



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



**September 14, 2009**  
**Written by David Spears**

## **Members & Guests**

Joy Jones happily accepted funds from the 23 people greeted by John Ward at tonight's meeting, including guests Maureen Park and Jim Godey from our sister NVLG Rotary Club.



**O Canada** was lead by Alec Wallace after which David Spears gave a provocative invocation.

## **Dinner**

A fine chicken dinner with carrots and rice was followed by cream cake dessert served by Tong.

## **Announcements**

President Norman Thomson turned the mic over to Maureen Park and Jim Godey to outline some of the committee needs for Operation Red Nose this year. Maureen is Chair and needs an enthusiastic Volunteer Coordinator and a Media person as well as a savvy Data Entry person.

Jim took the opportunity to explain their club's fundraiser, Entertainment Books. Anyone wanting some please notify President Norman to place a club order.

## **Sergeant at Arms**



Sergeant at Arms Peter Taylor fined individuals who were late or who did not volunteer at the Terry Fox Run. Maureen Park drew the 50/50 ticket, which David Spears had. David pulled the 2 of Clubs in search of the elusive Ace of Spades. Peter stumped all but Neil Creighton with his question on what the Rotary Calendar called the month of September – New Generations Month. He also asked how many participants were in the NV Terry Fox Run (250) and how much money was raised (\$7000 to date).

Glads and Sads included:

John Ward was happy about his river cruise.

Jeff Pearce was happy about the upcoming NV Museum and Archives event and that Johnny Reid won a Country Music Award.

Deborah Sommerfeld was glad to be heading to Cabo San Lucas next week. Norman Thomson was happy with the Terry Fox Run. David Spears was sad that his ladder slipped off his shed with him on it. Neil Creighton was happy to for the successful Terry Fox Run, for having enjoyed attending the Sarah McLachlan concert at Ambleside last weekend, and for seeing his son Paul play soccer at a higher level than before. Norm Binion was pleased with the Terry Fox Run organization by Norman and also excited about taking 7 different routes up Grouse Mountain tomorrow. Maureen Park was glad to be with a nice bunch of people. Jim Godey was happy to have the opportunity to visit our club. Peter Taylor was happy for the success of Norman's Terry Fox Run, but sad that he wouldn't see Norman next week. Joy was sad to have missed the Terry Fox Run, but glad to be back at our Rotary meeting.

## Program

Tonight was our Club Assembly:

Riet Carter provided a detailed financial review.



David Spears gave a Secretary update: likely the club will have 33 members; attendance was 45% in July and 42% in August; 50 club banners have been ordered.

Terry McGauley gave updates on the Tanzania project – a container of medical supplies leaving next Saturday and another by November – and on the Liberia project – our club is budgeting \$2000 for the project spearheaded by the two West Van clubs and we are taking a watch and see approach to the progress.

Norman Thomson mentioned community events, including the success of the NV Terry Fox Run with the weather cooperating and great club participation. Norman added that Neil Creighton had presented him with Wine Festival tickets for distribution next meeting. Lastly, he discussed fundraising for the spring and a debate on continuing with the Duck Splash or substituting a less intensive fundraiser. Many members passed comments in support of the Duck Splash, providing we could find a chair other than the president. Norman decided to allow a few weeks for club discussion before a decision is made.



Neil McDonald commented that our club is not hosting a Youth Exchange student this year but we are considering our involvement for next year, possibly jointly with the Lions Gate Rotary Club.

A Christmas wish of Norman Thomson is to add Christmas lights to the Rotary Circle at the Lions Gate Bridge. Fred Sverre gave a description of the Rotary Circle committee and their functions looking after the traffic circle. He requested that we provide two volunteers for next Wednesday morning. Both Jeff Pearce and Bud Fast said they would help. The Traffic Circle committee has included in the budget \$500 for installation of Christmas lights. Norman suggested he would like to increase the spending to have a spectacular display by initially trying for a District Simplified Grant. If we are successful this could result in a grant of up to a \$1000.00

## **Adjournment**

Bryan Chalmers made the toast to Rotary International and Bud Fast led us in The 4-way Test.

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### **Future Meetings / Key Dates**

September 21	Kenya Project
September 28	Recruiting & Retaining: Are You Prepared For the Economic Recovery - Brad Herbert
October 24	North Shore Rotary Wine & Food Festival

### **Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day / Proof Reader**

September 21	John Stuart / John Ward
September 28	Terry McGauley / Ted Nugent

