



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

WHEELS SQUEALS

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Guests

Joy Jones was ill so Bob Mckilligan was collecting everyone's money. We had 3 guests representing VASS, Malouf Blanchard, Cory Feige and Ken Ross plus a prospective new member, Lloyd Marlor, in attendance. Heather Pearce also joined us.

Invocation

John Stuart led us in singing O'Canada and David Spears gave the invocation.

Announcements

Fred Sverre indicated the Ministry of Transportation will be using the highway circle just north of the Lions Gate bridge until the end of August as a staging area for construction of a new bridge over the Capilano River. Fred also advised that a charter member of our club, Stinson Clarke, died near the beginning of April. Norm Thomson indicated that our normal Monday meeting of the 26th of April will be changed to Tuesday the 27th of April to accomodate a meeting with the GSE team from the Philippines. Norm also indicated that additional volunteers were needed for organizing the wine festival if our club was going to participate in the event.

VASS

Norm Binion presented a cheque for a new sit ski to the VASS members present at the meeting. Cory Feige who lost the use of her legs in a snow boarding accident and now teaches people to use sit skis described the new type of sit ski and demonstrated how it was used using a similar ski VASS brought to the meeting.

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Sergeant - At- Arms

Peter Taylor was the sergeant-at-arms and did a diligent job of extracting money from us. John Stuart won the draw but drew a 4 of Hearts from the deck of cards.

Program

Lori Porter introduced our speaker, Natalie Zigarlick, who is a member of the Tsawwassen Rotary Club.

Natalie lost her husband at the age of 45 due to kidney failure while awaiting the donation of a kidney. As a result, she actively promotes the donation of organs through the BC Transplant Society. Up until 1997 organ donations were handled by the Motor Vehicle Branch with a decal shown on the donor's drivers licence. Since 1997 the organ donation program has been administered by the Ministry of Health and integrated with the Care Card. Many people are not aware of this and have not transferred their organ donation status from their driver's licence to their Care Card. There is a severe lack of donors in BC and Natalie encouraged everyone to register as this could save someone else's life and possibly several lives. There are approximately 25,000 deaths in BC each year but in 2008 only 54 people who died were organ donors.

Neil Creighton thanked Natalie for her interesting presentation.

Toast

Jeff Pearce led the toast to Rotary International and Norm Binion led us in the 4-Way Test.

Future Meetings

April 19 - Classification talk by Deneka Michaud

April 27 - Group Study Exchange Team from the Philippines

