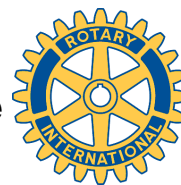




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mouthpiece of the
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting on:
July 31, 2003

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Invocation: Mark.

Guests/ Visitors:

- Judith Harder, Rotarian from Courtenay and almost a Sunriser as well, great to see you again.
- Nora Harrison, Rotarian from Kakamega Kenya, visiting us once again, welcome back.
- Paul Moen, North Shore native and Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Ottawa, thanks for coming.
- Bob MacLeod, Rotarian from Saskatoon, welcome to West Vancouver.
- Riet Carter, Rotary stalwart and great friend of the Sunrise.
- Judy Briton, from the Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of B.C. and today's guest speaker, thank you for coming.

Regrets: Peter, Bruce, Tania, Klaus and Nancy.

Club Business/ Announcements:

- Val welcomed members and guests to today's breakfast.
- Paul Moen, an old friend of the Stephenson family, told us a little about his home Rotary Club in Ottawa: great opportunities for guest speakers from government and the diplomatic community and a large Club.
- Nico 'Lance Armstrong' Human and his family and friends set out in August on a 725km 'Bikes for Bibles' tour de B.C. 'Lance' and friends, all bottle blondes, set out from Prince Rupert and will pedal the Yellowhead highway all the way to Prince George in one week this August. Best wishes to all who are participating in this Christian event, we hope you have sunny days and the wind at your back.
- Val will be hosting a fundraising ideas meeting in August.
- The Club has taken out a membership in the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, breakfast meetings are held once a month (usually a Tuesday) at the Hollyburn Club, our members will be encouraged to attend on a rotating basis, Janice

is the champion on this one so contact her if you plan to attend.

- Members are reminded that the Harmony Arts Festival runs in August, many fun and entertaining events will be held here in West Vancouver and everyone should get out and see what this wonderful festival has to offer: fun for all ages!
- **Legacy Project:** Ken reports that a meeting was held with the WV Parks Dept. The department has major plans to redevelop Ambleside Park and it appears the Rotary Legacy Project may be a catalyst for this. Our gazebo/bandstand could become the focal point of the park's rejuvenation and the Parks Dept. has expressed its' heartfelt thanks to Rotary for this tremendous donation. The committee will likely meet with the Municipal Council in September. Not enough can be said about Ken's work on this project from its' inception: Ken we are all in your debt for the fantastic work you have done to make the Legacy a reality, thank you!
- **WineFest 2003:** Nico and the other NS Past Presidents met last week: John Billham will lead the sponsorship team and Ian and Robert from our Club will be joining the team. A full meeting of the organizing committee will be held this coming Tuesday.
- The Club is now a member of the **Rotary World Help Network**, our first project will likely be the donation of old paediatric cribs from Lions Gate Hospital to a needy third world country.
- **Rotary Moment:** Robert told the Club of the 1916 forming of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, the first Rotary Club formed outside the United States making Rotary the first International Service Club.
- **Klahanie Residence:** Riet Carter spoke briefly about the Rotary sponsored subsidizes housing facility here in our community. The project began 11 years ago when Rotary built the residence and formed a Board of Directors for the facility. The buildings are comprised of 88

separate units with 32 low-income families and the remainder occupied by seniors. The facility is now in need of further help in the form of active participation by Rotarians to visit with the residents, ease their isolation and provide help, support and friendship to the seniors, children and families that reside there. With this in mind a barbecue, sponsored by the residents, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17th at 5:00pm and will be a great opportunity to meet with the residents and begin building relationships and support for them. Mark the date on your calendar and come out to have some fellowship, fun and the opportunity to serve some of our needy community members.

- Tamara introduced today's **guest speaker**: Judy Briton from the Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of B.C. Judy began by giving us some perspective on Cerebral Palsy: this group of disorders is caused by damage to the brain due to lack of oxygen before, during and after the birth of a child. One of every 500 residents of B.C. is afflicted with CP, more than 50,000 persons in all of Canada, and 3 of every 1000 births nationwide result in CP. The CP Association has been formed to help sufferers deal with the many issues and obstacles that the disorder creates in their lives. The association provides the public with education and information and works to further the educational and vocational opportunities of CP victims. Through a speakers bureau and a Roundtable newsletter the group works to raise awareness and funds to continue to provide a voice and resources for those with the

disorder. The struggle now is to maintain and enhance the network the association has created and so representatives such as Judy are out in the community seeking help with organizational issues and fundraising to ensure that the work can continue. Judy expressed concern that the business sector may not be doing enough to try to help and employ those with CP so that their lives may be lived to their full potential. While noting that many persons in the third world receive no support whatsoever for their condition, and that although there is no cure, everyone affected is in need of help to allow them to cope with CP and contribute to the best of their abilities to the community. Sam thanked Judy for speaking to us this morning.

- **Bob MacLeod** told us a little about his home Rotary Club in Saskatoon: the Club was chartered in 1986 and has 45 members, ongoing Club service projects include: Habitat for Humanity, Literacy, and the Saskatoon Air Show.
- **Paul Moen** also gave us a brief talk on his home Club in Ottawa: Paul began his association with Rotary as a youth: the WV Club sponsored Paul and sent him to the Adventures In Citizenship program. In Ottawa Paul's Club sponsors and maintains the Rotary Home for Persons with Disabilities, PolioPlus, and sponsors an annual Plane Rides for Kids event. Paul and Val exchanged Club banners.
- **50/ 50/ happy/ sad**: no winners, no losers.

Meeting adjourned.

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Date	Speaker/ Event	Topic/ Title/ Venue
AUGUST		
17-Aug-03	Klahane Housing Project - BBQ	Klahane, Sat, 5:00 pm
21-Aug-03	Towser Jones, Capilano College History department	Importance of Teaching the Arts and Humanities.
28-Aug-03	Ken Burnett, Senior Partner in one of Vancouver's leading law firms	Estate Planning
30-Aug-03	Dundarave Hoe-Down – Rotary Smokies Barbecue, Marine Dr.	
SEPTEMBER		
4-Sep-03	Lou Rivers, Archdeacon of St. Christopher's Church	Gay Marriage and the Anglican Church
14-Sep-03	Terry Fox Run	
18-Sep-03	Pam Goldsmith-Jones, West Vancouver District Councillor	Home Schooling
20-Sep-03	Club Social - Day at the Track, Hastings Park, Starts 1:10 pm	
25-Sep-03	Peter Speck, former publisher of the North Shore	The Newspaper Business