



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER **WHEEL SQUEALS**



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Desk: Joy Jones welcomed the attendees at our new venue for the evening, MarinaSide Grill. With open arms Joy extended her usual cordial greeting - one arm extended in greeting, the other to divest us of our dinner fee and Rotary International donation.

O Canada: The group produced a rip roaring, raucous and robust, rendition of O Canada ... which may have shook the foundations of the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge.



Invocation: Bob McKilligan produced an appropriate invocation from his expansive repertoire ... 'guide us in our service, keep us well ...'

Guests: We had six welcome guests in attendance: Ross and Bev Harlow, visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Whistler; Robert Hanson, son of fellow Rotarian Jim Hanson; speakers Danica Silver (past Rotarian and teacher at Argyle Secondary), Marcia Garries (NVSD 44 Special Education Administrator) and Britney Zapshala (Paralegal student at Capilano University).

Announcements: President Wendy Law mentioned the upcoming venue, 'Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?', and the receipt of a wonderful card from the students at Kenneth Gordon (Maplewood Farm) thanking us for lending our popcorn maker for their use in raising funds for a school in Africa. Neil McDonald confirmed that we have four students lined up to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekend - Flavia, our sponsored Youth Exchange student; next year's sponsored Youth Exchange outbound student; and the two co-chairs from the Interact Club at Windsor Secondary. Deborah Sommerfeld requested a generator for the Duck Splash and a volunteer to operate the popcorn machine. John Stuart volunteered to make popcorn. Bud Fast pointed out that the Duck Splash tickets have now been stamped with the 1078 Marine Drive address of Boston Pizza. By employing the Bud Fast school of selling methodology Norman Thomson sold \$260 worth of Duck Splash tickets in two hours. Norman requested that he be spared a nervous breakdown by members volunteering to cover the Park Royal Malls. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Guest Speaker Danica Silver drew Norman Thomson's ticket 615. To the delight of everyone, other than Norman, Norman picked and then shredded the Three of Clubs. David Spears then did an admirable job of systematically picking our pockets through 'Happy and Sads'.

Happy and Sads: The usual exuberance filled the air, as a cornucopia of happy dollars was thrown towards the pot. Jim Hanson was happy that daughter Elizabeth had made dinner. Norm Binion was happy to have finished grouting a bathroom at home. Ross and Bev Harlow were happy to be in the company of fellow Rotarians.

Presenters: Our guest speakers were introduced - Danica Silver (past Rotarian and teacher at Argyle Secondary), Marcia Garries (NVSD 44 Special Education Administrator) and Britney Zapshala (Paralegal student at Capilano University). Claire Nicholson and Jeremy Donahoe, two Culinary Arts students (Chefs-in-Training), and



student Simon Vallieres, also participated in presenting. Danica and Marcia provided highlights of the student internship program, which included the three focus areas of student work experience, secondary school apprenticeship and accelerated credit enrolment (ACE) in industry training. Claire, Jeremy and Simon shared their positive experiences in the program. The request from our speakers is for experienced industry leaders to mentor students in their industry, to create new partnerships between the school system and industry and to share vocational know-how. NVSD 44 is building a network of employers to strategically align with for the 2013/14 school year. If you can assist in this process contact Danica or Marcia for further details.

Thanks to Speaker: Deborah Sommerfeld thanked our speakers and presented them with our highly coveted certificate promising to immunize twenty children against Polio, with the intent of eradication of Polio. Displaying her considerable humanitarian and charitable spirit Deborah promised we would 'donate twenty children to Polio'. In the words of David Spears this was a definite upgrade from statements made by several previous Rotarians, who have inadvertently promised to 'eradicate twenty children'.

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 and then, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.

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?

Future Meetings / Key Dates

- Mar 18** Climate Change - Ben West, Healthy Communities Campaigner, Wilderness Committee
- Mar 25** Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening
- Apr 1** No Meeting - Easter Monday
- Apr 8** 2014 Canada Cup for Homeless Soccer - Charles McGregor
- Apr 15** Operations Briefing for The Great Capilano Duck Splash - Norman Thomson and team
- Apr 21** Great Capilano Duck Splash
(Sun)
- Apr 22** Fellowship Evening - Duck Detagging
- Apr 29** Choosing to Smile - Glenda Standeven, Rotarian, 25-Year Cancer Survivor and Amputee

