



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



**August 17, 2009**

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Joy Jones cheerfully greeted members and guests. Guests included Frances McKilligan, Dr. Alexandre Berlin (a visiting Rotarian from Europe) and our guest speaker, Derek Matthews.

President Norman Thomson led the singing of the national anthem followed by David Spears giving the invocation. As it was the height of summer, attendance was below normal and filled only 2 tables.

## **Announcements:**

President Norman spoke of the sudden and unfortunate passing of Sonia Wolowidnyk's husband, Stan. Support for her at this difficult time was expressed.

Dr. Berlin expressed thanks to our Club for our ongoing support of Capilano University students in their European Studies Tours. Planning for the future includes European students coming here for Canadian studies.

The Terry Fox Run at Inter River Park is scheduled for Sept 13, 2009. President Norm encouraged the membership to get involved and continue fundraising in Terry's memory for cancer research.

Terry McGauley spoke about the "Tanzania Project". He has secured hospital laboratory equipment for shipment to Tanzania to set up a cancer therapy hospital there. The first shipment is scheduled to go Sept 2009. Terry is to be congratulated on his efforts, having secured equipment with replacement value in the order of \$750,000.

Peter Taylor, Sergeant at Arms, issued fines for failing to collect a ticket from Joy and Bob McKilligan paid up for wearing shorts! With precisely half a deck to draw from President Norman failed in his pursuit of the ace of spades. Various members spoke of their summer holiday pursuits.

## Program

Guest speaker was Derek Matthews. He has had a lifelong passion for wild birds and works with the Vancouver Avian Research Center and their Bird Banding Program. He talked extensively about the worldwide decline in numbers of migratory birds, including declines in numbers of birds of prey. Climate change and loss of habitat are the culprits. Bird banding provides data that reflect changes in species populations. As birds are at the top of the food chain their health and population numbers reflect, in many ways, the health of our environment. More information about Vancouver Avian Research Centre is available at [www.birdvancouver.com](http://www.birdvancouver.com). Jeff Pearce thanked Derek for a great talk and presented him with the customary Polio Plus thank you.

## Adjournment

The evening was rounded out with the Toast to RI by Bob McKilligan and Dan Eisenhower led the 4-Way Test. Meeting adjourned.

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### Future Meetings / Key Dates

- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> The Brazil Report (Youth Exchange) - Jen Chapman
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Camp Moomba - Luke Balson, Executive Director, Western Canadian Pediatric AIDS Society
- Sep 7<sup>th</sup> No Meeting - Labour Day
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup> Terry Fox Run  
(Sun)

### Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day

- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Alec Wallace
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Norm Binion