



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

## WHEEL SQUEALS

December 3, 2012

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**Desk:** Alec Wallace greeted those members attending.

**O Canada:** Norman Thomson led us in O Canada.

**Invocation:** Bob McKilligan gave the invocation.

**Guests:** Our only guest was our speaker, Michael Maser, who was formally introduced later in the evening. Flavia Petri, our exchange student, was acknowledged.

### **Announcements:**

President Wendy Law updated club activities.

David Spears circulated a Vancouver Sun article, from its Friday November 30 edition, on the Vancouver Rotary Club and its projects. David also reported on Operation Red Nose which is now operating.

Flavia updated us on her adventures. Her descriptions are very entertaining. Ice skating was a wonderful activity for a girl from the tropics. She also attended the Lions Gate meeting as Friday was a ProD day at her school.

Norman Thomson reported on how the April 21, 2013 Duck Splash planning was progressing. The helicopter and dogs are secured. Norman thanked Deborah Sommerfeld for her assistance.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** President Wendy did this duty. In the ticket draw our guest drew the ticket. The scribe won for the second week in a row, but again failed to draw the Ace of Spades.

**Happy and Sads:** A few happy and sads were expressed. Operation Red Nose sagas were popular.

**Presenter:** Our speaker, Michael Maser, was introduced by Neil McDonald. Michael is an innovative educator and learning consultant. He has received awards for excellence for his fresh approach to learning. Michael has a virtual school with over 2000 students. He manages it from his home in Gibsons. Michael has written a book for youth, "Learn Your Way", detailing how to personalize their learning. His school is based on the educational philosophy set out in his book.

Michael's presentation, entitled "Learning Your Way - Self Design Personal Learning" was animated with action figures. He explained how the brain works. Based on this knowledge each student can design a personal education program. Each student (each person) has a story in progress. As they understand their brain, they learn how to self design and continuously update their personal plan. We learn lifelong. We can do much to influence and optimize our learning. This connects curriculum and learning which traditional education has disconnected.

Michael finished his overview and then answered questions until President Wendy intervened. Michael remained to answer more questions and let members browse through his book.

**Thanks to Speaker:** John Stuart thanked Michael for his very informative talk and presented him with a certificate promising, in his name, to immunize 20 children against polio, with the intent of its worldwide eradication.

**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.

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#### Future Meetings / Key Dates

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
Jan 14	Senior Housing on The North Shore - Paul Butinhuis, Founder and Lead Planning and Placement Consultant, Next Habitat Advisors, Inc.
Jan 21	Rotary Youth Exchange Presentation - Flavia Petri (student from Brazil)
Jan 28	Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening

