



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

March 2, 2015

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Desk: Joy Jones greeted those members attending.

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

Rotary Moment: Deborah Sommerfeld spoke of her trip to India, including a visit to a Rotary Club.

Guest: Our guests included our speakers and Mike Vopni, a former member of the Revelstoke Rotary Club, who had moved to North Vancouver and was considering rejoining Rotary.

Announcements: President Daniel led the many announcements. The District Conference is May 8, 9 and 10. There is no single day attendance option.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Michael Schelhaas did this duty. In the ticket draw John Ward held the winning ticket, but drew the Five of Clubs. Michael also collected Happies and Sads.



Program:



President Daniel introduced our guest speakers, Tom Mooney and Tamsyn Jenkins of VASS. VASS is the short name for Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports, an organization whose mission is to make the mountain accessible to all. Our club has supported VASS for some years. Tom is a director. He was introduced to VASS when his daughter participated in its program in 1986. He became a certified instructor in 1998 and a director in 2011. Tamsyn is the fund raiser for VASS.

Tamsyn directed us to the VASS website, www.vass.ca, which she screened. VASS has been operating for 40 years. It has programs on each of the three local mountains offered to students of all ages and disabilities. Adaptive equipment and specialized teaching techniques maximize independence on the slopes. VASS relies on volunteers. It trains volunteer instructors. Tamsyn showed a video with music about the fun of snow sports students and instructors have through VASS.

Tom and Tamsyn invited all present to the VASS Cup on Thursday March 5. President Daniel and three others plan to attend. Due to the lack of snow there are very few snow activities planned. Our speakers interacted with members throughout. Rotary and VASS are very comfortable in interacting with each other!

Thanks to Speaker: President Daniel thanked our speakers and presented them with a PolioPlus certificate. Our club has also donated \$1,000 to VASS this year.

Toast to Rotary International: John Stuart led the group in toasting Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: Jeff Pearce 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:

- Mar 9 No Meeting
- Mar 16 Club Assembly – Community Project Planning
- Mar 23 No Meeting
- Mar 30 Children’s Wish Foundation – Jennifer Petersen, Provincial Director, BC & Yukon Chapter, The Children’s Wish Foundation
- Apr 6 No Meeting – Easter Monday
- Apr 13 Club Assembly – Community Project Planning
- Apr 20 Thank-A-Thon – Covenant House, 575 Drake Street, Vancouver
5:00 - 7:30 pm
- Apr 27 Mountainside Secondary School Programs – Jeremy Church, Principal
- May 4 Eye Glass Sorting Workshop – Third World Eye Care Society (TWECS) Warehouse, 7420
7:00 pm Mulberry Place, Burnaby
- May 11 Club Assembly – Community Project Planning
- May 18 No Meeting – Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

