



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

January 13, 2014

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

O Canada: Deborah started us off with O Canada, accompanied by Norman Thomson who managed, as usual, to keep us on key.

Invocation: Bob McKilligan gave the invocation.

Guests: Neil Creighton invited his uncle to the meeting. Jim Creighton is from Halifax and he shared some interesting weather stories with us. He is enjoying Vancouver's mild weather. Our second guest, and speaker for the evening, was Don Evans from the Rotary Club of Vancouver and Annual Programs Fund Chair for District 5040.

Announcements:

- The Rotary Foundation dinner is taking place on February 1st at the NSWC. All members are encouraged to come along to this supper/dance/fund raising event where as many as 120 Rotarians and their guests from the Lower Mainland will be present.
- David Spears reported on the Wine Festival proceeds which came up to \$22,000. The plan is for each of the four clubs to get \$4000 while Hollyburn Family Services will get \$5000.
- We will be marking January 27th with our version of Robbie Burns Day.
- Don Evans reminded us that the 2014 District Conference will soon take place from May 22-25th, 2014 in Squamish, BC.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Volunteer Sergeant-at-Arms Norman Thomson extracted money from members who had not heard of the great Polio news of the day. India is now POLIO FREE! Fred Sverre had the winning ticket which unfortunately did not win him anything - he failed to draw the elusive Ace of Spades.

Joy had the happiest event of all of us with her upcoming trip to Delhi as a member of a Polio immunization Rotary group. The group is leaving New York on February 14th and will be out doing their work for 10 days. Kudos to you Joy for this very special humanitarian endeavor!

David Spears had a happy dollar as he is able to do his 3rd bathroom reno while his wife is away on vacation in Hawaii.

Neil Creighton is happy for the group of young people (including his son) who will soon be shooting a video where they and some of the Vancouver Canucks '94 alumni will be playing hockey on Green Lake in the interior.



Presenter:

Our speaker for the evening was Don Evans. Don has been involved with Rotary for 26 years and has held many positions with the Rotary Club of Vancouver. One of Don's strengths has been to assist the Clubs in developing their strategic plans as he did for us 4 years ago. Don is now involved with the Rotary Foundation and he was able to simplify for us the workings of the new Rotary Foundation Grant process.

There are three funds and three types of grants.

The three Funds are:

- Annual Fund (Today's fund).
All money invested here stays in for three years and then all the money invested is returned as Grants (50% as District Grant and 50% as Global Grant)
- Endowment Fund (Tomorrow's Fund)
- Polio Plus Fund (To eradicate Polio)

The three types of Grants are:

- District Grant
Managed by the District. Each Club \$1.00 is matched by \$0.50 from the District.
- Global Grant
Managed by The Rotary Foundation. Each Club \$1.00 is matched by \$1.50 from the Rotary Foundation.
- Packaged Grants
Developed and managed by Rotary International directly - global in nature, for working with Rotary Strategic Partners.

We are encouraged to make requests for District Grants by April of a given Rotary year for the next Rotary year.



There were many questions from members and John Ward presented the certificate to Don for Polio Plus.

To view Don's complete presentation click [here](#).



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:

Jan 20 How To Take Charge of Your Online Presence - Rory Kermack, Founder and Lead Developer, KermackCreativa

Jan 27 Robbie Burns Day Dinner, An Evening of Scottish Fellowship - Partner Evening

Feb 3 Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics - Dr. Clara van Karnebeek, UBC Faculty of Medicine

Feb 10 No Meeting - BC Family Day statutory holiday

