



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

November 2nd, 2009



by Jeff Pearce



22 people were in attendance, including 5 guests; visiting Rotarian's, Maureen Park and Jim Godey, both from the North Vancouver Lionsgate Rotary Club; Adrienne Kavanagh; Tyson Hepburn; and tonight's guest speaker, Brad Hodson.



Joy Jones, in a full "Wicked Witch from the West" costume, was at the desk to sign everyone in and sell 50/50 tickets.

There was no agenda on hand for tonight's meeting, nor was there any duty roster, but at every table setting there was a numbered envelope with instructions inside. President Norman asked for envelope #1 and Catherine Michaud started the evening with a Toast to Rotary. Envelope # 2 belonged to yours truly – editor for tonight's Wheel Squeals. #3 was in front of Rolf Gillardon who led us in O Canada. Envelope #4 belonged to prospective new member, Adrienne Kavanagh, who read from the ABC's of Rotary, the definition of Rotary... *"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."* Envelope #5 was in front of Jim

Godey who told us a joke. #6 was a Halloween treat for John Ward... an exemption certificate for a future fine.

Announcements:



President Norman is having his hip replacement operation this Thursday and is expected to be away for a few weeks. We all hope for a speedy recovery and a quick return. In his absence, David Spears and Norm Binion have volunteered to chair meetings.

John Stuart will lay a wreath from our club during the Remembrance Day ceremony, Nov. 11th at the Victoria Park Cenotaph. Things get underway at 10:30 am. There is always a large crowd, so if you are planning to attend, it is best to be early.

Jim Godey spoke about this year's Operation Red Nose. Jim reminded us that volunteer applications are needed, and that, police checks will need to be completed and handed in person to the Community Police Stations at Lower Lonsdale and Edgemont Village.

Norm Binion read a letter from MLA Jane Thornthwaite, which was presented to the legislative assembly in Victoria. The letter spoke about the North Shore Rotary Wine & Food Festival and the great work that Rotary has done on the North Shore with the Youth Safe House. Norm is also requesting more response, ASAP, to the idea of a Snow Shoe event for the spring of 2010.



Envelope #7 belonged to Terry McGauley, tonight's **Sergeant at Arms:** Fines were assessed to President Norman for becoming part of the Titanium league; Norm Binion for hob-knobbing with politicians; Deborah for being late; Deneka for her recent article in the North Shore News on the Tanzanian cancer clinic. There were a number of Happy dollars for Deneka's excellent article. Bob McKilligan passed on greetings from Harold Stringer, who he was

visiting recently, at Lions Gate Hospital. Bob also had some happy dollars for Frances' incredible accomplishments at the World Master Games in Sydney, Australia where she received 1 Gold medal, 1 Silver medal and 2 Bronze medals, all in swimming events! Yea Frances! Guest, Tyson Hepburn, drew Neil Creighton's 50/50 ticket but Neil was unable to draw that elusive Ace.

Envelope #8 belonged to Deneka Michaud who introduced tonight's **Guest Speaker**, Brad Hodson, of Valley Estate Wines. Valley Estate Wines was voted the Number One wine making business by the North Shore Outlook and Brad has been awarded 13 medals for his excellent wines. He imports juices from vineyards all over the world. They use very little sulphites in their process, which takes from 6 – 8 weeks, and produces about 30 bottles per batch. Fred Sverre had envelope #9 and thanked Brad for tonight's presentation.

Envelope #10 belonged to, Bob McKilligan, who told us a joke. #11 was in front of Neil Creighton and had a future fine exemption certificate. Envelope # 12 belonged to Joy Jones, who led us in the 4-way test.



Future Meetings / Key Dates

- Nov 9th – chair David Spears - **Nexterra Systems – Phil Beaty**
- Nov 16th – chair Norm Binion – **Snow Shoe Club Assembly**
- Nov 23rd – chair David Spears – **Hospice Palliative Care – Bonnie Stableford**
- Nov 27th – **Operation Red Nose** begins
- Nov 30th – chair Norm Binion – **Jane Thornthwaite, MLA**

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- Nov 9th – Fred Sverre
- Nov 16th – Ted Nugent
- Nov 23rd – Bud Fast
- Nov 30th – Laurie Porter