



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



Installation of Officers June 11, 2012

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**Desk:** Joy Jones welcomed around thirty participants with her usual warm smile and extracted Annual Dues in advance for the coming year from Rotarians unable to resist her steely encouragement.



**Opening:** After President Mike Schelhaas' opening of the meeting, Norman Thomson led us in a good rendition of O Canada and Bob McKilligan followed with the invocation.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Many members introduced their significant others, including; David Spears (Louise), Bob Nowell (Marilynne), Neil McDonald (Pam), Neil Creighton (Liane), Norman Thompson (Pamela), Bob McKilligan (Francis), Fred Sverre (Berit) and Wendy Law (Jack). At the head table District Governor Hans Doge graced us with his presence and we also welcomed Jerry Louie a visiting Rotarian from Edmonton who is relocating to the Vancouver area. Bud Fast made a late entrance and belatedly introduced his wife Pat.



## Announcements:



David Spears confirmed that he was hauled off Cypress Mountain by North Shore Rescue after completing the West Van Sunrise Club's "Ride for Rescue" event. He tried to pass it off as merely hitching a ride down the hill but we think we know better!



Bob Nowell reported that he recently met past member and retired Minister Cliff Henning who sends his good wishes to the club.



John Ward referenced his recent email regarding the Club's support for the Anti-Bootlegging campaign on the North Shore and contribution of \$2,000 towards this worthy initiative.

President Mike Schelhaas updated us on the latest Stanley Cup score (5-1 LA Kings) and provided details and an invitation for the different Pub Nights that



both the Lions Gate and West Vancouver Rotary Clubs were holding this Tuesday evening. Clearly a little more coordination here would be beneficial!

### Sergeant-At-Arms:

Alec Wallace donned his red hat and helped Bryan Chalmers to find the winning draw ticket, which took Bryan to a near miss with the Queen (not Ace) of Spades.



For some reason Alec then flagged members who were having June birthdays. Surprise, surprise... Alec and Neil Creighton both celebrate this event on June 16th. The usual somewhat musical chorus followed.

Under Happy and Sads, Joy Jones was happy that it was Induction Night, Michael had quadruple events - saw his son today, happy to be here, Holland lost and Ukraine won in the soccer Euro Cup. Your editor can't remember which of these were happy and which were sads.



DG Hans Doge was happy be back 12 months after officiating at the Club's last Induction of Officers meeting.

Neil Creighton was happy for a recent Whitecaps win and engagement for both President-Elect Wendy and former member Ted Nugent.



Terry McGauley was happy that Elaine recently returned from a national musical festival in Ottawa where her students won the "Most Inspirational Band" award.

Deborah Sommerfeld was sad that race horse "I'll Have Another" had to be withdrawn from the Belmont Stakes and thus missed the chance to win the Triple Crown. I wonder if Deb "does" horses?

Bud Fast was happy to see Deb, David Spears was happy for some contractors (?), Fred Sverre was happy about something and Neil McDonald was happy that his wedding is set for October 12<sup>th</sup> in Jersey in the Channel Islands.



### Induction of Officers:

President Mike Schelhaas opened this part of the programme with remarks on his year as President. After blaming Bob Nowell for press-ganging him into

office, he went on to say that the experience had enriched his life, he had enjoyed his year and he hoped that attendance would increase in the year ahead. Deb Sommerfeld then presented Mike with a commemorative plaque which Mike obviously found to be very touching.



DG Hand Doge then carried out the usual Induction Ceremony for the incoming Board members, shook their hands and turned his attention to new President Wendy Law. Hans wished her every success in the year ahead and noted that she was a relatively new Rotarian who had done well to step up to this challenge.

President Wendy then outlined her big focus will be fellowship. As changing the meeting format so we mingle. Wendy is also hoping for both within the club and to the public.



Newly inducted plans for the year. A such, she plans on have more chance to better communication,

Another focus will be social media. The Club needs to build a stronger public image and social media is currently the best tool. We will be using Facebook, in combination with our website, to promote Club events and updates. She also plans on doing a membership survey as a foundation for building a club best tailored to the needs of the members.



There are 2 main projects scheduled for the year that will both be all hands on-deck events; the Wine Festival and the Duck Splash. This year's RI theme is "Peace through Service" and Wendy plans on having projects that will incorporate this theme.

### **Meeting Conclusion:**

Neil McDonald led the group in toasting Rotary International and this was followed by a totally spontaneous and reasonably coherent rendition by Club members of the Four-Way Test.





With a little coaxing, (it's a big learning curve!) President Wendy, hearing nothing more for the "Good of Rotary", rang the bell and adjourned the meeting.

### **Next Meeting:**

June 18<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bootlegging Program - Patrica Crownsley, Manager, Vancouver Coastal Health Centre for Youth Concurrent Disorders (formerly Youth Addiction Centre)

## **The New Board of Directors**



Left to Right: Bob Nowell, Neil Creighton, Norman Thomson, Hans Doge (District Governor), Deborah Sommerfeld, Wendy Law, Michael Schelhaas, John Ward and Terry McGauley.