



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

WHEEL SQUEALS

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Desk: Jeff Pearce kindly accepted our payment at the door for 13 members.

O Canada: Norman Thomson started us on key for a powerful rendition of O Canada.

Invocation: Bob McKilligan gave a meaningful invocation.

Guests: We had two guests from the Canadian Cancer Society, Kerri Waite and Maureen Turner.

Announcements:

President Deborah asked if anyone would attend the District Assembly Saturday, April 26 as we need one member to attend in order to apply for grants. Rotary World Help Network AGM is April 26 but no one plans to attend. Terry McGauley will vote by proxy. Rotaract PACE Trip requested funding that we did not support. Rotary Foundation Peace Centres dinner is Sunday, May 4 at Beach Grove golf course. Kevin Evans gave an interim progress report on the committee that he chairs to determine how we fundraise and for whom we raise the money. Slides, minutes and matrix to be circulated by Deborah. Another report will be forthcoming in a month.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Norman Thomson acted as Sergeant-At-Arms to get members to dig deep. He announced that Deborah has achieved 36 years as a practicing veterinarian.

Presenter:

Our speakers, Kerri Waite and Maureen Turner from the Canadian Cancer Society, outlined the focus of the Society and their Relay for Life. The Society works hand in hand with the BC Cancer Foundation. The latter focuses on the front line, working directly with patients. The Society has 3 pillars – Support, Research and Prevention. Approximately 12-14% of funds go to administration.

The Relay takes place on June 7th from 10 AM to 10 PM at Mahon Park. Typically 40 teams of 8-10 members participate in the walk around the track where 1 member of each team must be walking throughout the event. The event opens with a breakfast for survivors, then a First Nations ceremony and concludes with a remember ceremony with lumination. During the day, there are many activities to interest attendees, such as massages, physio, bands and kids' activities. Participants have a suggested personal goal of \$100 each. The theme is nautical.

Thanks to the Speaker:

Daniel Tardif thanked the ladies and presented them with a Polio Plus certificate which was gracefully accepted.



Toast to Rotary International: Deborah gave the toast to RI.

The 4-Way Test: 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:

- Apr 7 Employment Development for the Homeless – Brenton Walters, Employment Development Coordinator, Lookout Emergency Aid Society
- Apr 14 Self Development, Happiness and Reducing Stress – Linzi Martin, Simplify Life
- Apr 21 No Meeting – Easter Monday Holiday
- Apr 28 Fellowship Evening – Covenant House Thank-a-Thon (5:30 to 8:00 pm)
- May 5 Peer2Pear Student Presentations – David Steverding, Vancouver Police Department

