



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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**Front Desk and Opening:** Joy J. was at the front desk to provide her usual friendly welcome to all and sundry. President Norman T. opened the meeting of a small but very select group of Rotarians and guests and Jeff P. led us into a lusty version of the Anthem, with Sonia B. then providing a thoughtful Invocation.

**Guests:** There were two guests for the evening. Rick Mitchell, was introduced by Joy J. and was on another return visit as a guest and prospective member. He quietly mentioned to his table that he had very recently got married. Also attending was our outbound youth exchange student Michelle Congdon introduced by Neil McD.



**Sergeant at Arms:** Peter T., who was spotted after the meeting driving a brand new BMW sports car (a good indication to consider buying Scotia Bank shares???) handled this part of the programme with his normal aplomb. He was rewarded by Deborah S. drawing his lucky number for the 50:50 draw. His luck then very quickly expired as his card selection was not successful.



**Fines collected included:**

- Joy J. for "Norming" the President.
- Everyone wearing ties (Norman, Fred, Terry and Bryan)
- Everyone who did not go to the District Conference in Prince Rupert (Too many to record unfortunately)

**The "Happy and Sads" announcements comprised:**

- Sonya who had her car towed for parking very briefly on the street without any current tax and insurance. ICBC has probably



added her to their long list of miscreants. To add to her misfortune she recently managed to collapse a fully loaded bookshelf on herself. No word if her literacy has improved as a direct result.

- Bob McK. was pleased to have completed the Rotary Seawalk Run/Walk in West Vancouver and even managed to beat David S, - although there was an evil rumour circulating that David had set out to walk twice as far and was therefore taking things a bit more slowly.
- Jeff P. was delighted that his elderly mother-in-law had recently had successful spine surgery.
- Bryan C. was very happy that he will soon be leaving for a vacation covering six different European countries.
- Joy J. enjoyed the District Conference.
- David S. was very happy to be sandwiched at the table between two lady members....the less said about that the better and he also enjoyed the Seawalk Run/Walk.
- Peter T. told us that he recently had met former member Ralph



Alderman's wife and she told him that they were soon retiring to New Mexico. Long time members will remember that Ralph managed the North Shore film studios and once thoroughly frightened the entire membership by appearing in full army battle dress and screaming that he would individually destroy us if we did not fully support one of the early Duck Races!!

President Norman then introduced a brief discussion regarding the optimum prime beneficiary for proceed from the next wine festival. After some minutes an informal vote was held and the club agreed that the Youth Safe House might be the best selection. It was noted that this move should encourage government to make their contribution as well.

**Speaker:** With the planned speaker not attending, it provided an opportunity for our student Michelle to talk about her planned youth exchange year and both Sonia and Joy to tell us about the District Conference.

Michelle moved to North Vancouver from Calgary some three years ago and is presently a Grade 11 student at Windsor. She is heavily involved in their music programme and plays several instruments. Her youth exchange year will be somewhere in the vicinity of Sao Paulo in Brazil, but she does not yet have any details. Michelle is also now third in command of the local air cadet squadron and is looking forward to more activity



with this group when she returns from Brazil.

Sonia and Joy then told us about the Prince Rupert conference. Apparently Joy and Don Kavanagh led the Rotary parade, which included a primary school marching band, through the downtown streets. However they had to retrace their steps after they had marched straight past the City Hall, which they had failed to recognize! The GSE team from the Philippines was there too. DG Gordon Dalglish and his wife led Scottish country dancing during the Gala night and a very impressive speaker talked about the challenges of growing up within the local Chinese community.



Laurie P. gave the toast to Rotary International and Peter T. led us in the 4 Way Test to conclude the meeting.

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### **Future Meetings:**

- June 7<sup>th</sup> Seymour Seniors Residence - Peter Gaskill, Pacific Arbour
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Athletic Turning Points, The Challenge - Ean Jackson
- June 21<sup>st</sup> CanAssist Program, University of Victoria - Barbara Toller
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Installation of 2010/2011 Executive (Partner Evening)