



EYE OPENER

mouthpiece of the
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting on:
January 9, 2003

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Invocation: Bruce.

Guests/Visitors:

- Susanne Hille, visiting with friend Nancy, thanks for joining us.
- Jason Metcalf, Rotaractor and an 'old' friend of the Sunrise.

Regrets: David, Peter, Hendrik, Joan.

Club Business/Announcements:

- Nico **welcomed** one and all to our first meeting of the New Year. Just back from South Africa the Human reports that it's great to be in Canada: after 3 ½ years here Nico notes that it's easy to forget the problems in SA. After tripping the safety alarms on friends and relatives homes more than once Nico tells us he is now fully Canadian with (relatively) not a care in the world.
- We are sorry to hear that **Dave** is not feeling up to snuff lately; our thoughts and prayers are with you friend, it's our bet that you'll be back up to speed in no time. Let us know if there is anything anyone can do in the way of chores or errands.
- **Business notes:** the *annual reports* of both RI and the Rotary Foundation are both out for study, Interactor Narissa Tai e-mailed Nico with the news that the *Club induction* went as planned Dec. 4th, *Operation Eyesight* was their first Christmas project and anyone with unused eyeglasses is asked to donate them to the effort, the North Shore Rotaract Club will have its' *inaugural induction* Feb. 10th 6 pm at Cheers restaurant in North Van (please advise Riet Carter of the number in your party), the Creston BC Rotary Club is sponsoring *Adventures in Wildlife* May 9 - 12 and our Board will discuss participation, the *Harvest Project* sends its' thanks for our clothing donations to the Dress for Success program, and the next Club Presidents meeting will discuss *WineFest 2003*

matters.

- **Oscar Night:** that sweet talking Robert has scored a major coup: Jaguar has made a tremendous contribution to the event in the form of sponsorship and a car lease!! The first advertisement of the event will be run Jan. 15th in local publications, and all members should implement sales strategies now. All auction items and ticket sales reports should be forwarded to Nico as they occur, forms for auction items were distributed by Robert and these also should be returned to him as items are pledged. Members are urged to review their list of previous and potential donors/sponsors/ticket sales prospects, the deadline for auction items is Feb. 15th so catalogues can be prepped. Remember, there is no item too big or too small for us: we can mix and match, wheel and deal. Onwards and upwards!
- Jason thanked the Club for its' support of the **Rotaract Christmas Bake Sale**, the baking went great but Jason reported one or two minor glitches with deliveries, inevitable with every new project. The NS Rotaractors are also starting a Vocational Speakers schedule: Rotarians or anyone willing to speak to the Club about their vocation is asked to contact them and book a time for the Sunday evening event.
- **Pot Luck social:** Mark's place, 6365 Chatham (Horseshoe Bay), Saturday Jan. 18th 12 pm, parking is limited so carpool if you can, see you there!
- **50/50/happy/sad:** Sam had the right ticket but the wrong card.
- **Rotary Moment:** Klaus told us about Rotary Disaster Relief: the program operates anywhere on earth where and when needed: the Rotary Secretariat issues an immediate call for help and support with instant grants of \$5000.00 on hand, through Rotary and other resources items such as food, money, clothing and medicines are made available to those whose lives have been affected.
- Members spoke briefly this morning about their **involvement with Rotary:** Robert told how

through a friend in New West he was introduced to Rotary and joined to become involved in Community Service. *Ken* spoke about Jim introducing him to Rotary and how it promptly became a family passion for his son, ex-wife and himself, after 9 years with Rotary *Ken* notes that it gives him a perspective on how good his life is and enjoyment in the form of Service. *Sam* told us how he joined Rotary by accident when two ladies with strange accents (South African) urged him to attend a meeting; as an immigrant *Sam* wanted to give back something to the Community that had adopted him and made him welcome. *Ian* began

to tell us about joining Rotary to get involved with International Service work but then began to ramble on about being a token male at his table, wanting to rent children to help him lose weight while hiking and playing with model trains in a way that makes money so he can take a trip to South Africa. Or something. Rotary and the world is benefiting from the commitment of these members and we are all glad they became Rotarians, regardless of their motives, Thanks!

Meeting adjourned.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Club Social (Mark's Place)

Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 12 pm, 6365 Chatham, Horseshoe Bay. (Parking is limited so carpool if you can). Children and spouses welcome.

SPECIAL THOUGHT

Look for the Silver Lining

Life is full of ups and downs but we can learn from everything that happens to us.

A relationship ends; we fail an exam; lose a job ... Once the initial anger/dependency/depression is over we can review our setbacks and use them to learn more about ourselves.

Every event in our lives has a purpose – there is a powerful intention in every situation.

Rather than remaining in a negative state, which only pulls you down, approach the situation in a new way.

As one door closes another opens. Look for the newly opening door, look for the silver lining ...

60 Ways to Feel Amazing – Lynda Field.

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic/Title/Venue
JAN	ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH	
15-Jan-03	Board meeting	
16-Jan-03	Club Business Meeting	
18-Jan-02	Rotary get-together at Mark's House, starts at noon.	
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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