

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Desk: Joy Jones greeted the 17 attendees with open arms at the front desk - one arm extended in greeting, the other to divest us of our dinner fee and Rotary International donation.

O Canada: Norman Thomson guided the group through a rip roaring, raucous and robust, rendition of O Canada.

Invocation: Bob McKilligan produced an appropriate invocation from his expansive repertoire.

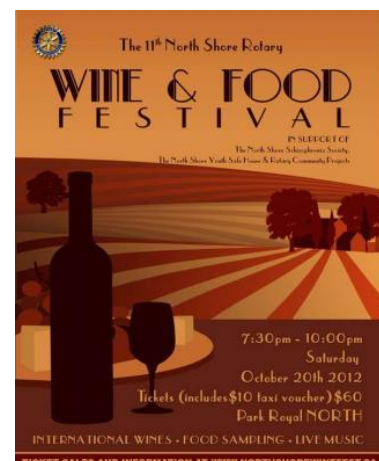
Guests: We had three welcome guests in attendance - Tammy Sharp and David Dreger, who are residents of Blueridge, and Johanna Thompson, our keynote speaker.

Announcements:

President Wendy Law announced that the District Governor, Rebecca MacPherson, visits our meeting on October 22nd. There will also be a board meeting with the DG. Our October 29th meeting is a Halloween theme night, partners invited and costume optional.

David Spears provided an update on the October 20th North Shore Rotary Wine and Food Festival. Sixty volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was distributed. Volunteers report to the Rotary tent. Have your Rotary badge with you. Between them Deborah S and Ali H have sold close to 100 WFF tickets. Everyone else should join in the selling fun!

Norman Thomson introduced two guests, Tammy and David, and President Wendy introduced Johanna Thompson, our keynote speaker.





Norman T gave an update on the 2013 Great Capilano Duck Splash event. The tentative date is Sunday, April 21st. Norman is awaiting event approval from West Vancouver for the use of Ambleside Park. Bud Fast agreed to head the committee sourcing prizes and Jeff Pearce is heading the sponsorship committee. All Club members will be split into one of the two committees to assist with sourcing prizes and sponsorships. Norman will forward a confirmation email.

President Wendy and her fiancé, Jack, are both celebrating birthdays this week, in fact the same birthdate. Wendy was rewarded with a buoyant rendition of "Happy Birthday".



Sergeant-At-Arms: Guest David Dreger drew David Spears' ticket 0149011. To the delight of everyone, other than David, David picked and then shredded the Seven of Diamonds. Past President Michael Schelhass then did an admirable job of systematically picking our pockets. Norman T was fined for a 'Duck Pun' and Deborah S and John S were both fined for arriving late.

Happy and Sads: Exuberance filled the air as a cornucopia of happy dollars was thrown towards the pot. John S commended Shirley Robertson (Rotary Club of North Vancouver Lions Gate) for being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for community service. Bud appreciated Michael S's BBQ. Neil C presented a Halifax Harbourside Rotary banner to President Wendy. Wendy chipped in for her and Jack's birthdays. David was pleased with the progress on the Wine & Food Festival. Norm B was pleased that both his sons had landed good jobs. Norman T could not put his finger on the cause, but was just plain happy. Bob Malcolm was happy to spend Thanksgiving dinner with his adult kids (he has six of them!). Michael S and David S were happy Bob had six kids. Joy J was happy (and sad) that the first Operation Red Nose meeting is October 16th (volunteers needed!). Bud F reminded all of the celebration of Neil M's wedding, to be hosted by Bob and Marilyn Nowell, on Nov 4.

Presenter: Fred Sverre introduced our keynote speaker, Johanna Thompson from the Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia. Johanna has a degree in geography and thoroughly enjoys working with WRABC. She provided an inspiring presentation on the role and services of WRABC. The Association's purpose is to "promote leadership in rehabilitating wildlife and in promoting the welfare of wild animals in urban



environments". They began in 1975, have 15 full-time staff and 200 volunteers. About 70,000 animals have been treated, about 3,000 each year. They operate a Care Centre where injuries are mended and young animals are moved outside to exercise in preparation for release back into the wild. When possible, animals are released close to where they are found. How can the public help? Gifts and donations are always welcome. Check out the wish list at www.wildliferescue.ca. Before bringing in "orphaned" animals try to first ascertain whether they may have been learning vital life skills from their parents, recovering, and not actually abandoned.



Thanks to Speaker: Neil C thanked Johanna and presented her with our highly coveted certificate promising to immunize, in her name, twenty children against Polio, with the intent of eradication of polio. With a giggle Johanna said that she thought she had heard we would "euthanize 20 children in her name". Euthanize/Immunize ... you say potatoes, I say potato's.

Toast to Rotary International: President Wendy led the group in toasting Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: President Wendy led the group in the 4-Way test:

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and Better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, President Wendy adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

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| Oct 20 | Wine and Food Festival @ Park Royal North |
| Oct 20 | RI President Tanaka lunch |
| Oct 22 | District Governor Rebecca MacPherson |
| Oct 29 | Halloween Theme Night (Partners evening) |
| Nov 5 | Foundation Information Session (Joy Jones) |

