



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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Front Desk and Opening: Joy Jones was in her usual position at the front desk to welcome members and guests to another evening of Rotary. President David Spears was once again in top shape, organizing and directing an otherwise chaotic crew of young and not so young Rotarians.

Guests: Guests comprised - Visiting Rotarian from Kelowna, and former and possibly future member of our club, Bob Nowell.



Announcements:

- Operation Red Nose is going well with a participation of 8 members last Friday and 9 members on Saturday. Those two days alone netted almost \$2000.
- Salmon Sales are going well with all boxes originally ordered having been sold. Thankfully, Fred Sverre has already ordered more boxes and the sockeyes are available from him.
- Monday was last call for the West Van Rotary Club Christmas Party. Only 2 of our members have put down their name for this event so far.
- Coming up on December 13th is an opportunity for volunteers to assist our web site host, CityMax (at 1 - 313 Alexander Street), with the assembly of Christmas care package for those in need in the Downtown East Side. The care packages will be handed out on December 15th between 6-8 PM. Volunteers have agreed to meet on the 5:15 SeaBus to Vancouver on the 15th. 12-13 people have volunteered so far.
- President David Spears presented Neil McDonald with his 3rd Paul Harris Fellow for all his positive work and contribution for the good of Rotary.
- Joy was happy to announce that the penny drive has accumulated \$250 for polio eradication. Another worthwhile effort by all involved.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Alec Wallace held the usual draw for the 50:50 pot and Terry McGauley held the lucky ticket. NO luck for Terry unfortunately as Alec has a way of letting that pot build up and making sure we keep our "contributions" building up for as long as possible.



Annual General Meeting:

The Club Strategic Plan was reviewed. Some key points reviewed were:

- Our Goals and Vision
- Our Fundraising objectives which involve collaboration with the other North Shore clubs. We have been, and intend to continue, completing projects where the other clubs are participating. It was identified that we need to raise \$170,000 (all 4 clubs combined) over the next 2 years for a project at John Lawson Park in West Van. It is felt that this goal could be accomplished almost entirely using proceeds from the Wine and Food Festival. This annual event could net nearly \$100,000 instead of the current \$30,000.
- the idea of acquiring "charitable" status as a club was investigated by David Spears and will be abandoned due to the low payback vs the efforts, costs and headaches involved.
- Youth participation objectives:
 - It is difficult to get the school kids involved with Interact as they are already involved in many youth activities within the school system.
 - Neil McDonald suggested, since New Generations (Youth) is now the 5th Avenue of Service in Rotary, we have a Director of New Generations, responsible for youth activities, on our board.
 - There are no Rotoract Clubs on the North Shore at this time.
 - Rick Mitchell will be asked to work on RYLA while Wendy law has agreed to handle Scholarships.
 - It was pointed out that our club is not involved with any literacy programs on the North Shore, the Lower Mainland, in BC or internationally.
- Beneficiary participation: one of our objectives is to have the beneficiaries of our efforts come to the club to talk about their experience.
- Membership: A few current members will most likely be receiving reminder notes advising them that participation is one of the requirements of membership in a Rotary Club. The club attendance is currently 50%.

Board Positions for 2011-2012 (subject to confirmation):

President	???Michael??
Past-President	David Spears
Secretary	Deborah Sommerfeld
Treasurer	Seema Verma? or Bob Nowell?
Sergeant-At-Arms	Alec Wallace
Administration Director	Rick Mitchell or Bryan Chalmers
Community Service Director	Bud Fast or Laurie Porter
International Service Director	Terry McGauley
Foundation Director	Joy Jones
Membership Director	Peter Taylor
Public Relations Director	Deneka Michaud
Club Archivist	John Stuart

Adjournment: Bryan Chalmers gave the Toast to Rotary and Bud Fast led us in The Four Way Test before closing the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates:

Nov 26	Operation Red Nose (Fridays, Saturday, New Year's Eve)
to Dec 31	
Dec 13	CityMax We Care Night - Care Package Assembly
Dec 13	Right to Die - Wanda Morris
Dec 14	RCWV Christmas Party - Gleneagles
Dec 15	CityMax We Care Night - Christmas Care Package Distribution in DTES
Dec 20	Club Christmas Party with Argyle Alumni Choir (Partner Evening)
Dec 27	No Meeting - Christmas Holidays
Jan 3	No Meeting - Fireside at home of President David