



EYE OPENER

mouthpiece of the
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting on:
February 27, 2003

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Invocation: Ken.

Guests/Visitors:

- Mary Molson visiting with friend Val, thank you for coming.
- Estelle joined us and kept an eye on Nico.
- Andrew Pottinger back to visit us again, great to see you.
- Faith Garriock, creator of 'Destination Imagination' and today's guest speaker.

Regrets: Tania, Jim, Robert.

Club Business/Announcements:

- Nico, back from the extremely successful AgAware extravaganza last week, bid one and all a hearty **welcome**.
- Val reported briefly on her attendance at the latest **President Elect Training Seminar** in Seattle. They came from far and wide (as far away as Russia in fact) to share ideas and fellowship: the event was a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and leadership as well as to trade ideas on fundraising and service. Val recommends that everyone attend the event at least once to meet Rotarians from many different places and share experiences.
- **Sgt. at Arms** Jim is on the mend after having surgery on his shoulder, get well soon buddy!
- A call for help and support has gone out to Rotarians throughout Canada in an effort to bring relief to the residents of **Badger NFLD**. The community has been devastated by flooding recently, and Rotarians are being asked to support the community in whatever way possible.
- A **Flower Garden display** will be held Mar. 29 and 30 at the Delbrook Centre.
- Hendrik is tracing the funds we sent to the Karachi Metropolitan Rotary Club for the **Literacy Project** there.
- **Fromme Elementary School** will be giving a

presentation to our Club on the subject of the new playground facility under development.

- Blair has requested that the Club consider support for a **Youth Athletics** program to take place in West Van on March 6th.
- Bruce has designed a **park bench/picnic table** around the Rotary Wheel emblem. The table would be a great addition to many recreation areas in our community and keep the Rotary profile on display.
- June 14th is the date for the **Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Day**; this is the start of a national campaign to raise funds for spinal cord research. The Board will be discussing our Club's participation in the event.
- The **Canadian Cancer Society** is looking for support in a fundraising event to build a hospice here in British Columbia.
- A reminder that the **Rotary District 5040 Annual Conference** takes place in Whistler beginning May 22nd. Cost of registration goes up Apr. 1st so book early!
- Sam put forward a suggestion that part of the **50/50 funds** be used to put on a Club fellowship event for members and their families, possibly a great opportunity for us to get together on a regular basis and visit with our fellow Rotarians on an informal basis.
- Nancy gave us today's **Rotary Moment**: talk about your remote make-ups! Tahiti is the most remote Rotary Club on earth; Alaska has the northernmost Club and Antarctica the southernmost. El Centro California is the lowest Club location (actually below sea level!) and the highest Club in altitude is in Argentina. There are more than 29,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide and a make-up at each one would take a Rotarian almost 80 years of attending on a daily basis!
- Val introduced today's **guest speaker**: Faith Carriock, founder of 'Destination Imagination'. This project was created to teach children as young as 4 years of age 'soft skills' such as creative thinking, problem solving, research methods, teamwork and initiative, scheduling,

budgeting and presentation skills. Faith handed out craft packages, similar to those given to participants in the program, that consisted of paper, paper clips, pipe cleaners, adhesive tape, tin foil, drinking straws and a feather. With these in hand Club members were told to form groups and construct a tower that would hold the feather on top. This exercise, and others, is the sort of thing 'Destination Imagination' creates in an effort to help young children acquire the skills needed for success in life but that are not regularly taught in our school system. This year the Provincial Finals of 'Destination Imagination' will be held here in

West Vancouver and teams from all around our province will take part in various competitions that challenge the mind, ingenuity and the imagination. Participants in 'Destination Imagination' benefit immensely by learning to open their minds, work efficiently in teams, and see the world from new angles. Tamara thanked Faith for joining us this morning.

- **50/50/happy/sad:** Joan couldn't find the Ace of Clubs.

Meeting adjourned.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Athletics for Kids

March 6, at Hollyburn, gala starts at 6 pm.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Alleviation of Hunger

According to United Nations statistics:

- 840 million people are chronically malnourished.
- Of these, 200 million children under the age of five suffer from acute or chronic protein and energy deficiencies.
- Over the past three decades, world food production has increased at a greater rate than population. However, in the developing world, only one out of five people can get enough food to meet their daily needs.

Only the combined efforts of governments, intergovernmental agencies, and the private sector can break this chain of hunger and poverty. Rotary International is a global network of 30,000 community-based clubs, with a world membership of 1.2 million. Each club is composed of men and women, established in their professions, who work as volunteers to improve the quality of life in their home communities and around the world.

More information? Please visit <http://www.rotary.org/membership/prtools/toolbox/resource.html>

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic/Title/Venue
6-Mar-03	Vocational talk	Nancy MacKay (604-904-9870)
12-Mar-03	Board meeting	
12-Mar-03	RI President Bhichai Rattakul at the Westin Bayshore - CANCELLED	
13-Mar-03	Club Business Meeting	
20-Mar-03	Gail Gendron & Lindsay Robertson	Canadian Cancer Society, North Shore Relay For Life
27-Mar-03	Rosemary Teliatnik	Rotary World Help Network (604-522-0854)

