



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

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**Desk:** Joy Jones was on the Desk and “Joyfully” greeted us, one and all.

**Honoured Guests:** Past District Governor Ken Wilson, his wife Peggy, and Assistant Governor Lizz Kelly.

## Announcements:

1. PDG Ken Wilson spoke at some length concerning Rotary Club membership attrition. His comments included techniques for member recruitment such as: emphasizing that Rotary is the world’s oldest organization holding weekly meetings; Rotary is the world’s largest NGO; and the best organization by which to expand acquaintances. He commented that the Richmond Rotary Club has rebuilt its membership.
2. Ken also suggested that long time Rotarians be recognized, and presented Joy Jones with a Certificate - the “DG’s Special Award” for continuing valuable service to Rotary.
3. AG Lizz Kelly brought greetings from the District. Regarding the issue of “Small Clubs”, Lizz advised us that a member from the District will be contacting us.
4. Neil Creighton spoke about the Terry Fox Run held on Sept 20, 2015. Despite a torrential downpour the event was well attended with a good turnout of 150 runners and about 30 volunteers. Proceeds were in the order of \$10,000 - donated to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research.
5. SOS Children’s Gingerbread Village: The Club voted to donate \$1000 to this fundraiser held at Grouse Mountain before Christmas.
6. Kevin Evans raised the issue of the Evergreen Storage locker. Contents will need to be inventoried in anticipation of a move.

## Sergeant-At-Arms:

Deborah had the role of Sergeant-at-Arms. The Four of Diamonds was drawn by Neil Creighton - not the winning Ace of Spades!

## Program:

A Club Assembly to discuss several topics related to the operation and activities of the club:

1. Meeting Frequency: The plan that had been put in place in Spring 2015 whereby we had only 2 dinner meetings a month was reviewed. The consensus was that this diminished schedule is contributing to the Club losing momentum and focus. It was decided to return to the original weekly meeting format.
2. Meeting Venue: the Club elected to change the venue to the Social Room at Klahanee Park Housing social room. This location, at 380 Klahanie Court, near Capilano Road and Marine Drive, is more central and will avoid the heavy traffic going East at end of the business day. The first meeting to be held there will be October 26. The time will also be changed to start at 7:00 pm and the format will be light snacks, beer, and wine, with no dinner. Cost to be \$10 per meeting and \$5 for beer or wine. Initially Joy Jones will organize the food and beverages.

3. Community Service Opportunity: North Shore Youth Safe House maintenance - details to be discussed at next meeting.

**Toast to Rotary International:** PDG Ken Wilson led us in a Toast to Rotary International.

**The 4-Way Test:** Bob Malcolm led the group in reciting 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:** With nothing more for the good of Rotary, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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**Future Meetings / Key Dates:**

- Oct 5 Strategic Plan Review
- Oct 12 No Meeting – Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday
- Oct 19 No Meeting – Federal Election Day
- Oct 26 Kenya Water Project – Khayanga Wasike **Note: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Social Room at Klahanee Park Housing**
- Nov 2 Strategic Plan, 6 Month Review - Don Evans, District 5040 Strategic Planning Chair

