

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

## WHEEL SQUEALS



June 10, 2013  
by Jeff Pearce

RCNV meeting at The North Shore Winter Club, 6:30 PM. John Ward took the desk and signed us in; Norm Binion lead us in the singing of O Canada and Bob McKilligan provided a thoughtful invocation.

Tonight's guests were Judy Savage of the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, Laurie Cooper of Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports (VASS) and tonight's guest speaker, Daniel B. Lemieux.

There were two cheque presentations this evening;

1) President Wendy Law, President Elect Deborah Sommerfeld along with the assistance of Norman Thomson in the RCNV Duck Costume, presented a cheque of \$7,500 to Judy Savage, President of the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. The money will be used to help fund the \$1.2 million campaign to purchase new orthopedic equipment, enabling the Orthopedics team to increase surgery volumes, treat patients more quickly and provide a higher quality of care.



2) Norm Binion presented a cheque of \$1,735 to Laurie Cooper, Executive Director of Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports to fund a new floor for their Yurt on Grouse Mountain.



John Ward attended the recent meeting of the Canada Day Parade committee and told us the Parade is on and the RCNV will again be in charge of staging the parade entries. John asked for help and received a good number of volunteers. John also reminded us that our annual club dues of \$195 are due July 1.

Fred Sverre asked for and received a number of volunteers to help weed the traffic circle, at 10 am Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fred won the draw but it was not the lucky Ace of Spades this time.

Sherriff Norm Binion fined everyone who had not dressed up as a duck in the past 24 hours a loonie.

John Stuart reported the North Shore Historical Society is having Len Corbin as their guest on Wednesday evening June 12, 2013 at 7 pm. John will be interviewing Len about growing up in



North Vancouver, going to North Vancouver High School and how he does his research to turn all his interesting stories about sports on the North Shore into a regular column in the 'OUTLOOK' local newspaper.

The society meets at The North Vancouver Archives and NVMA Offices:

Community History Centre  
3203 Institute Rd, NV  
in the old Lynn Valley School

John will also be speaking, Saturday, 22 June, 4:00 PM, at the Scandinavian Community Centre, off Sperling between Highway No. 1 and the Lougheed Highway, address: 6540 Thomas St., Burnaby, BC.

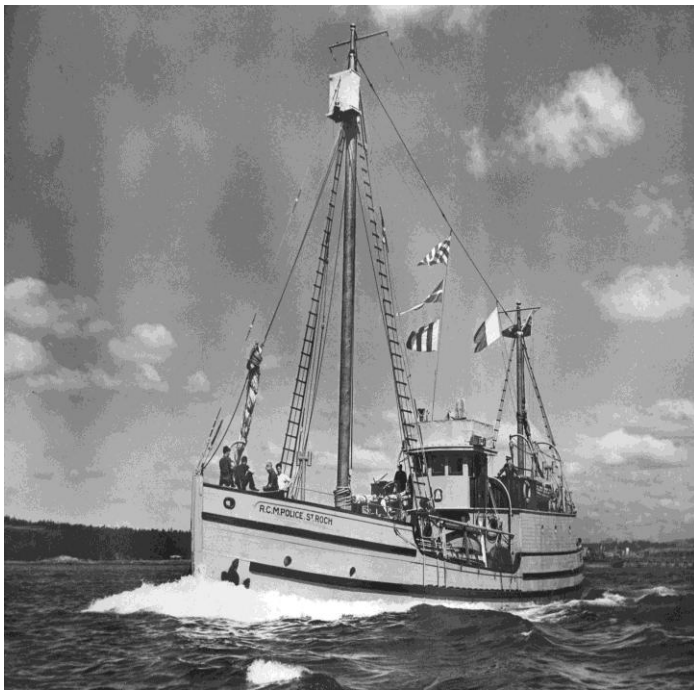
"John Stuart, curator and occasional humorist, will describe how Aristocratic Building Styles Set Scandinavian Design."

David Spears participated in the Rotary Ride for Rescue.

Jeff Pearce introduced tonight's guest speaker, Dan Lemieux. In his working career, Dan was involved in policing/crime prevention. He held many positions, nationally and internationally. Dan and his wife Maxine have lived on the North Shore for 42 years. He spoke to the club about **The RCMP Schooner 'St. Roch' - Workhorse of the North.**



Built by the Burrard Dry Dock Shipyard, North Vancouver, BC  
Launched May 7, 1928  
Auxiliary Police Schooner  
Displacement: 323 Tons  
Length: 105 ft.  
Beam: 25ft.  
Draft: 12.5 ft



**St. Roch** is a Royal Canadian Mounted Police schooner (later, it was rigged as a ketch), the first ship to completely circumnavigate North America, and the second sailing vessel to complete a voyage through the Northwest Passage. It was the first ship to complete the Northwest Passage

in the direction West to East, going the same route that Amundsen on the sailing vessel *Gjøa* went East to West, 38 years earlier.

During much of her life the St. Roch supplied and patrolled Canada's Arctic. The ship was most often captained by Henry Larsen. She is now located at the Vancouver Maritime Museum and is open to the public. In 1962, St. Roch was designated a National Historic Site of Canada.

Bud Fast kindly thanked Dan for his interesting presentation.



After a Toast to Rotary International and recital of The 4-Way Test, President Wendy closed the meeting.

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#### **Future Meetings / Key Dates:**

- Jun 17** Heart Attack Recovery - Bob McKilligan, Heart Attack Survivor and Member, Rotary Club of North Vancouver
- Jun 24** Installation of 2013/2014 Club Executive
- July 1** No meeting, Canada Day Holiday

