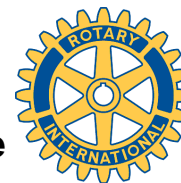




EYE OPENER

mouthpiece of the
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting on:
December 19, 2002

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Invocation: Sam.

Guests/ Visitors:

- Honorary Sunriser Archdeacon Lou Rivers, great to see you again.
- Geoff Ing, Rotarian from Woodbridge ON., visiting us for the second time this year, thanks for joining us.

Regrets: Val, Nico, Robert.

Club Business/ Announcements:

- Janice opened **today's meeting** by welcoming all members and visitors to our Christmas meeting.
- Val spoke briefly about the recent **Christmas Party** at Klahanie on the 19th. The party was sponsored by all four NS Rotary Clubs, as was the children's excursion to the Raymond Burr Centre in New West for the Annual Christmas Pantomime.
- Notes from the recent **Board meeting:** *WineFest* proceeds totalled \$34,000.00 this year, 87% will be directed to a common cause project, the NS Presidents will meet in January to decide on disbursements, our Club's share is \$2,200.00. Rotary is embarking on an *advertising blitz* over the next while in both Canada and Australia, the campaign will be highlighting Rotary's efforts in health related issues.
- Sam thanked the Club for the great showing at the annual **Senior's Christmas Luncheon:** 126 attended and everyone had a great time. Frances brought her choir along, Dave emceed and the Club set tables, served the turkey and mingled with our guests. Cards of thanks were received expressing our guests delight with the celebration. Take a bow everyone!
- Nancy reported on the Club's participation in **Operation Red Nose:** Saturday Dec. 7th saw our volunteers chauffeuring revellers home after Holiday parties and revelling, red noses and antlers were the livery worn by Rotarians in this

fundraising/service effort.

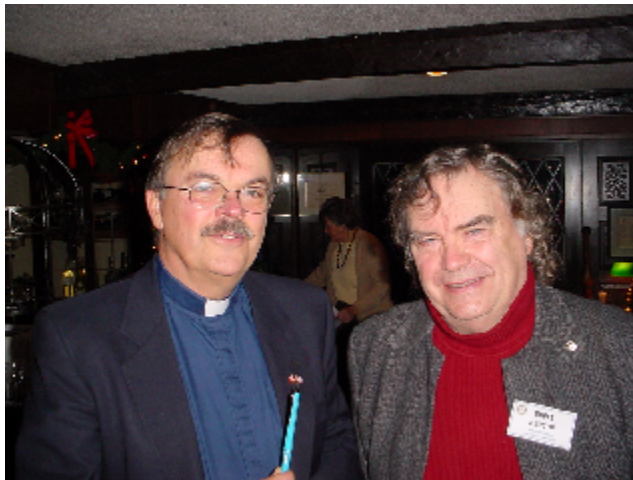
- Peter has requested that an **Operation Eyesight Certificate** be given to the Chef at the WV Seniors Centre for his work on our Christmas Luncheon, and the Ambleside Youth Orchestra has expressed interest in participating in the event in future (Director Hilary Clark 604-926-3030).
- Peter also reported on the **WV Youth Outreach Centre's** efforts to feed the homeless: young people from the centre have been donating their time to help out those who have been living in the old Woodward's building downtown. A friend of Jim Wright's has loaned two arcade games to the centre for the amusement of the kids. In addition, seed money is being requested to start up an entrepreneur/venture program at the centre and mentoring help would be greatly appreciated.
- Nancy will be meeting with the **Harvest Project** directors to continue work on strategic planning for the group, and she may be calling on Club members for help in this area.
- **Oscar Night:** financial sponsors are proving difficult to locate this year, Robert requests that members keep him advised of who has been approached for sponsorship. Members are also urged to keep seeking out seat and table sales as well as auction items with special attention given to those items or services not obtainable through normal channels, it seems that these odd or special items are the best sellers at auctions.
- The **Bichai Rattakul** dinner is scheduled for March 12th; please advise Hendrik if you will be attending.
- The **Annual Rotary District 5040 Conference** is May 22nd to 25th this year.
- **Rotary Moment:** Mark read to the Club about Rotary's efforts to promote urban peace in a time when our cities are becoming places of violence, isolation and despair. Rotary is committed to overcoming the problems of the inner cities through service work, understanding and fellowship.
- Jim introduced today's **guest speaker:**

Archdeacon Lou Rivers, Honorary Sunrise Rotarian. With Christmas upon us Archdeacon Rivers reflected on the strife that grips our world in a time that should be a celebration of Peace on Earth. Technology has provided us with the instant global view of poverty, war, hunger, despair and turmoil, and yet, this view has so overwhelmed us that we are increasingly becoming more cynical and isolationist: witness the proliferation of the 'gated community' and people's quickness to turn their backs on the troubles that surround us. Reverend Rivers spoke to us about his view of Rotary as the new Magi: following the leading star of idealism, forsaking wealth and power in its' efforts to change the life of just one person and to

thus be fulfilled. It is necessary, Lou said, to understand this effect on just one person as extremely valuable. Rotary must continue to work in the 'light of chaos and the darkness of despair' resisting the temptation to give in to cynicism. To remain determined in spite of the doubt of others is what Rotarians must strive for. Better to light a candle than curse the darkness, Reverend Rivers reminded us that the smallest light is all that is needed to show the way in times of darkness. Bruce thanked Lou for being with us and bringing his message this morning.

- **50/50/ happy/ sad:** no winners, no losers.

Meeting adjourned.



Bruce (*right*) thanking our speaking for the morning, Archdeacon Lou Rivers (*left*). Lou is also an Honorary Sunrise Rotarian.

SPECIAL THOUGHT

"...To Sow the Seeds of Love is to find opportunities to serve every day, every moment of our lives. To Sow the Seeds of Love is to think of others first, and ourselves in terms of what we can do for others..."

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Date	Speaker/ Event	Topic/ Title/ Venue
JAN	ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH	
9-Jan-03	Special round table meeting	
15-Jan-03	Board meeting	
16-Jan-03	Club Business Meeting	
18-Jan-02	Sunrise get-together at Mark's House	
23-Jan-03	Myasthenia Gravis Ass. of BC	Brenda Kelsey (604-451-5511)
23-Jan-03	Harold Stinger dinner (Cheers Restaurant 125 E. 2 nd Avenue, N Van - 7 pm)	
30-Jan-03	North Shore/Coast Health Services	Lucinda Flavelle (604-904-6232)

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