



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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**Front Desk and Opening:** Jeff Pearce was at the front desk to lighten everyone's purse and welcome all and sundry to another evening of Rotary. As is quite usual for a nice summer evening, vacations and other pursuits took their toll on attendance - so we had 20 attendees, including six guests. With Norman McThomson in charge, David Spears led one of the better renditions of the National Anthem with Dan Eisenhauer providing the Invocation.

**Guests:** The six guests comprised - Rotarian Dieter Greiner from the West Vancouver Rotary Club; member spouse and sister, Heather Pearce; former member Rotarian Bob Nowell, on short term sabbatical yet again from Kelowna; member spouse Chris McDonald and two former Youth Exchange students - our speaker for the evening Jen Chapman and, all the way from London, England Outi Ruusuvirta, who the club hosted as a YE student from Finland some eleven years ago. Outi is well into a multi-year Ph.D. program in Political Science at the London School of Economics.



**Announcements:** Pres. Norman announced that he had visited Harold Stringer a few days ago on the occasion of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday and found him in good spirits and in reasonable health.



He also reminded the club that the Terry Fox run is set for Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> and he is looking forward to seeing many members out to lend a hand and provide support.

The President also mentioned the Wine Festival scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> at Park Royal and indicated that there was some discussion about possibly making Hollyburn Family Services the principle recipient for the resultant funds.





Lastly, some members were planning a golf outing to Bowen Island the next day and everyone who enjoys swinging a stick at a small ball was welcome to participate.

The Sergeant-At-Arms held the usual draw for the 50:50 pot and Dan Eisenhower held the lucky ticket but was not lucky enough to win the draw when the pack was drawn.

Money was extracted from almost every member when they were unable to remember Outi's original home town in Finland, which was Jyväskylä. (In case you were wondering, the City of Jyväskylä was founded on 22 March 1837 by Czar Nicholas I of Russia!)



"Glad and Sad" contributions included Neil Creighton, happy for his mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; Jeff Pearce happy to see Jen and Outi back at the club; Dan Eisenhower happy that he has launched a business joint venture with his son dealing with foreclosures; Dieter Greiner happy with the welcome that he received; David Spears pleased to have spent some quality time with his family; Norman Thomson with similar thoughts plus a nice card that he had received from his Dad.

**Presenter:** Neil Creighton introduced this week's speaker, Jen



Chapman who has just returned from Brazil where she spent a school year as the Club's representative on the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Jen gave a illustrated talk about her year with the Rotary Club of Bello Horizonte. Belo Horizonte (*Beautiful Horizon*) is the capital of the state of Minas Gerais,



located in the southeastern region of Brazil. It is the third-largest metropolitan area in the country and last year hosted no less than six YE students at this one club alone! Jen enjoyed two different extended trips with other students and managed to see a lot of the country. When she left North Vancouver Jen was relatively proficient in Spanish but has now added Portuguese to her language skills. The year in Brazil was a great experience and Jen expressed her thanks to the

club for providing her with this amazing opportunity.

**Tevis Michaud thanked Jen on behalf of the club and presented her with the customary certificate recording the Rotary Club of North Vancouver commitment to provide funds to immunize 20 children from polio.**

**Rolf Gillardon gave the toast to Rotary International, Brian Hooshi lead us in the 4-Way Test and, within nothing further for the good of Rotary, President Norman closed out the meeting.**

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**Future Meetings / Key Dates**

August 31	Camp Moomba - Luc Balson
September 7	No Meeting - Labour Day
September 13	Terry Fox Run
September 14	Club Assembly
September 21	Kenya Project

**Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day**

August 31	Norm Binion
September 14	Catherine Michaud
September 21	John Stuart