



Rotary



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

## Feb 24, 2014

Written by Norm Binion

**Desk:** Bob McKilligan kindly accepted our payment at the door. Eleven members attended.

**O Canada:** The room reverberated with a resounding rendition of O Canada.

**Invocation:** Bob McKilligan gave a thoughtful invocation.

**Guests:** Kevin Evans was welcomed back, as a returning member, to our Club. There was no speaker, as this was a Club Assembly evening.



**Announcements:** President Deborah Sommerfeld confirmed that ORN provided \$6000 to each club.

There is a tentative 3 hour mentorship seminar on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, put on by Sue Godey. President Deborah will confirm that this seminar is taking place.

Rotary has suggested the World's Greatest Meal to end polio. The Lions Gate Club is having a meal of Indian cuisine at Handi Restaurant on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Joy Jones will be returning soon from India from a polio immunization trip. We look forward to hearing of her adventure.

A Tim Jones Legacy Fund fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, at Seymour's Pub (Holiday Inn). Tickets are \$25 each, which includes a \$15 food/beverage credit. Neil will send out further details.

Norm Binion highlighted the Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports (VASS) Cup 2014 event, which is Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> on Grouse Mountain. VASS provides opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy snow sports and the mountains we love. It is their biggest fundraiser of the season and their goal is to raise \$100,000. The VASS Cup matches teams of 3 skiers/boarders with 1 athlete with a disability for a fun slalom race. John Ward and Norm Binion will participate on behalf of RCNV. RCNV has been very supportive of VASS in the past, having donated thousands of dollars towards the purchase of

sit-skis and other adaptive equipment. A motion was made to the attending membership to donate \$1000 from ORN funds for the purchase of adaptive equipment for use by youth with disabilities. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Michael Schelhaas admirably performed his duty. In the ticket draw President Deborah Sommerfeld was the lucky holder of #81. Alas, she missed the elusive Ace of Spades. There were no fines. For happy and sads, Bob McKilligan was happy to see his daughter



receive a heritage (Hollingsworth) award, Neil Creighton enjoyed the Olympic banter and oscillating loyalties of former members of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Kevin Evans was pleased to pick up some consulting work through a previous guest speaker, Bob Nowell and Rupinder Khotar enjoyed the Olympics and Deborah Sommerfeld missed her Rotary messages.

## Club Assembly

In response to President Elect Daniel Tardif's initiative members reviewed various proposed fundraising events and community projects. Events discussed included the Wine Festival, a dinner with auction, point of sale donations, concerts with returning Olympians, a golf tournament, a pitch and putt golf tournament, an open air concert, running of the balls, an amazing race, a Tim Jones challenge race and a Sasquatch race.



It was decided that a starting point was to complete a community needs assessment. A task force of Kevin Evans, Daniel Tardif, Rupinder Khotar and Norm Binion will complete a preliminary assessment and report back to the membership within one month.



**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 President Deborah adjourned the meeting.

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### Future Meetings / Key Dates:

- Mar 3 Keeping Seniors at Home - Heather Dunsford, Administrator, North Shore Keep Well Society
- Mar 10 Ethical Jewelry for Masai Tribe - Susan Bibbing, Lotus Land Imports
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Alec Wallace - Partner Evening
- Mar 24 Women's Recovery House on the North Shore - Brenda Plant, Turning Point Recovery Society
- Mar 31 Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening

