



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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**Desk:** Joy Jones welcomed the 12 attendees at our new venue for the evening, Boston Pizza on Marine.

**Invocation:** Bob McKilligan produced an appropriate invocation from his expansive repertoire.

## Announcements:

- The VASS Challenge Cup is on for March 5 despite the lack of snow – they have just changed the format to suit.
- The February 18 “Evening with Rotary” at the North Shore Winter Club – a joint Rotary awareness evening put on by the North Shore Rotary clubs – was a success. Many potential members attended. Our club was represented by President Daniel, Neil, and Bob Nowell.
- We will be holding a club strategic plan workshop on March 28. Joy has graciously volunteered to host this event at her home.
- The Homeless Soccer lunch is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>. Several of our members have volunteered to serve the lunch.
- The District Conference will be fast approaching - May 8-10 at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier here in North Vancouver. Register at the [District 5040 website](#).

## Sergeant-At-Arms:

Daniel Tardif won the draw and drew the King of Clubs. Michael Schelhaas was the Sergeant-at-Arms, and fleeced our pockets of money that will go the VASS Challenge Cup event on March 5th. Happy and sads followed.

## Program:

Kevin Evans gave his presentation on the Toy Lending Library:

- The Toy Library concept began in Los Angeles. Internationally there are Libraries in New Zealand, Australia and the US. In Canada, Edmonton, Ottawa, Mississauga, and Whistler Millennium have Libraries. The Whistler Library is operated by the Whistler Community Services Society.
- Typically a Library has around 100 families who are members. It operates as a lending library for kids 6 years and younger with loans of up to 2 weeks. Hours are specified, i.e. 10 – 12 on Saturday mornings.
- Parents must conditionally volunteer some time at the library. The large advantage to parents is access to a large variety of toys that their child can experience without the cost of buying these items.
- Recycling depots do not, as a rule, accept toys. This would be a source.
- The Toy Library model is sustainable, and as such can be handed off to any group to manage.
- The next steps are to find a partner, hopefully the NV City Library, and to develop a feasibility report determining the challenges such as toy cleaning and inventory control.
- Kevin, Joy, and John will meet with the NV City Library at 9:30 AM on Feb 27th. A report will be provided at next meeting.

**Toast to Rotary International:** Daniel led the group in toasting Rotary International.

**The 4-Way Test:** The group recited 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:** President Daniel, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.

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**Future Meetings / Key Dates:**

- Mar 2 Vancouver Adapter Snow Sports (VASS), An Update – Anne Bethune, President  
Board Meeting (following Club meeting)
- Mar 4 Homeless Soccer Lunch – Mountainside Secondary School - 1:30-2:30 pm
- Mar 5 VASS Challenge Cup – Grouse Mountain – All Day
- Mar 9 No Meeting
- Mar 16 Community Project
- Mar 30 Adaptive Yoga, Yoga for Persons with Disabilities – Shirley Barber

