

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



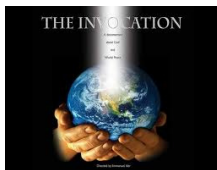
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**Desk:** Joy Jones greeted us with open arms at the front desk - one arm extended in greeting, the other to divest us of our dinner fee and Rotary International donation. Before directing us to the Cheers mess hall Joy confidently assured each of us that she 'sensed' we had the winning ticket.



**O'Canada:** John Stuart started off the proceedings with a rip roaring, raucous and robust, rendition of O'Canada. All other members were in good form, if not on key.



**Invocation:** John Ward produced an appropriate invocation, which included a request to continue in our task of service, that the fruit of caring and love is service and that the fruit of service is peace.

**Guests:** We had several welcome guests in attendance: District Governor Penny Offer and Past District Governor/Regional Foundation Coordinator Chris Offer; Assistant District Governor Ken Wilson and wife Peggy; Susan Ward, Berit Sverre, Pat Fast, Heather Pearce, Walter and Anna Selo, Louise Spears and international student Tan.



**Announcements:** President David Spears led off the announcements with an 'all hands on deck' reminder that all members must sell a minimum of ten tickets to the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Wine Festival. Discussions are taking place with a taxi company, given the concerns over new drinking and driving restrictions. David also reminded the Club that October 4<sup>th</sup> was 'Bring A Lawyer to Dinner' night, a membership recruitment night. All members should bring at least one lawyer to the



meeting, to hear James Hanson, Lawyer, present on the sinking of the Queen of the North case. October 4<sup>th</sup> is also 'Polio Day'. The Rotary Foundation dinner is on September 29<sup>th</sup>, with RI President Ray Klinginsmith the keynote speaker. The week of October 11<sup>th</sup> is Homelessness Awareness Week, with a luncheon for 100 homeless being served by our Rotary Club on October 14<sup>th</sup>. On October 16<sup>th</sup> a four district round robin soccer tournament is scheduled for the homeless. Braithwaite Community Centre is a drop off location for donated clothing.

Following announcements our international student Tan presented the Club with a banner from Thailand.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Oliver Twist the, artful dodger, appeared in the guise of Alec Wallace.

Alec, of course, again systematically picked our pockets. He ran rampant with fines, including a fine to John Ward for talking. As a further reminder he fined Rolf for talking. He stressed that while he was engaged in the process of fining people that listening was fine, but not talking. The winning ticket was then drawn, #425 held by Berit Sverre. She was just off the ace of spades and drew a six of hearts.



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**Happy and Sads:** ADG Ken Wilson was happy to be back at a RCNV



meeting, Past DG Chris Offer was pleased to see international student Tan enjoy his first slice of lemon meringue pie, President David Spears was happy the BC Lions won, that there were 32 attending guests and that he got to attend the Rotary institute, Fred Sverre was happy to be back in Vancouver after a trip, Deborah

Sommerfeldt was happy to have gone to Rotary Leadership and sad that she knew so little about Rotary, Jeff Pearce was looking forward to traveling with wife Heather to visit son Connor in England, Terry McGauley was happy to see DG Penny Offer and Past DG Chris Offer at the meeting, Alec Wallace was sad there were so few happy people throwing money in the pot and therefore all sad people were coerced to also throw money in.



## Paul Harris Award Presentation: Past District Governor/Regional



Foundation Coordinator Chris Offer presented a Paul Harris award with one sapphire to Riet Carter for her philanthropy and reminded all of the value of our donations, including the use of donations in the eradication of polio.

**Presenter:** President David performed the honors of introducing our guest speaker, District Governor Penny Offer, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Chinatown.



## New Member Induction: DG Penny Offer inducted our



new member Wendy Law, followed by a greeting of Wendy by all Club members. Wendy moved from Hong Kong, graduated in computer science from a university in Los Angeles and has a father who is a Rotarian. She works in the film industry and wants to immediately get involved on RCNV marketing/promotion committees. *Get her involved! Get her involved! Get her involved!* ( 3 peat emphasis)

DG Penny then presented Jeff Pearce with a District Certificate for his sustained dedication to service above self. Well done Jeff !!!

## Keynote Presentation Theme: DG Penny Offer

focused on the RI theme for this year, 'Building Communities, Bridging Continents'. She underscored Rotary as the best global organization at linking people, Rotary's mission to make the world a better place through the efforts of like minded people and how the power of one person acting with passion can fuel the power of many. DG Penny's dream is for Rotary to be 'Bigger', 'Better', 'Bolder'. She noted inspirational comments from world class leaders. Walt Disney - 'If you can dream it, you can do it'. John Furlong - 'Impossible is just a word, a distraction'. Margaret Mead - 'A small group of like minded individuals can change the world. In fact it is the only thing that can'. She mentioned her interest in literacy projects, noting that if you educate a boy you educate an individual, but if you educate a girl you educate a community. The mission of polio eradication was also emphasized. A campaign 'Pennies for Polio' has started and President David Spears accepted the challenge of our Club beating the target. DG Penny pointed out that it only costs about \$.60 for a polio vaccination and that we are winning the fight against polio, with help from the Gates foundation donation of \$355 million and



the RI pledge of \$200 million. DG Penny ended by introducing President David Spears as the latest inductee onto an elite team - 'Penny's Posse'. This tradition flows from 'Bob's Bandits' two years ago. Does that mean President David will now show up in boots, spurs, cowboy hat and six guns, singing Wild West songs, chewing tobacco, cussing and threatening to run varmints out of town? An idea for a theme night?



Following her address, our exchange student Tan made his own presentation to DG Penny.

**Thanks to Speaker:** President David thanked DG Penny Offer and presented her with our coveted certificate, that promises to immunize twenty children against Polio, with the intent of eradication of polio.



**Toast to Rotary International:** Bud Fast led the group in toasting Rotary International.

**The 4-Way Test:** Neil McDonald led the group in the 4-Way test. President David, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.

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?

**Future Meetings / Key Dates**

- Oct 4 Bring a Lawyer to Dinner
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving - No meeting
- Oct 18 Club Assembly
- Oct 23 Wine Festival

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