



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



Meeting of November 26, 2012

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**Opening:** President Wendy Law opened the meeting. Norman Thomson and Neil McDonald followed with a lusty duet of "O Canada" and, in the absence of Bob McKilligan, Fred Sverre followed with the supremely succinct invocation consisting of "Thank God".

**Introduction of Visitors:** Visitors included Bob Kieswettei from the Kitchener Westmount Rotary Club and Jim Hanson introduced a local friend John Sharp, a previous Green Party candidate for the North Vancouver-Seymour riding. Neil Creighton introduced our Brazilian Youth Exchange student Flavia Petri.

## **Announcements:**

President Wendy presented Jeff Pearce with a Paul Harris Fellowship to recognize his contributions to our in-house charity, the Rotary Foundation.



This was followed by Flavia's weekly report on her recent activities. She very much enjoyed her first visit to Whistler and is anxious to return soon and often.

Terry McGauley reported on progress with our water project in Tanzania that he and Daniel Tardif lead. The local implementation committee over there is now working with their regional water engineer to coordinate central government input to the scheme.

Operation Red Nose starts this Friday with our club's input being led by Joy Jones. Members were reminded to apply for a police check in good time if they wish to participate.



President Wendy is working with Exec Chef David from Rogers Arena to create a Duck Splash themed gingerbread house that we are sponsoring for the charity event on Grouse Mountain.



Neil Creighton reminded everyone of the VASS fund raising film evening to be held on Tuesday of the same week at Capilano University. Several members are planning to attend.

### Sergeant-At-Arms:

Michael Schelhaas served as Sergeant-At-Arms and conducted the 50:50 draw won by Neil Creighton....who then failed to draw the correct card from the pack. A variety of Happy & Sad contributions were then submitted, starting with Michael's own happy dollar for having just bought a place in Palm Springs (we trust that he used a reliable local estate agent!). Deb was happy to have had a successful tuna fishing trip, Fred was pleased that the smoked salmon had just arrived for our annual Xmas sale and Norman was happy that his choir had several concerts set up for the Christmas season. Wendy was sad that her wedding has had to be postponed due to the death of her about-to-be father-in-law. Apparently Chinese traditions create a complex set of requirements for selection of the optimum wedding day and she and Jack are now back to the drawing board for selecting the best new date.



### Presentation:

Norman Thompson provided an update on the Duck Splash. All prizes have been now been secured, the license application has gone in and the helicopter needed to launch the ducks has been booked together with the landing/launch zone at Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant. To date sponsorship requests have met with only limited success, but marketing of these promotional opportunities continues. Ticket prices will be changed this year to \$10 each or three for \$20. Michael



Schelhaas advocated dropping one of the local malls from our list of sales outlets and said that he felt like a leper trying to sell tickets at this location last year. Modifications to the traditional Duck Splash poster and the North Shore News advertising campaign received some comments without any specific decisions being made. Wendy advised that she is hoping to get



Rotaract support for the event. A good open discussion followed with member input on a number of related logistical topics.

### Closing:

President Wendy closed the meeting with the Toast to Rotary International and a rendition of the 4-Way Test.

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### Future Meetings / Key Dates

- Dec 3 SelfDesign Learning - Michael Maser, Program Executive and Special Projects Director, SelfDesign Learning Community
- Dec 10 Annual General Meeting
- Dec 17 Fellowship Evening / Christmas Dinner (Partner Evening)
- Dec 24 No meeting - Christmas Eve
- Dec 31 No meeting - New Years Eve
- Jan 7 Lonely Town: Increasing Social Connection in Metro Vancouver - Paul Singh

