



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Members & Guests

Joy Jones happily accepted funds from the members who were greeted by Ali Hashemi at tonight's meeting. Guests included Catherine Williamson, from the NV Chamber of Commerce, and Ken Marriot from the Rotary Club of Ryde on the Isle of Wight, who exchanged banners with President David.

O Canada was led by John Ward after which Terry McGauley gave the Invocation.

Dinner

A fine chicken dinner with grilled veggies and potatoes was followed by Cheers own lemon meringue pie.

Announcements

President David Spears announced that Operation Red Nose needed more volunteers to sign up as we currently have only John Ward, Norman Thomson, Alec Wallace, Sonia Baron, Joy Jones, Riet Carter and David Spears onboard. Fred Sverre's smoked salmon arrives Nov 29th, so let's get selling. We sold 13 tickets for Starry Nights Park Royal shopping evenings on Nov 29 & 30, raising \$130 for the club thanks to John Ward (8), Norm Binion (2) and Joy Jones (3). West Van has invited all North Shore clubs to their Christmas party at Glen Eagles on Dec 14. Our club AGM is Dec 6, so think about which board position you will run for. Norm Binion, along with Jim Godey of RCLG, presented a membership program at the breakfast meeting of the NV Chamber of Commerce, which we co-sponsored with RCLG, on Nov 26.

Paul Harris Awards

Foundation Director Joy Jones presented President David with his first Paul Harris award, while David reciprocated by presenting Joy with her Paul Harris 3 award.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant-at-Arms Alec Wallace fined those who have not signed up for ORN. Ken Marriot drew the 50/50 ticket, which Deborah Sommerfeld held. She pulled the 5 of Diamonds in search for the elusive Ace of Spades.

Glads and Sads included:

David Spears was sad about the Canucks loss on Saturday night but happy the Giants won Friday night, the later being a Rotary Polio fundraiser. All were happy that Harold Stringer attended our meeting, escorted by Catherine Williamson.

Program

Tonight was our Club Assembly, led by Norman Thomson. Norman reminded us of the spousal Christmas party on Dec 20th with the Argyle choir tentatively booked by Neil Creighton. Saturday, Dec 11 is our club ORN designated night. January 22 is our club's 60th anniversary alumni dinner. We will invite past members and spouses to attend.

Next we had progress updates by the Duck Splash chairs. Alec Wallace announced that he and Rick Mitchell have arranged a significant amount of advertising space in the North Shore News, the cost of most of it being donated. We will have a 2-page spread, the periphery of which will be made available as advertising space for other companies and any Rotarian wanting to promote their business. Bud Fast has arranged for more than \$20,000 worth of prizes and Jeff Pearce has brought in significant dollars as cash sponsorship, a great start for the Duck Splash. We will cut off prizes and sponsors at year end to allow time to recognize the donors on tickets and ads in the New Year. We agreed to purchase another duck costume as Norman Thomson looked so impressive in the costume purchased by Wendy Law. Neil Creighton has the logistics organized, while Deborah Sommerfeld has booked Fanny Starchild again for the finish line and is working on graphics with Connections. Peter Taylor has Ambleside booked with WV Parks. The biggest task is now selling tickets. Norman Thomson would like to sell at least 10,000 tickets once we confirm the number of useable ducks in our lockup – sounds like a WORK PARTY required to de-tag the 5000 ducks we rented to Squamish. Since our gaming licence allows for 30% to go to undesignated beneficiaries, we hope to move about 4500 tickets through other organizations. Norman's take-away for the club was to solicit organizations to sell tickets.

Adjournment

Deborah Sommerfeld made the toast to Rotary International and Jeff Pearce led us in the 4-Way Test.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

Nov 26 ORN begins

Nov 29 BC Biomedical - Doug Buchanan

Nov 29 & 30 Starry Nights - exclusive evening shopping at Park Royal

Dec 6 Annual General Meeting