



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



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Beginnings

As she does most Monday evenings, Joy Jones met us at the door with a smile, one hand out to collect our dinner fee and the other out with our 50/50 ticket. Unfortunately our greeter was MIA.

Alec Wallace led the club in a rather subdued version of *O Canada*, maybe it was the rest of the choir, and Peter Taylor gave the Invocation

Just after we sat down for dinner, our greeter, "Don't Call Me Late For Dinner" Norm Binion, ran into the mess hall shouting "greetings all".

Guests

We were honoured by the presence of several guests this evening:

- Rotarian Daniel Tardif, transferring from the Rotary Club of Gibsons;
- Former member Crystal Campbell, whom we all hope will come back to our club;
- Walter and Anna Syler, prospective members who have already volunteered for club activities, the Wine and Food Festival and Homelessness Action Week;
- Visiting Rotarian Patrick Boes from the Rotary Club of Maaseik, Belgium.

Announcements

After the always excellent first course of our dinner at Cheers, President David had several announcements:

- The **Wine and Food Festival** was a wonderful success again this year. The feedback was that it was "fabulous" despite the uncertainty created by the new drinking/driving rules. Approximately 650 guests enjoyed the products of 34 wineries and 12 restaurants and the music of 4 bands. Including around \$5000 in sponsorship, the total raised is in the neighbourhood of \$30,000, half of which will go to the North Shore Youth Safe House. Thanks go to the 72 volunteers - great member participation given the total North Shore Rotary membership is 93. Special thanks to John Ward for all his efforts.

- **Operation Red Nose** is coming soon! A volunteer coordinator is still required - a very important position. And, a reminder, get your criminal record checks done early this year as there is a 3 week backlog.
- Our **next meeting** will be on Thursday, November 4, not the usual Monday evening, and the program will be a review of our club's **Strategic Plan**. Don Evans, the District 5040 Strategic Planning Chair, and an expert in strategic planning, will join us to facilitate the process. There will be no meeting on Monday, November 1.
- **Rotary On Ice**, Friday, November 19 - Join fellow Rotarians from around our Rotary District for an evening of Vancouver Giants WHL hockey. Tickets are \$15, with \$5 from each ticket going to Polio Plus.
- The **2011 Rotary International Convention** takes place in New Orleans May 21 to 25. President David invited all members to join him and to extend their stay to help rebuild New Orleans with the Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Service Project.

Sergeant-At-Arms - (Alec Wallace)

Sergeant-At-Arms Alec started off his duties by fining himself - it seems he recognized his own indiscretion of addressing President David as President Norm. One would think we would all know the name of our current president, after all, he has been on the job for almost four months. He then went on to comment on the seriousness of his position and referred to the last edition of Wheel Squeals in which he was described as being lenient. In order to remedy the image of the Sergeant-At-Arms, he proceeded to fine several members present for not wearing their name tags, Joy for not showing respect for the position of Sergeant-At-Arms by continuing to talk while he had the floor, and John Stuart for taking not one, but two calls on his cell phone.

In honour of her visit, former member Crystal Campbell was asked to draw the lucky 50/50 ticket. She drew the ticket and read out the number "357" which just happened to be held by Terry McGauley. Terry subsequently failed in his attempt to draw the Ace of Spades from the almost brand new deck of cards. Just as well, as the pot, now being at a rather insignificant level due to it's being cleaned out two weeks ago by Rick Mitchell, needs some time to grow.

There were lots of "Happy and Sad" dollars:

- John Stuart - SAD for being fined too often
- President David - HAPPY for spending 3 hours with John Stuart recently
- John Ward and Joy Jones - both HAPPY for another successful Wine and Food Festival
- Terry McGauley - SAD that Sergeant-At-Arms Alec was being so tough
- Walter Syler - HAPPY for an upcoming trip to Costa Rica

- Anna Syler - HAPPY to be able to help the club at the Wine & Food Festival and at the Homelessness Action Week
- Deb Sommerfeld - HAPPY for an upcoming 2 weeks in Mexico
- Sonia and Fred - happenings for which the author could not recall or read his writing

Program - Club Assembly

• Duck Splash

Prizes & Sponsorships: Bud Fast reported that over \$20,000 worth of prizes have now been firmed up. Holland America is on board for a cruise. Contact Printing will, once again, be printing the tickets and White Spot have committed to purchasing coupon space on the back of the tickets. Ali has also lined up some additional funding. David Spears, on behalf of Jeff, reported that we also have commitments for over \$6,000 in cash sponsorships.

Licence: Norm Binion reported that he is gathering the documents required to support our licence application. Scotiabank will provide the letter confirming a bond is in place for the value of the prizes. The licence application will be made soon.

Finish Line: Deborah Sommerfeld reported that Fanny Starchild is lined up to entertain at the finish line and that Kevin Evans will be the emcee

Marketing: Alec Wallace advised all that he is in contact with NS News

Sales: Plans are to get tickets out to our networks 2 months before the event then get into the malls closer to the date.

• 60th Anniversary

Our club celebrates its 60th anniversary on January 29, 2011. We will be holding an alumni dinner and publishing a new club brochure.

• Board Vacancies

We need directors to head the following committees: Public Relations, Administration and Foundation - volunteers wanted.

• Foundation Month

November is Foundation Month. All Rotarians are encouraged to donate to the Rotary Foundation and to make it our charity of choice

Toast to Rotary International - John Stuart proposed the toast to Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: - Rolf Gillardon led the club in the 4-Way Test

Adjournment - Hearing there was nothing further for the "Good of Rotary"; President David adjourned the meeting and wished one and all a "Good Rotary Week".

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Nov 1	No meeting - moved to Nov 4
Nov 4 (Thurs)	Strategic Review
Nov 8	All Hands Volunteers - Carla Bragagnini
Nov 15	Classification Talk - Wendy Law
Nov 19 (Fri)	Rotary on Ice - Vancouver Giants Hockey
Nov 22	Club Assembly - Duck Splash
Nov 29	BC Biomedical - Doug Buchanan