



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

July 28, 2008



Editor for a Day: Peter M Chapman

Guests:

Deneka Michaud and **Catherine Michaud** were temporarily guests before they were inducted as members (see below); **Wes Michaud** was also introduced (he has been a welcome guest on several occasions). **Crystal Campbell** was introduced; she is a former GSE to Australia. A sponsor of the Wine Festival was introduced: **John-Mark Staude**, the President of Riverside Resources Inc. (a junior mining company on the TSE Venture Exchange).

Desk/Greeter/O

Canada/Invocation:

Alec Wallace did a great job of registering guests, while **Bob McKilligan** greeted those arriving and made them feel welcome. **Jim Isman** led Club members in a rousing version of O Canada, and then **Alec Wallace** gave the Invocation.

Announcements:

- 1. Rocky Mountaineer BBQ:** **Bob McKilligan** noted that due to the weather the event has been moved to Vancouver; 7 volunteers from the Club will be flipping hamburgers. The entertainment includes a clown, a water balloon toss, and pie-in-the-face the owner of the company for charity.
- 2. Wine Festival:** **Sonia Wolowidnyk** noted that there are 15 confirmed wineries and 17 possibilities; the goal was 30-40 wineries and it is likely that there will be 32 wineries participating so our goal will have been achieved. Volunteers from the Club will help serve the wine.
- 3. Wheel Clean-Up:** **David Spears** thanked a great group of volunteers for cleaning the Rotary

International Wheel at the North End of Lions Gate Bridge and weeding around it - work only took a couple of hours due to the relatively large number of volunteers and equipment.

4. **The Great Duck Splash:** This event is on track; an initial planning meeting has been held and a tentative date of June 14, 2009 chosen.



Induction Ceremony: Deneka Michaud and Catherine Michaud were inducted into the Club by Riet Carter to the applause and strong approval of all present.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Deborah Somerfield skillfully challenged and, at the same time, educated members - as usual. Her challenge in this case was to name when and where the Rotary Banners

originated. No-one knew the answer, which was 1913 in Galveston, Texas. Rotary International has a collection of over 20,000 banners. The first Rotary Banner was 5x17' in size!



Catherine and Deneka Michaud - our newest members!



Happy and sad:

- a graduating class reunion at Cheers
- a wedding and wedding anniversary
- moving into a new house at the same time a grandchild will be born!
- new members joining and an upcoming trip to Europe

- birthdays
- our Outgoing Exchange Student leaving on Thursday
- children coming home and the family going on holidays
- new members, a birthday and a 50th wedding anniversary
- new members
- a 40th birthday (and he does not feel a day over 30!)
- playing golf in the Okanagan, wine tasting, and the new members
- new members, sad as not taking the usual holidays on the lake but happy as going to the Abbotsford Airshow
- New members joining the Club.

- There have been a lot of honors over the year, but the greatest honor of all is to be part of this group.
- Rotary Adventures in Adaptive Snow Sports and other great ventures including the North Shore Youth Safe House are wonderful achievements.
- **Jeff Pearce** and **Norm Binion** received a joint "Rotarian of the Year" award and their many achievements this year were celebrated.

Program - 2007/08 Year In Review:

Norm Binion introduced our distinguished speaker, **Neil Creighton**, who conducted a review of the 2007/08 year beginning with an amazing video presentation set to music and prepared by **Bob Carter**. Norm noted:

- It has been an amazing year including internal and external meetings, great events and great good done in the community.
- The Executive were thanked individually for all their hard work and energy.



Norm Binion and Jeff Pearce- our Rotarians of the Year!



- The level of energy in the Club is amazing!

- **Charley Derban** was thanked in absentia for staffing the desk at most meetings.
- **Many other members** were thanked - too many to mention; the Club is indeed full of energetic, committed individuals.
- Foundation has formed the basis for a lot of activity.
- Some members have left but many others have joined; the Club is indeed vibrant and alive.

Jeff Pearce thanked Neil for introducing him to Rotary and for an inspiring and thought-provoking review. He also thanked Bob for a fantastic slide show. Neil of course received the coveted Rotary Pen!

The Toast to Rotary International:

Laurie Porter led members in a collective toast to Rotary International.

The Four Way Test:

Norm Binion led members in Rotary's 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?

Riet Carter noted, as a final item for the Good of Rotary, that the Club is receiving \$1,000 from the District Simplified Grant for VASS. She was warmly thanked for her efforts in securing these monies and for her many other past and continuing efforts on behalf of Rotary.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

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| Aug 11 Meeting | Club Committee |
| Aug 18 (Dan Eisenhower) | US Mortgage Crisis |
| Aug 25 | Vancouver Fire Fighters (Brian Hutchinson) |

Wheel Squeals - Editor for a Day

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| Aug 11 | Michael McCarthy |
| Aug 18 | Babak Shahbazi |
| Aug 25 | Peter Taylor |

