



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



Meeting of August 20, 2012

Created By Neil McDonald

Opening: After President Wendy Law's opening of the meeting, Neil Creighton led us in O Canada and the ever reliable Bob McKilligan followed with the invocation.

Introduction of Visitors: A nice group of visitors included our Assistant Governor (AG) Terry Lehoulier from the Lions Gate Club, Doug White accompanying our speaker Jack Bass and, easily winning the prize for who traveled furthest to the meeting, Dr. Nairouz Bader from the Dubai Rotary Club.

True charity clears the heart of obstacles that hinder the hand from reaching out to help someone. In Dubai Rotary because we experience love, we want to give!



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Announcements:

President Wendy reminded everyone that next Monday's meeting will be a social event (BBQ) at David Spear's home at 1726 Draycott Road in North Vancouver. Please confirm with David Spears regarding the dish that you would like to bring. Also David is completing some renovations at his place, so please say your prayers that all will be safely completed in time!



Wendy also reminded us that tickets are now on sale for the luncheon to be held for RI President Tanaka when he visits Vancouver on October 20th, which just happens to be the same day as this year's North Shore Rotary Wine Festival at Park Royal.

The Vancouver Rotary Club is holding a Family Day at the West Coast Railway Museum in Squamish on August 26th and all members are invited to attend and bring along their families for a really nice day out.



For the golfers in the club, the Richmond Sunrise Rotary Club is holding a golf tournament at Country Meadows on September 6th and an email with details has already been circulated.



New AG Terry advised us that this was her first official visit to the club and reminded members that August is Rotary's official membership month - invite all your friends and acquaintances to come out and join us. On September 5th there will be a meeting for all of the six North Shore clubs and, the next day, the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) will hold a training event to which all Rotarians are invited to attend. Guaranteed to be an informative event!

Sergeant-At-Arms:

David Spears stepped in at short notice as Sergeant-at - Arms and started with the ticket draw which was won by John Stuart. Unfortunately his pick of the Queen of Hearts did not win the big prize - as if he or any one care really cared which card it was!!



Several members were fined for not attending a recent Rotary event. Unfortunately your editor was not there either and can't read his own writing, so I am unable to report which event this was. ☹

John was happy to have attended the recent Queens Jubilee Tea at Dundarave and provided a detailed account of a recent medical affliction that he suffered which turned out, hopefully, not to be as serious as he thought at first.



Bob McKilligan was happy to see his son Glen celebrate 30 years of service with Overwatea which was appropriately recognized by the company with Bob in attendance.

Neil Creighton enjoyed his annual trip to Adams Lake with Liane, Jeff Pearce and sister Heather.

Neil McDonald was happy that our new exchange student Flavia Petri from Brazil has arrived.....but she left almost immediately for a Rotary sponsored wilderness trip to Tweedsmuir Park near Burns Lake. Flavia's father runs a tire business back home and she says our Club members can get special deals (excluding delivery) on all your tire needs. (Note blatant business promotion of Petri Tires in the picture)



At this stage of the meeting President Wendy presented a club banner to our guest from Dubai and Nairouz then spoke about her experiences of being a female Rotarian in a relatively new Middle Eastern Rotary Club. Clearly the club is very active and she is enjoying the experience.

Presentation:

Norm Binion introduced the speaker, Jack Bass. Jack provides consulting management services and has recently written a new book, *Apprentice Millionaire Portfolio 2012*.



His talk covered many facets of investment and stressed his view that the key to successful investment is choosing the correct investment sector rather than the correct company. In his view nuclear energy has poor prospects for the next 5-10 years whereas the oil and gas outlook is excellent. Jack sees only slow growth in the US for the next 2-3 years but sees opportunities for the brave created by the European economic crisis. Gold should remain the foundation of any portfolio with a holding of 10-25% to protect the investor from the extremes of government stupidity. He highly recommends the "Dummy" series of books on investment.



Bud Fast eloquently thanked the speaker on behalf of the club and President Wendy then closed the meeting.