



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER **WHEEL SQUEALS**



March 1, 2010

Written by Catherine Michaud

Desk: Joy Jones greeted us all at the front desk and provided everyone with their "lucky" draw ticket for the elusive Ace of Spades.

O Canada: Alec Wallace led the group with the singing of 'O Canada' and gave a heartfelt tribute to Hockey.

Invocation: David Spears provided the Invocation and commented on the great Olympics and Rotary Hoodies.

Attendance: There were 16 members for the evening and the dinner meeting took place in the smaller room on the main floor of the restaurant.

Guests: Wes' dad, Paul Michaud, attended Rotary for the evening and enjoyed a delicious white fish dinner and excellent presentation by John Stuart.

Announcements:

- President Norman mentioned to the club that Norm Binion is in need of volunteers for VASS on Thursday, March 4th at 8:30 in the morning. John Ward, Laurie Porter & Norm Binion are organizing our VASS Challenge Cup entry and three other related events: the Chuck-A-Duck, the Chuck-A-Duck-A La Duck and the Chuck & Duck events. (The winner is the one that hits Norm!) You get 3 'Chucks' for \$5.00 and all proceeds go to VASS. And the Sledge Hockey action can be enjoyed at the same time and location!
- Bob McKilligan announced the winner of the 50/50 draw for the number of Olympic medals won. John Ward was the grand prize winner with

Fred Sverre coming in 2nd. John graciously donated his winnings back to Rotary. Way to go John!!!

- The March 8th Rotary meeting will be sorting eyeglasses in Burnaby. Neil Creighton will send out a map with directions.
- Volunteers are needed for the Iranian Festival. President Norman would like to acquire some new prospective members while at this event.
- Future Vision Funding was discussed.
- John Ward said that Grouse Mountain has contacted Rotary about the old uniforms of the staff at Grouse. They are to be sorted and sent to a warehouse in Coquitlam for distribution to the Ukraine. At least three vehicles will be required to transport the uniforms from Grouse Mt to Coquitlam. Laurie offered her station wagon.
- It was mentioned that Harold, who is a Sunrise Resident at Lynn Valley, would appreciate having some visitors.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Peter Taylor, once again, sold extra raffle tickets



for the Ace of Spades draw. Guest Paul was asked to pick the lucky ticket number. Catherine Michaud had the lucky ticket but picked a losing 'Five of Diamonds'. It was mentioned that this is the longest time this draw has carried on. Maybe the March 15th meeting will prove to be the lucky night.

Happy Dollars:

- Joy went to the Olympic Closing Ceremonies with her son and had a wonderful time.
- Dan Eisenhower vacationed in the Caribbean and enjoyed the sun and surf - especially seeing a giant stingray!
- Fred Sverre was especially happy when Maelle Ricker (who is a close friend of Fred) won the Olympic Gold Medal in Ladies Snowboard Cross.
- Working with a Russian Delegate and driving to Whistler was a wonderful experience.
- Neil Creighton had an amazing Olympic experience - Nova Scotia!!
- President Norman is enjoying his new Rotary sweatshirt.
- Bryan Chalmers is very pleased that he saved himself \$450 by doing his own tiling.
- Peter Taylor is happy that Canada has set a new world record for the most Winter Olympic medals.

Introduce the Speaker: Bob McKilligan introduced John Stuart as our speaker for the evening.

Presenter: Member John Stuart gave a very interesting talk and slide show about Industrial Heritage Buildings in Southern Ontario. He visited many cities and townships including Hamilton, Grimsby, Niagara Falls, Decew Falls and Toronto.

- Hamilton: Sir Allan MacNab's Dundurn Castle, McMaster University's Nuclear Reactor is the oldest reactor in Canada - for a bit of trivia Neanderthal Man was x-rayed here.
- Niagara Escarpment has 132 waterfalls that are used for generating power, running mills, water wheels and pipes. These falls helped create the economy in the Niagara Peninsula during the turn of the century and continue to do so today.
- Welland Canal.
- Keynote Address.
- Petrolia - Canada's Victorian Oil Town.
- Toronto: Gooderham & Worts has Victorian industrial architecture and was once the largest distillery in the British Empire. Today it is a trendy Toronto tourist area with galleries, restaurants, coffee houses, movie sets and a micro brewery.

Thank Speaker: Laurie thanked John for a wonderful presentation stating that he was a "walking encyclopedia" with a wealth of information. We all very much enjoyed John's interesting talk and slide show.

Toast to Rotary International: Bryan Chalmers gave the toast for the evening.

The 4-Way Test: Bud Fast 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: President Norman adjourned the meeting and asked us all to think of the 4-Way Test and what it truly means & wished us all a good week.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

March 8	Eyeglass Sorting Workshop
March 15	Author Shervin Shahriari
March 22	Member Ramin Izadi
March 29	Afghanistan Soldier Mike Bowman

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	Editor for a Day	Proof Reader
March 15	Neil Creighton	Neil McDonald
March 22	Alec Wallace	Babak Shahbazi
March 29	Deneka Michaud	Fred Sverre

