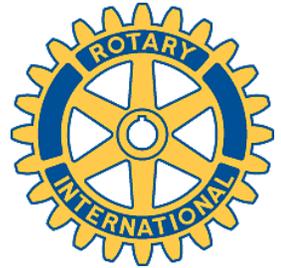


THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER **WHEEL SQUEALS**

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Joy Jones once again manned the desk and cheerfully greeted us.
Norman Thomson gave the Invocation and Bud Fast led us in O Canada.

Guests this week included Wendy Law, a future member who will be inducted on September 27th, and Daniel Tardif, also (hopefully) a prospective member.

Announcements:

1. Norman Thomson received a much deserved accolade for organizing the 30th annual Terry Fox Run on September 19th. The runners numbered around 250 and approximately \$8,000 was raised for cancer research. Norman's name is to be put forward for a "local hero" award in our community.
2. Foundation Dinner at the River Rock on September 29th. RI President Ray Klinginsmith is the keynote speaker.
3. October 10-16 is Homelessness Action Week in North Van. Clothing items, particularly socks and shoes are requested for donation. On Thursday October 14 our Club will prepare and serve lunch for 100 people at the John Braithwaite Community Centre. We need 10 volunteers for this. On October 16 there will be a soccer match for homeless persons at Norseman Field. Volunteers are needed to referee. Contact President David.
4. Youth Exchange: Jeff and Heather Pearce, the Jim and Sue Godey (Lion's Gate Club) and the parents of our outbound exchange student have come forward to host an exchange student for the coming year.

5. "Bring a Lawyer to Dinner": October 4th meeting. Speaker is the lawyer who handled the class action suit in the sinking of the "Queen of the North".
6. Duck Splash: Bud Fast has is having good success in raising prize donations. Sponsorship monies promised to date are looking good too.
7. Wine Festival: October 23 at Park Royal. Tickets were distributed. Each member is asked to sell 10 tickets.

Sergeant at Arms:

Deborah Sommerfeld drew the winning ticket number but failed to pull out the coveted Ace of Spades.

Alec Wallace fined members for 2 violations - the first being, non-attendance at the Terry Fox Run and second being, failure to participate in the warm up run. The offenders cheerfully obliged.

Happy and Sad's: Neil McDonald has a new grandson as does Joy Jones. Bud Fast contributed cash in honour of Norman Thomson's successful Terry Fox Run and David Spears was sad about the BC Lion's recent defeat (again) and happy about his recent trip to Kelowna.

Guest Speaker:

Rick Mitchell of our Club showed his video of the "Rickshaw Run" - a 3,500 km journey made by Rick, his brother and sister-in-law in January of 2009. They travelled by 3 wheeled, 7 hp motorized, enclosed scooter across the Indian Subcontinent from Pondicherry to Shillong along the East Coast. Top speed was 55 km per hour. This extraordinary race took 15 days and Rick's team raised money for Indian charities in the name of Rotary, hence their moniker the "Rotary Rockets". Rick's team finished as Team 14/64- an incredible accomplishment!

Bob McKilligan thanked Rick Mitchell for this riveting presentation.

John Stuart proposed the toast to RI and Bud Fast led us in the 4-Way Test.

Meeting adjourned.