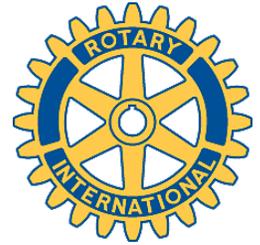


## THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

### *WHEEL SQUEALS*

*17 SEPTEMBER 2012*

*By Terry McGauley*



### **Guests**

Joy Jones extracted our money and recorded our attendance. Our guests were Tom Locke, our speaker for the evening, and our exchange student Flavia Petri.

### **Invocation**

Norman Thomson led us in singing O Canada and Bob McKilligan gave the invocation.

### **Announcements**

Norman Thomson reported on another successful Terry Fox Run and indicated we made about \$ 11,500 for cancer research. Daniel Tardif indicated he had attended the WHISCA fund raising dinner in support of the water supply project in northern Kenya. Neil McDonald indicated that he had received a report from our out-going exchange student Marielle Wall. She is located in a small town about an hour out of Barcelona, Spain and reported that she was learning Spanish but finding it difficult. Flavia Petri, our exchange student from Brazil, told us about her recent activities and the fun she was having with her jazz dance class at school, the inbound exchange student orientation weekend and her visit to Deborah's animal clinic. Wendy Law announced that the Bowen Island club was selling flower bulbs to support their international project in South Africa.

### **Sergeant - At- Arms**

Alec Wallace was the Sergeant-At-Arms and did a diligent job of extracting money from us particularly from those people who were not involved in the Terry Fox Run or the Rotary Traffic Circle work party. Joy Jones won the draw, but drew the Eight of Cubs.

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## Program

David Spears introduced our speaker, Tom Locke. Tom has a daughter who is hearing impaired and, as a result, has become involved in providing information to the public on the disability savings programs available through the federal government.

The programs take the form of tax credits, savings plans, grants and bonds. Once an individual is classified as disabled they are eligible for all these programs. One of the most valuable programs is the Registered Disability Savings Plan, RDSP. Depending on family income the government will deposit a \$ 1000 bond per year into a RDSP up to a maximum of \$ 20,000 and if the family or individual contribute \$ 1500 per year to the plan the government will contribute \$ 3500 per year up to a maximum of \$ 70,000. The maximum the family or individual can contribute to the plan is \$ 200,000 up to the age of 59. Regular withdrawals must begin by the age of 60 but may begin earlier.

John Stuart thanked Tom and presented him with a certificate indicating we would immunize 20 children from polio in his name.

## Toast

Wendy Law led the toast to Rotary International and the 4-Way Test.

## Future Meetings / Key Dates

Sep 24	Club Assembly – Fellowship Evening
Oct 8	No Meeting - Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday
Oct 20 (Sat)	North Shore Rotary Wine & Food Festival – Park Royal South
Oct 22	District Governor Visit – DG Rebecca McPherson
Oct 29	Club Assembly – Fellowship Evening
Nov 5	Foundation 101 - Joy Jones

