



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER

WHEEL SQUEALS

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Desk: Joy Jones greeted those members and guests attending.

O Canada: President Daniel Tardif led us in O Canada.

Invocation: David Spears gave the invocation.

Guests: We had one guest, Milton Kiang of Vancouver, who was considering joining Rotary and was visiting clubs in the area.

Announcements: President Daniel led the announcements, including:

- The upcoming January 26, club assembly meeting.
- The District workshop, “Rebuilding your club”, will be rescheduled.
- Kevin Evans gave an update on his meeting with VASS who are planning a Challenge Cup event in March.
- President Daniel reported on our donation of \$300 to the Christmas Festival at Shipyard Square and which was used to supply a craft table for children.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

David Spears did this duty. In the ticket draw we had a WINNER! Our member and speaker, John Stuart, drew the winning ticket, and then drew the Ace of Spades. John has now won the last two jackpots.

There were many “Happy Dollars” deposited in the pot to welcome Rupinder back. She was glad to be back after her recent illness.

Program:

Our very own, and “very lucky”, John Stuart was our speaker. John has an avid interest in the history of North Vancouver. His topic was the beginnings of the municipal water supply in the Lower Mainland. The first system was sourced from the headwaters of Lynn Creek in 1904.

Prior to 1904, logging was in full operation in the Seymour area of the North Shore because of its slope. The creeks were utilized for water for mill boilers. Flumes were constructed for moving cedar cut for shingles, logged after most fir had been harvested. The cedar was cut into 18 inch blocks and then floated down the flumes to Burrard Inlet for transport by sea to market. The water from the flumes was collected in rain barrels by Charles H. Cates, who sold the water to the ships in port. This entrepreneur founded Cates Tug.

In 1904 the oldest municipal water supply system was established with an intake at the 600 foot elevation mark in Lynn Creek, where Lynn Creek Road (formerly known as Pipeline Road) ends. The system was discontinued in the mid 1920's. The remnants of the intake and its replacement, complete with weirs or dams, is still visible from the footbridge just downstream on Lynn Creek.

John's presentation included drawings, pictures, and graphs explaining how the water entered the intake, how it was settled using settling tanks, and how debris was dealt with. On at least two occasions, the water level of Lynn Creek rose rapidly, flooding the intake up to 10 feet above the normal level.

John could have continued with the story of Ross Lake, but he had used his allotted time.

Thanks: Neil Creighton thanked John and presented him with the customary Polio Plus certificate whereby the club will, in John's name, immunize 20 children against polio.

Toast to Rotary International:

President Daniel led the group in toasting Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: Deborah Sommerfeld 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?

Adjournment: Hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, President Daniel adjourned the meeting.

Future Meetings / Key Dates:

- Jan 19 The Global Work of Care Canada - Christine Parsons, Manager, Regional Development (BC), CARE Canada
- Jan 26 Club Assembly
- Feb 2 The Rotary Foundation – Don Evans, Rotary Club of Vancouver and District 5040 Foundation Annual Programs Chair
- Feb 9 No Meeting – BC Family Day Statutory Holiday
- Feb 16 365 Voices On the Future of the Planet – Anshuman Deora, Global Chorus Documentary
- Feb 18 Open House: An Evening with Rotary – 7:00 pm, North Shore Winter Club (Wed)
- Feb 23 Club Assembly / Fellowship Evening

