



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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**Desk:** Joy Jones greeted us at the front desk, with open arms and a very lovely smile, to collect our dinner fee and Rotary International donation.

**O Canada:** Norman Thompson started off the proceedings with a rip roaring, raucous and robust, rendition of O Canada. After his stay in the hospital it appears the voice is stronger than ever.

**Invocation:** Deneka Michaud was very excited to do her first ever invocation and impressed us all on her originality.

**Guests:** We had four welcome guests in attendance, joining our twenty members: Bud Fast's wife Pat; Norman Thompson's wife Pam; and Jeff Pearce's wife Heather; plus our guest speaker Jane Thornthwaite.



**Announcements:** Acting in replacement of recovering President Norman, Past President Norm said the Ski with Kathy Kreiner will probably take place in mid-January and that anyone interested please let him know. Sonia said



**Operation Red Nose** had 10 rides Nov 27<sup>th</sup> and 12 on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. Fewer volunteers this year meant busier teams and one team with only 2 people. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY.**

Fred Sverre said salmon sales are doing well. This was David Spears last day of growing a moustache for prostate cancer awareness, I think it was toast that evening. David has also gathered a team together to run in Harry's Spring Run-Off to Fight Prostate Cancer, March 7, 2010, in Stanley Park. Babak was back after a long absence and actually had a good excuse - child number THREE arrived in September, and it's a boy. What was absent were the cigars. Terry McGauley said the 2<sup>nd</sup> shipment of medical equipment is getting organized for shipment to Tanzania.



**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Our guest speaker, Jane Thornthwaite, called out the lucky ticket number and DENEKA WAS THE LUCKY ONE FOR PART ONE OF TWO.



The sad face on Deneka is the result of not passing phase two.



Babak was the Sergeant-At-Arms and managed, with Norm Binion's coaching, to get even with Laurie - everyone who might ordinarily wear a dress and not wearing one, must pay up. Stay tuned for round 3. Happy and Sads - the biggest one is Norman Thompson is back with a new hip and healthier than ever with his loving wife Pam being the best care giver, nurse, cab driver and wife ever. Pam, it may be good idea to keep that one in the back pocket.

**Presenter:** Fred Sverre introduced our guest speaker. Jane Thornthwaite was elected MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour in May 2009. Jane has a long list of credentials leading up to victory that I am sure did not leave her opponents much chance. Jane is a very enthusiastic people person and welcomes your input on any issues or ideas you may have. She says "It has been a wild ride" and is amazed at how busy she is, and will be, during her term. BC will have a deficit due to lower personal and corporate income tax revenue and lower natural gas prices, BUT, BC will be ahead of all other provinces primarily due to the hosting of the Olympics. They expect 250,000 visitors for the Olympic Games and THREE BILLION PEOPLE watching. So we better be on our best behavior. The Olympic torch will be passed 3 times in North Vancouver during February 2010. Health care is 40% of our BC Budget and if not kept under control could be 100%. Since this is unacceptable measures have to be taken to keep costs down so the BC Government is looking at all options to address this very serious problem. The list was very impressive on all issues Jane touched. Norm Binion was most impressed as he had given her a list of items to talk about but did not expect her to do it all.

**Thanks to Speaker: Jeff Pearce**

**Toast to Rotary International: John Stuart led the group in toasting Rotary International.**

**The 4-Way Test: John Ward led the group in the 4-Way Test.**

**Of the things we think, say or do:**

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**Adjournment: Past President Norm, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.**

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**Future Meetings / Key Dates**

- Dec 7 Big Brothers, The Story and Its Programs - Azmina Allibhai and Meaghan Taylor-Reid
- Dec 14 Club Assembly
- Dec 21 Christmas Fellowship with The Argyle Alumni Choir - Partner Evening
- Dec 28 No Meeting - Christmas Break



**Wheel Squeals -**

- Dec 7
- Dec 14
- Dec 21

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