



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Desk: We missed having Joy Jones at the desk and John Stuart and I took over ensuring everyone was welcomed and paid for the evening. Several dues payments were also received and we would like to remind all members that dues are payable now.

O Canada: We were a relatively small group but gave a respectable rendition of our anthem.

Invocation: Bob McKilligan provided us with another thoughtful and inspiring invocation.

Introduction of Visitors: Other than our presenters for the evening, Terry Bulych and Kerry Watts, we had only one guest but excitingly that was Bob Malcolm, who is transferring and going to join our club.

Announcements:

Before the regular announcements Jonathon Vollett approached the club to make an appeal. He has been selected as one of 30 students from across Canada to participate in a Global Vision Junior Team Canada Mission to Columbia and Panama during the period July 12th to 28th this year. Jonathon is seeking financial support from our club. We advised him that we would discuss this at our executive meeting to be held on June 25th.



Wendy Law said she would contact Jonathon to let him know the outcome of his application. As a side issue Jonathon mentioned that his mother had been a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

David Spears gave us an update on the Wine Festival planning and announced that Save-On-Foods had provided a points voucher which would translate into approximately \$3000 in value.

Norman Thomson reported that the Terry Fox Run planning was moving forward and that we received confirmation that Mayor Richard Walton will attend. The North Shore News has agreed to provide \$1400 worth of free advertising. Tents have been secured from Remax and Scotia Bank. Permission to hang the banners at Mountain Hwy. and Delbrook locations has been obtained.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

"Time to get going Michael" was what had to be said because it was 7:30 before the Sergeant began his duties. Quickly the draw had Kerry Watts looking for the elusive Ace of Spades and true to form it remained hidden in the cards. After cashing in a "No fine voucher", Neil Creighton made the pot rattle with a succession of happy and sad thoughts. Even Michael in spite of his Sergeant absolution made a contribution. I think this was because he had a conscience for starting late.



Introduction of the Speaker:

It was a surprise for me when President Michael asked me to introduce the speakers. I apologized for not having any formal background on the speakers and simply re-introduced them by name and invited them to tell us about their organization.

Program:

Terry Bulych led off the presentation saying that she had worked for 23 years in the group, Child and Youth Mental Health Addictive Services. She started her topic by defining that they catered to children in the 5 to 18 age range. At the low end of this range she said that young children with anxiety problems have been found who literally pull out their hair leaving bald sections. In the older range there are more dramatic



effects with self-inflicted wounds requiring hospitalization. This same group even attempt suicide. Terry then told us of the approaches they used to help these young people.

Firstly they try to identify the problems early and treat them with techniques that include, for the younger children, play therapy and puppetry. As the children mature they can suffer from true depression and reach out for drugs that can cause their lives to spiral out of control. In these situations the Medical Health team calls in the use of professional psychoanalysts, and support programs of medication. Where the children cannot be fitted into normal schooling the Mental Health Services have set up a Day Program at the Lucas Center for a small group (14 students).

Kerry Watts took over to talk about the program that they have introduced to make people aware of the damage they can do by supplying alcohol to juveniles. Fines of \$500 for providing alcohol and \$230 for minors in possession of alcohol are specified in the Liquor Control Act. A campaign of display posters at transit shelters at strategic locations has been instituted to make people aware of these



liabilities. Kerry said that the Pattison Advertising Group had been supportive offering to donate one extra location for each shelter contracted. She educated us that it cost \$1800 per month for an advertisement in a transit shelter. Thankfully the program has gained the endorsement of North Van City, North Van District, West Vancouver and the Provincial Government. One of the messages that Kerry particularly wanted to get across to us was that inappropriate advertising in proximity to schools can and should be protested by us and our community. The acceptance of alcohol use in our society makes it a difficult topic to convince the public of the extent of this problem. But the hazards of binge drinking and particularly the vulnerability of young women in this environment are well documented.

Thanks to Speaker:



David Spears did an excellent job of describing Rotary's program to eradicate polio and presented both speakers with certificates to immunize 20 children against polio in each of their names. Both Terry and Kerry were appreciative for the certificates but they were very grateful when David also presented them with a cheque for \$2000 from our club to support their program.

Toast to Rotary International: With the meeting running a little late the members in unison toasted Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: Similarly the club members recited the 4-Way Test.

President Michael, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.

THINK BEFORE YOU LET THEM DRINK
DO YOUR PART KEEP ALCOHOL OUT OF HANDS OF MINORS

“JUST ANOTHER FRIDAY NIGHT. THANKS TO YOU.”

LIQUOR CONTROL ACT FINES: SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO MINORS LCLA 33(1): COURT (fine not less than \$500). MINOR IN POSSESSION - LCLA 34(3): \$230

THINK BEFORE YOU LET THEM DRINK.

ALCOHOL is the most common contributing factor in accidents, injuries and DEATH of Canadian youth. Use of alcohol by minors greatly increases their risk of involvement in motor vehicle crashes, serious injury, date rape, suicide, falls, violent crime and problems with home, school and community.

KEEP ALCOHOL OUT OF THE HANDS OF MINORS

NORTH SHORE ACTION ON PREVENTION TASK FORCE