



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

December 9, 2013

Written by Bob Nowell

Desk: Joy Jones did her usual excellent job in greeting members.

O Canada: Jeff Pearce took the lead in singing O Canada.

Invocation: David Spears, using a script similar to ones used by Bob McKilligan, gave the invocation.

Guests: There were no guests at this meeting.

Announcements:

- Bob Nowell presented a cheque for \$334 to John Stuart for drawing the Ace of Spades last week. To prove his success, John pulled another Ace of Spades from his pocket and he will be using it as his calling card (it looked like he had a stack of them for use in future draws). This is the first time the draw has been won since Sept 2012 resulting in the large payout.
- David Spears reported on Operation Red Nose and the numbers were up last weekend.
- It was noted at last week's meeting that the club's articles state that a bond should be obtained for those people dealing with cash, being Joy Jones and Bob Nowell for our club. President Deborah Sommerfeld had discussed this with Terry Lehoulier and she said our club could decide what we wanted in this regard. David Spears presented a motion, seconded by John Ward, that a bond not be required; all members approved.
- Bob Nowell advised that 4 Rotarians - Norm Binion, John Ward, Neil Creighton, and Bob Nowell, and their spouses/partners, went to a fundraiser for VASS. There were about 75 people in attendance and everything was donated. The music was fabulous and was basically a jam session with one singer getting up after another.
- Fred Sverre said all the salmon is in and reminded all to get their selling hats on.



Sergeant-At-Arms:

Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Schelhaas extracted money for happy/sads from most members. Jeff Pearce won the draw but was lucky he didn't draw the Ace of Spades as the pot was only \$7.50.

Presenter:

Our speaker for the evening was ill and could not make it. Fred Sverre kindly stepped in and spoke on Dairy Farming in Vietnam.

A major task was teaching the farmers about protein for the cows in order to get more and better quality milk. He put together an excellent team with international experience. Areas his group focused on were:

1. Protein digestion through corn silage
2. Corn and alfalfa production process to get good feed production needed to produce milk
3. Teaching them management skills to develop good crops



There were many questions from members and Deborah Sommerfield presented the certificate to Fred for Polio Plus.

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

The 4-Way Test: President Deborah 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 Deborah adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates:

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| Dec 16 | An Evening of Christmas Fellowship with Frances Roberts and The Argyle Alumni Choir – Partner Evening |
| Dec 23 | No Meeting – Christmas / New Years Break |
| Dec 30 | No Meeting – Christmas / New Years Break |
| Jan 6 | Liberian Experiences of a Rotary Peace Fellow |
| Jan 13 | The Rotary Foundation, An Information Session – Don Evans, Rotary District 5040 Annual Programs Chair and Strategic Planning Chair and member, Rotary Club of Vancouver |
| Jan 20 | How To Take Charge of Your Online Presence – Rory Kermack, Founder and Lead Developer, KermackCreatave |
| Jan 27 | Robbie Burns Day Dinner, An Evening of Scottish Fellowship – Partner Evening |
| Feb 3 | Fish Farming – Fred Sverre, President, Entech Environmental Consultants and member, Rotary Club of North Vancouver |

