



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

July 6, 2009



By President Norman Thomson

Riet Carter saw the need for someone at the door and took over initially and then Alec Wallace took over with greeter Bob McKilligan.

Our new District Governor, Gordon Dalglish, lead us in O Canada at an up tempo rate. Our members Dave Spears and Bob McKilligan vied to do the Invocation and Bob won out with an abridged version of his favorite one.

Guests: Many guests attended the Induction meeting. At the head table District Governor Gordon Dalglish and his wife Sylvia, Assistant District Governor Ken Wilson and his wife Peggy, and Pamela Thomson. At the other tables Colin Silver, Jackie McTavish, Heather Pearce, Susan Ward, Louise Spears, Elsbeth Gillardon , Chris Gielnik

Meal: The meal was a special Greek theme with Greek Salad and Kebabs. Desserts were available in buffet style at the end of the evening.

Announcements

By Norm Binion

1. The club members in supporting the Canada Day Parade did a fine job. John Ward, who was responsible for coordinating our participation, thanked everyone for a job well done. He also thanked John Stuart for letting our crew join him on the old fire truck at the end of the parade.
2. Norm Binion congratulated Neil Mc Donald on being elected Vice President of the RI Youth Exchange Executive Committee.

President Norm Binion's Address

True to form Norm followed up on presentations to club members who were not at the year-end review meeting. Norm had both fun gifts and plaques for members in recognition of each member's contribution throughout his presidential year.

Norm then gave a humorous and informative speech on the year's achievements and potentially what lay ahead for the new president. Norm had cleverly researched many items that happened on July 6th, from coronations of kings to the demise of pop stars and many other events.

On completion of Norm's speech the Club gave him a standing ovation.

Norman Thomson then said some words of appreciation to Norm Binion and, on behalf of the club, presented him with a souvenir plaque and hammer as a memento of his successful year as club president.

Paul Harris Presentation

Norman Thomson briefly introduced Ken Wilson, our Assistant Governor. Ken told the company that he had the honor to be presenting a Paul Harris Fellowship to the most deserving member of our club. It was to Norm Binion of course. Ken went on to say he had enjoyed working with Norm in conjunction with the other 3 clubs in the joint club projects that were undertaken last year. Norm accepted the award with his usual modesty.



Induction of the Club Executive 2009/2010

It is not unique to have a past member of our club as District Governor but it added a certain intimacy to the event to have Gordon Dalglish carry out the induction this year. His opening comments gave him the opportunity to reflect on his past membership in our club and his involvement in the Duck Race.

Gordon started the proceedings by presenting to Norm Binion the Presidential Citation Certificate that he and the club had earned last year.

He then called forward the members of the executive who were present to congratulate them on taking on the duties and presented their pins and position tags.

The new executive are;

Norman Thomson - President
Norm Binion - Past President
David Spears - Secretary
Riet Carter - Treasurer
Deneka Michaud - Director of Public Relations
Terry Mc Gauley - Director of International Projects
Crystal Campbell - Director of Membership
Laurie Porter - Director of RI Foundation
Tevis Michaud - Director of Community Services
John Stuart - Director of Club Archives
Peter Taylor - Sergeant at Arms
Vacant - Director of Club Administration

The last member to be inducted was new President Norman Thomson. Gordon Dalglish had Norman commit to make his best effort to lead the club forward in the year ahead in accordance with RI President John Kenny's theme of "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"



New President's Comments

Norman started off by stressing the John Kenny theme for the year, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." He said he was very conscious that meant his and all of us in the Club.

Norman went on to say he was nervous of the year ahead mainly because of Norm Binion's Gold Medal performance last year. However, because it will be the year of the Winter Olympics, it will be a year to be remembered. So we will have to have fun and enjoy making a success of the coming year.

He went on to talk about the activities and how we are committed to lots of things up till Christmas and some ideas he would like the club to consider at a club assembly early in September.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Late in the evening Peter Taylor held the 50/50 draw and while Alec Wallace had the lucky number he drew the wrong ace from the pack. .

The Toast to Rotary International - was made by Neil Creighton

The Four Way Test - was led by John Ward

Adjournment - and the buffet deserts

