

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

November 17, 2014

*by Neil Creighton*



Joy Jones, as she so often does, greeted us with her cheery smile, took our dinner fee and checked us in for our weekly dinner meeting.

Our President, Daniel Tardif, led us in the singing of O Canada and Bob McKilligan gave the invocation.

**Guests:** Our speaker for the night, Jackie Kloosterboer, and prospective member, Julia Oulton.

## **Announcements:**

- Fred Sverre announced that we are ready to get underway with this year's smoked salmon sale fund raiser. We have 250 lbs of salmon ready for delivery and several members agreed to make space available in their freezers.
- Deborah Sommerfeld told us about her visit to the [Jaipur Foot Factory](#) in Jaipur, India. She described it as an absolutely amazing place where they make prostheses out of ordinary PVC pipe, dyed close to flesh colour. A custom made, above the knee prosthesis can be made and fitted to an individual in one day at a cost of approximately \$50 US (vs \$10,000 and who knows how long in North America). And, believe it or not, they even make prosthetic legs for cows.
- David Spears, Kevin Evans, Bob Malcolm and John Ward all helped out at the November 10 lunch for the homeless by serving up fettuccine generously supplied by Boston Pizza. Left overs went to the police and fire department volunteers who were called away to duty during the event.

- Neil Creighton laid a wreath on behalf of the Club at the North Vancouver Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, November 11.



- Operation Red Nose is quickly approaching. Volunteer application forms are available online and should be submitted to Jim Godey.
- November is Rotary Foundation Month. In keeping with the month's theme, Joy Jones offered wine basket raffle tickets at \$10 each, with the draw to be held later this month, to raise funds for our Foundation. Ticket sales were brisk.

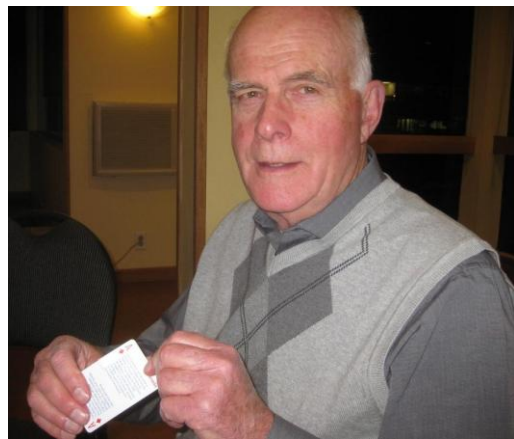
- Also in relation to the Rotary Foundation Month theme, the District 5040 Foundation Dinner 2014 is being held Saturday, November 22, at the Italian Cultural Centre. Of course, the theme is Italian. The guest of honour will be Past RI President Wilfred Wilkinson.
- Our meeting next Monday, November 24, will be our Annual General Meeting where we will be electing our 2015/16 executive.
- The Club will contribute \$300 to sponsor a craft table for children and families at the [Christmas Festival](#) at Shipbuilders' Square in Lower Lonsdale on December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm
- Plans are underway for Rotary Day, February 18. We, along with the Lions Gate and West Vancouver Sunrise clubs, will be hosting a pub night at the North Shore Winter Club. Winter Club members and the public will be invited for an evening of fun and education about Rotary.

### **Sergeant-At-Arms:** Michael Schelhass

Michael initially suggested we forgo this part of the program in order to provide more time for the speaker but after some pushing from those in attendance he agreed to proceed.



Our guest, Julia Oulton, drew the lucky ticket number which just happened to be held by Bud Fast. Unfortunately for Bud he drew the Ace of Diamonds, leaving the illusive Ace of Spades in the deck for another day.



### **Happies/Sad:**

- Kevin was sad for the BC Lions loss to Montreal Alouettes but said he was going to the Grey Cub game anyway
- Daniel was happy for the Alouettes' victory
- Joy and Fred were happy for the fresh air and sun shine we've been getting lately.
- Neil was happy and sad when he described how his sister Heather answered his phone call with "you're not Shaun". She was waiting for her son Shaun's call telling her that her first grandson had been born.
- Deb was glad to be home from her trip to India.
- John Stuart was happy or sad about something for which the author apologizes for not being able to read his own writing.
- Bob Malcolm was happy about the good weather but was sad about his younger brother having had his esophagus removed.

## Program:

Kevin Evans introduced our speaker for the evening, Jackie Kloosterboer. She is the Emergency Planning Coordinator & Emergency Social Services Director for the City of Vancouver. She is also the author of “[My Earthquake Preparedness Guide](#)”.

Jackie started off her talk by mentioning the term “activation” in regards to emergencies and what she does. Activation can be related to any kind of emergency – fire, earthquake, etc.

She then focused on earthquake preparedness and reminded us that, in the event of an earthquake, there will be no supplies available – stores will not be open, etc. Less than 20% of us are prepared. Several of the things she touched on were:

- Be prepared for having to be on our own for 3 days or more.
- Establish a family meeting place.
- Have an out-of-town contact – preferably a long way away, like Eastern Canada.
- Have an emergency kit – a grab & go bag – assembled and readily available – containing such things as:
  - water
  - prescription medications (keep them up to date – they have a shelf life)
  - light
  - cash (banks and bank machines won’t be open, credit cards won’t work)

See the North Shore Emergency Management Office web site for a good [list of items](#) to include.

Kevin Evans eloquently thanked our speaker and presented her with the customary certificate pledging that the Rotary Club of North Vancouver will, in her name, contribute funds to immunize 20 children against polio.

## Adjournment:

President Daniel gave the toast to Rotary International, led us in reciting The 4-Way Test and, hearing there was nothing further for the “Good of Rotary”, adjourned the meeting.



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### Future Meetings / Key Dates:

Nov 22	District 5040 Foundation Dinner – Italian Cultural Center
Nov 24	Annual General Meeting
Nov 28	<a href="#">Operation Red Nose</a> begins – also operating Nov 29, Dec 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 & 31
Dec 1	Peer Support for Cancer Patients and Family Members – Sheila Craigie, Coordinator, Cancer Connection, Canadian Cancer Society
Dec 8	Improving The Lives of People in Vancouver’s Inner City, Jennifer Johnstone, President & CEO, Central City Foundation
Dec 15	Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening – Christmas Dinner with entertainment by Frances Roberts and The Argyle Alumni Choir
Dec 22	No Meeting – Christmas / New Year’s Break
Dec 29	No Meeting – Christmas / New Year’s Break

