



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

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Desk: Bob McKilligan, pinch hitting for Joy Jones, capably handled the dual responsibility of greeting those in attendance and collecting our money.

O Canada and Invocation: Neil McDonald led the singing of O Canada and Norm Binion provided the Invocation.

Guests: included our Guest Speaker for the evening, Lt. Commander Danny McGrane, TOPH Whitmore, a Rotarian from the Seattle area and Al Small, a friend and neighbour of Neil McDonald.

Announcements:

- Deborah Sommerfeld asked for and received volunteers to present Rotary Scholarships to two North Vancouver high school graduating students at upcoming graduating ceremonies.
- Bob McKilligan spoke on behalf of the Rotary Seawalk Run being held on May 29th. In addition to promoting the event, Bob distributed pledge sheets for those wishing to make a financial contribution.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Peter Taylor did his usual capable job in generating some additional funds through fines and happy and sads. Jeff Pearce related a very funny story associated to his son's return home from university. Jeff is rearranging his sleeping habits to fit in with his son's social activities. David Spears had the winning ticket but unfortunately for him, he missed drawing the Ace of Spades.

Guest Speaker: David Spears introduced our Guest Speaker, Lt. Commander Danny McGrane. Danny joined the British Royal Navy in 1978 as a junior Radio Operator. His career has included many overseas postings supporting numerous operational units. He is currently based at NATO's only major military command in North America at Norfolk, VA as a NATO Briefing Officer. Danny's presentation

provided us with a unique understanding of NATO - from the history of NATO to NATO's current challenges and the initiatives being considered to make NATO more effective in the future. The "Editor-for-a-Day" was so interested in Danny's presentation that he failed to capture a number of the specifics that Danny presented but all those in attendance found the presentation very stimulating.

Thank Speaker: Deneka thanked Danny on behalf of our Club and presented him with our usual Certificate of Appreciation.

Future Meetings:

May 24 th	Holiday (no meeting)
May 31 st	Welcome Home Society - Richard Renning, Program Director
June 7 th	Seymour Seniors Residence - Peter Gaskill, Pacific Arbour
June 14 th	Athletic Turning Points, The Challenge - Ean Jackson