn machine works—and announced that “Popcorn was ready!”

In-meeting auction: Deborah Sommerfield

Deborah auctioned off a coveted BC Lions ball cap, that was generously donated by Jamie Taras, as well as David Smith's book *If the World Were a Village*. Neil Creighton won the hat, and Danica Silver won the book! All the money that was raised for these two items 'fattened' the Sergeant-At-Arms pot of which was donated to Joy Jones as a pledge for the upcoming Foundation Walk for Polio to be held at the District Conference May 21-24, 2009, in Victoria, BC. As a club we felt that, instead of having Joy beg each one of us for a pledge for the walk (although some would have liked to see that), we would donate the proceeds of the evenings Sergeant-At-Arms pot! Way to go Joy—we wish you luck and thank you for walking on behalf of this great cause!!

Program—Jamie Taras-Director, Community Relations, BC Lions



The evening's main event—Introduced by Bob, and dubbed by the club “Braun's & Brains!” (For those of you NOT at the meeting, you'd need to have been there to understand this title!)

Jamie returned to the Lions in 2009 for his second season as the club's Director, Community Relations following 16 seasons spent on the Lions' offensive line (1987-2002). Over the course of an exceptional football career, Taras would epitomize excellence and leadership both on and off the field, compiling numerous awards and honours during his time spent wearing a Lions uniform.

A two-time Grey Cup champion (1994, 2000), four-time Western All-Star (1995, 1999, 2001, 2002), three-time CFLPA All-Star (1995, 1999, 2002) and two-time CFL All-Star (1995, 1999), Taras would be frequently recognized by the league for his outstanding play and community involvement, receiving the Tom Pate Award (1999), the Becket Memorial Trophy (Most Outstanding Lineman in West Division - 1995, 1999), and the Gord Barwell Award (exemplary Christian character - 2001). The former team captain and member of the club's 50th season all-time dream team would also be a multiple recipient of several Lions awards, including the Fred

Dietrich Memorial Trophy (four-time winner), the Laurie Niemi Lineman of the Year Award (four-time winner), and Humanitarian of the Year Award. The message that Jamie brought to our meeting was that the BC Lions Football Club is much more than an impressive spectacle. Both on and off the field, the Lions are passionate about their fans and the community that supports them. The BC Lions have developed many exceptional programs that give back to the community. Although the Lions are enthusiastic about making connections with youth, and about raising the profile of amateur football in BC, they are also aware that there are many ways to make inroads of which is fundamental to build a strong football program in the community. *Right on the money*, the Lions are aware that women are not necessarily 'up-to-speed' *on what this football thing is all about....*as a result, they have created two programs for women only—Football 101 and Football 202 which provide an introduction to the rules, regulations, positions etc. of football—a fantastic program. The only downfall for some of the 'guys-guys' out there, however, is that now their girlfriend/wife might just want to hang out with them and the 'guys' to watch football all day on Sundays, evenings on Monday's, and not to mention the playoffs!—Ouch!

Jamie discussed the following programs that the BC Lions Football Club is currently involved in:

- Orange Helmet Awards Dinner Event.
- 50/50 Draws and Punt, Pass & Kick.
- Playing with the Pros. (A free camp that introduces youth to football).
- Football 101 and Football 202. (Introduction to football for women only—apparently there is wine and cheese, as well as BC Lions football players on-site teaching the program!) Ladies, we should enroll in this program!!
- Read, Write & ROAR! (Developing literacy skills for kids).
- Jr. Lions in the House. (Teaching kids about nutrition, physical fitness and the power of a positive attitude).
- BC Lions Charity Golf Classic.
- Lions Share—Every Yard Counts & Courage for Kids.

Jamie's presentation also highlighted the fact that, while all of these fantastic programs are in effect, BC Place Stadium is also in the process of having a major 'overhaul'...the face of the stadium is currently under renovation and the site plans look great!

To end our meeting Jamie was graciously thanked for his time and ongoing community support.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Norm and Neil asked the Rotarians to stay for an extra half-hour to discuss the logistics for the Duck Splash.

This meeting proved to be yet another fruitful and purposeFULL gathering!
For those Rotarians that were unable to join us, we missed you, and look forward to seeing you soon!

A Toast to Rotary International was made by Jim Isman, and Dan Eisenhauer led us in **The 4-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?

Hearing nothing further for the good of Rotary, President Norm declared that the meeting was adjourned.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

May 3 rd (Sunday)	Great Capilano Duck Splash
May 4 th	Duck De-Tagging (Family Event)
May 11 th	Jim Stanton, President Royal United Services Institute
May 18 th	No Meeting - Victoria Day
May 25 th	Karen Harrison - Rotary Ethics Program
June 1 st	Duck Splash Awards Dinner



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May 11 th	Babak Shahbazi	Danica Silver
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