



Eye Opener

Mouthpiece of the
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of:
03/10/02

O Canada

Invocation

Hendrik

Guests/Visitors:

- Rob Arthurs, back to visit with us, great to see you.
- John Friesen, welcome to the Club!
- NV District Fire Chief Gary Calder, today's guest speaker.
- Sonia Wolowydnik, a long time friend of the Sunrise and stalwart Rotarian.
- Judith Harder, roofless in Vancouver, thanks for joining us again.
- Ed Kisling, Rotarian from the Victoria Harbourside Club.
- Blair Wilson, visiting with Ed Kisling.
- Peggy Wilson, Ken's CEO and best friend, great to see you Peggy!

Regrets:

Bruce, Tania, Nancy, Klaus, Nico

Club Business/Announcements:

- A hearty welcome to all from President Val.
- Ken spoke briefly on the new RockRidge School Interact Club: teacher/organizer Nancy Masterman reports that the Club is off and running in a big way. Ken notes that the Club has 55 members already and is thinking of having to cap membership at 100!!! The Club has already held a fundraiser for the Okanagan fire

victims and Ken says the kids are driving the entire effort. Nothing like hitting the ground running!

- This Sunday's IMAX presentation by the NS Rotaract Club is having trouble filling seats. At least 50 more tickets must be sold to the event to avoid cancellation, please contact Val if you need tickets, this promises to be a great show.
- The West Van Rotary Club's Christmas party will be on a harbour cruise vessel this year. Seating is limited to 100 so book early, date: December 10th.
- The West Van Chamber of Commerce meeting is next Wednesday morning at the Hollyburn Club; contact Val or Janice.
- Operation Red Nose: members are reminded to get the word out on this project: tell friends, colleagues, businesses holding Christmas parties, everyone that this is a great solution if you plan on driving to social events in December. Ray notes that this year's proceeds will be used for youth related projects.
- Peter reports that 160 young people attended the WV Youth Centre's Leadership Conference. The youths attended workshops in: teambuilding, time management and leadership skills. The event was sponsored by the West Van Municipality and by the West Van School District.

- WineFest 2003: Hendrik reports that things are shaping up; all 3 mall entrances and the entire mall will be in use this year, two food courts in operation and of course over 30 wineries represented. Volunteers are needed for the two shifts in operation: 5:30 to 8:00 and 8:00 to 10:30. Notify Klaus of your availability.
- Quarterly dues are now payable to the Sgt. At Arms.
- Our newest Rotarian was inducted today. Val inducted John Friesen as the latest member to join the Rotary West Van Sunrise Club. John told us that he was not normally a 'joiner' but was very impressed by the spirit and camaraderie of the Sunrise. Thank you John for your commitment to Rotary and Service.
- Tamara introduced today's guest speaker NV District Fire Chief Gary Calder. Chief Calder spoke today about his role, the role of his department and provincial and municipal emergency issues. Beginning with the macro view Chief Calder explained the Provincial Emergency Program in brief. An emergency is a situation in one jurisdiction whereas a disaster transcends jurisdictions. The Province can declare a disaster or emergency and exercise certain powers under the declaration such as: appropriate property or materials, draft citizens, restrict travel, authorize entry without warrant, ration supplies, build or tear down structures and cause evacuation. In addition all municipalities must have and emergency plan and bylaws. Emergencies are of two types: natural such as earthquakes, tsunamis and forest fires of natural origin, or man made such as fires of human or industrial origin, chemical or toxic

spills, rail or marine mishaps. Chief Calder notes that the North Shore's greatest potential for an emergency or disaster is Highway No. 1 (Trans Canada/Upper Levels) with its' constant flow of traffic bearing chemical, petroleum or other substances, and its' many bridges. In the event of an emergency or disaster the North Shore Emergency Management office would be located at the R.C.M.P. Depot in North Vancouver. Media and citizen notifications and orders would be issued through the Canadian Community Alert Network, an automated system of 300 phone lines capable of contacting up to 15,000 homes and businesses per hour with pre-programmed messages or alerts. In the event of an incident involving entire communities or areas all telecommunications systems could be restricted to emergency personnel use only (as an interesting side-bar Chief Calder notes that most cellular phones would likely not work in the event of a major earthquake). With reference to the forest fires that have plagued our province this year Chief Calder pointed out that steepness of terrain, fire fuel such as trees and leaf litter, prevailing winds and southern exposure make the North Shore a potentially explosive fire hazard in times of heat and drought. The Club thanked Chief Calder for his most interesting and informative talk.

50/50/happy/sad:

Ray couldn't locate the Ace of Clubs.

Meeting adjourned.