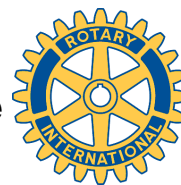




# EYE OPENER

mouthpiece of the  
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting on:  
May 22, 2003

## O Canada

**Invocation:** Mark.

## Guests/ Visitors:

- Const. Tricia Lee from the West Vancouver Police Department and today's guest speaker, thank you for being here.
- Goren and Monica Pettersson, Rotarians visiting the North Shore from their home in Sweden, welcome!
- Ray Rich, third meeting is the charm, great to see you again!

**Regrets:** Peter, Bruce, Val, Tania, Hendrik.

## Club Business/ Announcements:

- Nico **welcomed** one and all.
- Ken noted that ballots are in on the **Legacy Project**, the NS Club Presidents will finalize the vote at an upcoming meeting, and each Club will be given 25% of the final say.
- The visiting **GSE Team** from Brazil is arriving this weekend. They will attend a social barbecue at Sonia Wolowydnik's residence on Sunday, and the evening meeting of the North Vancouver Club at Cheers Restaurant in North Van on Monday. Our regular meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled in lieu. Thanks go out to Joan for for billeting and transportation for the Team.
- The **Rotary International Presidential Celebration** is July 19<sup>th</sup>; if you register by June 1<sup>st</sup> the cost is \$125.00 and \$150.00 afterwards.
- The **Rotaract Club of UBC** is hosting a wine tasting event May 31<sup>st</sup> at the UBC Museum of Anthropology, contact Nico for details.
- A representative of the **Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra** will address our Club June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Club is considering the purchase of **ClubMate software** for organizing our records etc., possibly the acquisition of a laptop computer as well for Club use.
- Shake Shack June 7<sup>th</sup> at **West Van Community day** is going ahead, make sure you set aside some time to come down and help out, bring the family

and friends (and potential Rotarians!) have some fun and fellowship.

- Cdn. Cancer Society **Relay for Life**: June 14<sup>th</sup> Mahon Park North Van, 10:00 to 22:00. The Club will be setting up the tent and equipment to help out with a concession. Janice is leading the charge on this - call her to volunteer some time.
- Rotaract has requested that the Club sponsor a **RYLA candidate** again this year. Klaus will be looking into finding a suitable young person to attend.
- **Goren and Monica Pettersson** presented their Club banner (and received one of ours in return) to Club President Nico. This is the Petterssons' second visit to Canada. Goren is a retired Insurance Adjuster and Monica is employed by the National Land Survey in Sweden. Their home Club is 6 years old and has 31 members, meeting every Wednesday for lunch. Jim and Eileen have been showing the Petterssons around the North Shore and they are off to the Sunshine Coast later today.
- **Rotary Moment**: RI President Rattakul urges all members to embrace International Service and look beyond themselves and their borders to promote understanding and fellowship between all peoples. In these times of international turmoil this pillar of Service is more important than ever.
- Nancy introduced today's **guest speaker**: Const. Tricia Lee of the West Vancouver Police Department. Const. Lee is an Aboriginal Canadian from the Ondagwa/Ojibwa Nation from Manitoulin Island. After graduation from high school in New Westminster, Tricia went on to attend Douglas College and eventually graduated from the B.C. Justice Department College as a Police Officer. Her first posting was with the Lillooet Aboriginal Police Department and from there went on to serve with the Mt. Currie Department. Const. Lee joined the WVPD in 1999 and is currently attached to the Traffic Division. Tricia spoke to the Club this morning about the *'Pulling Together Journey'* a canoe trip from Hope to Gibsons from June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>

that brings Aboriginal youth and police officers together in a journey to promote understanding and friendship. Tricia spoke of the historical barriers of distrust and fear that has existed between First Nations persons and the police. This journey is meant to create better understanding and cooperation between the people and the police who serve them. The police officers on the journey will be accompanied by youth at risk from various First Nation communities. The journey is also a fundraising event with last year's funds (\$7,000.00) being donated to First Nations Youth projects. From Hope to Gibsons First Nations communities along the route provide hosting to the canoeists.

This is the third annual voyage, the first saw 80 participants take part, last year 120 made the voyage and this year approximately 150 will be involved. The voyage, as well as fundraising, is designed to help the young people involved build confidence and to give them a sense that they are needed and valuable members of the community. The Club Board will be discussing the sponsorship of two young people for the voyage at a cost of \$500.00 each. Ken thanked Const. Lee for speaking to us today.

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

**Meeting adjourned.**



Ken (left) thanks Const. Tricia Lee of the West Vancouver Police Department for speaking to us about the 'Pulling Together Journey' canoe trip from Hope to Gibsons.



Banner exchange! President Nico (left) is exchanging banners with Swedish friends Goren and Monica Pettersson (middle). Our sergeant Jim (right) received a special word of thanks for making our visitors feel

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Report from our president on the District Conference, held in Whistler May 22 – 25 ....**

We had a FABULOUS District Conference, and won two awards: the **Presidential Citation for the Club**, and **runner-up Award for the Best Newsletter in the District!!!** A special word of thanks to Michelle and Mark for their hard work on the newsletter!!! – Nico Human.

**SPEAKERS PROGRAM**

Date	Speaker/ Event	Topic/ Title/ Venue
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>ROTARY RECREATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS MONTH</b>	
5-Jun-03	Ross Beaty	Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra
7-Jun-03	<b>Project: West Van Community Day – Shake Shack and Parade</b>	
11-Jun-03	Board meeting	
12-Jun-03	Club Business Meeting	
14-Jun-03	Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Day	
14-Jun-03	North Shore Relay For Life, Canadian Cancer Society	
16-Jun-03	New Board Induction: North Vancouver	
19-Jun-03	Vocation: Interior Design	Teresa Cain (604-922-8311)
21-Jun-03	New Board Induction: Lions Gate Club (also the Clubs' 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)	

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