



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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## **Members & Guests**

Joy Jones not only accepted funds from the members, but collected her last round of Pennies for Polio. We were greeted by John Ward at tonight's meeting. Guests included Daniel Tardif, Willow Penno (a friend of Deborah Sommerfeld and prospective member), Louise Spears (spouse of President David), Seema Verma (a prospective club treasurer?) and our guest speaker, Doug Buchanan of BC Biomedical.

**O Canada** was led by Neil Creighton after which Bob McKilligan gave the Invocation.

## **Dinner**

Cheers served a delicious Italian Wedding soup, a whitefish dinner with carrots and potatoes and, finally, cheesecake dessert.

## **Announcements**

- President David Spears announced that Operation Red Nose needs more volunteers to sign up as we currently have only John Ward, Norman Thomson, Alec Wallace, Sonia Baron, Joy Jones, Riet Carter, Neil McDonald and David Spears on board.
- Fred Sverre's smoked salmon arrived earlier in the day, ready for sale.
- West Van has invited all North Shore clubs to their Christmas party at Gleneagles on Dec 14.
- Our club AGM is Dec 6, so think about which board position you will run for. CityMax, our website sponsor and Mara Creighton's employer, has invited us to participate in preparing 1500 handout bags for the downtown eastside homeless on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and handing them out Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. We can also provide blankets, socks, toothbrushes, snacks, soap, shampoo, gloves and toques for the bags.

## **Daniel Tardif Induction**

Daniel Tardif, formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Gibson, was inducted into our club by President David.

## **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Sergeant-at-Arms Alec Wallace fined those who are not retired in sympathy for fining the retirees last meeting. He fined President David for forgetting to introduce his wife and for delaying the start of the meeting, waiting for late members to sign in. He then fined the late members – Deborah Sommerfeld, Neil Creighton and Willow Penno. Doug Buchanan drew the 50/50 ticket, which was held by Willow. She pulled the 10 of Clubs from the large deck in search of the elusive Ace of Spades.

### **Glads and Sads:**

John Ward was happy to have his Christmas lights up. Neil Creighton was sad about the Riders loss in the Grey Cup. Joy Jones was happy to have a successful family get together Sunday at Cheers. Bud Fast was happy to have the willpower not to eat Alec Wallace's dessert while Sherriff Alec was fining us.

## **Program**

Doug Buchanan of BC Biomedical Laboratories gave us an outline of the province's private lab system, complete with the historical payment decline forced on the labs and which could only be matched by improved volume of sample analyses to maintain profits. BC Biomedical and Life Labs are the only two private labs in the province, with selected locations closely governed by the province. Doug mentioned that the province would like to have only one large private lab to work with, something that would radically alter the current system.

## **Adjournment**

Rick Mitchell made the toast to Rotary International and Norm Binion led us in the 4-Way Test.

### **Future Meetings / Key Dates**

- Dec 6 Annual General Meeting
- Dec 13 Right to Die - Wanda Morris
- Dec 14 RCWV Christmas Party - Gleneagles
- Dec 20 Club Christmas Party - Cheers