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Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting on:
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Invocation: Mark

Guests/ Visitors:

- Sonia O'Sullivan, from North Vancouver, her first Rotary meeting, welcome and thank you for coming.
- Judith Harder, hardly needs introduction, great to see you again.
- John Friesen, always a welcome addition, hopes to make a Rotarian out of you yet!

Regrets: Tania, Bruce, Tamara, Janice, Robert, Vicki, Sam

- **Club Business/ Announcements:**
- Val welcomed one and all.
- **The Human's** leave on their '**Bikes for Bibles**' 725 km ride from **Prince Rupert to Prince George** this week. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you along the way, have a great time and we'll see you when you get back!
- The **Dundarave Hoe Down** is all set for Aug. 30th; bring friends and family for a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship.
- The next **Club Board meeting** is at Val's residence on Wed. the 13th at 06:45.
- Nancy reports that the **Rotary Business Forum** leadership meeting is at the Radisson in Burnaby Aug. 12th at 07:00
- Our search for a **new meeting place** goes on: in the running so far are the following locations: Marine Drive Restaurant (formerly the Sandpiper), Rene's Restaurant at south Park Royal.
- Ian and Tamara met with Riet Carter recently to discuss our ongoing participation with the **Klahanie Project**; the Club will be assuming a much greater role in working with the residents of the facility.
- Nico reports that at last week's **WineFest** meeting the total sponsorships received so far totals \$11,500.00 of the \$20,000.00 goal.

Thanks go out to Ian, Klaus and Hendrik for their great work. The cause for the event is to be discussed and finalized at the next NS Presidents meeting.

- **Rotary Moment:** Jim told us about Rotary's relief work during WWII and the subsequent formation of UNESCO as a result of programs created by Rotary. Winston Churchill praised Rotary and Rotarians for the great work done by the organization and its' members worldwide.
- Nancy introduced **today's speaker: Ray Rich** gave his **vocational talk**. Ray was born in Vancouver and spent his childhood growing up in Penticton. After graduation Ray moved north to spend time working in the oil patch and the mining industry. Wanderlust set in and Ray traveled for 3 years all across North America and the Caribbean with time each winter to teach skiing in California. Returning to Vancouver Ray attended BCIT and eventually ended up in the Stock Brokerage business. Some 20 years later Ray is married, wife Jirina and son Nicholas round out the Rich household. While work is the fast paced world of financial underwriting, mining, oil and gas, investments and tax shelters Ray still finds time to enjoy many sports. Still a skier Ray also enjoys hiking, hockey and golf. Travel is another favorite pastime (fond memories of the sights and historical locations in London) and Ray finds time to draw and sketch as a hobby. Rotary is Ray's first experience with service work and he states that he is very glad to be a Rotarian. Nico thanked Ray for speaking to us this morning.
- **50/ 50/ happy/ sad:** the money kept rolling in.

Meeting adjourned.

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