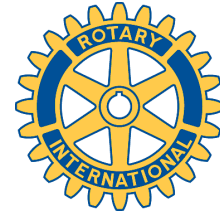




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MOUTHPIECE OF THE
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of October 30, 2003

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Invocation: Hendrik

Guests/Visitors:

- Linda Jones, Assistant Superintendent West Vancouver School District 45, today's guest speaker.
- Judith Harder - needs no introduction, great to see you.
- Dave Bradley, Rotarian and almost a regular at the Sunrise!

Regrets: Joan, Janice, Bruce, Tania, Blair.

Club Business/Announcements:

- President Val began by welcoming one and all.
- Thanks went out to Mark and Tamara for Saturday's Club pot-luck social. Tremendous fellowship, the World Series and other games made for a whole bunch 'o fun, the meal was great and the wine flowed like water, even Bianca (the dog in residence) seems to have come down with gout the food was so rich and plentiful. Thanks to everyone for a great evening!
- The Heart and Stroke Foundation is asking for volunteer canvassers and team leaders for their annual fundraising drive. Val has details if anyone can help out.
- The Avalon Society for Women, a great organization the Club has worked with in the past, is requesting our support for their

two centres here in the lower mainland. The cost of operation is \$275.00 per day at each centre. The Board and general membership will be discussing this further.

- Rotary District 5040 has requested that Clubs consider accepting exchange students for the 2004-2005 school year. The Board will discuss the matter, and returning to the membership with possibilities and a request for a consensus.
- Club Board of Directors Slate for 2004-2005: President Val and Past Presidents Nico and Ian will form a nominating committee and the matter will be presented at our AGM on Nov. 24th.
- President Val thanked all those who attended the Club By-Laws meeting Saturday last. The document will be finalized in time for our Annual General Meeting.
- WineFest 2003: the wrap-up, debriefing meeting will be held at a breakfast this Saturday at the Holiday Inn in North Vancouver. The meeting will begin at 08:30am.
- Klahanie: Ken reported on last Friday's Pizza and Movie Night at the residence. Some 20 children attended the event that featured two movies and great Italian cuisine! All the parents in attendance were very appreciative of our Club's involvement with the children and seniors. The Club is

also discussing further events with Klahanie residents: a Christmas lights tour, trips to the West Van Recreation centre and other field trips are all being considered. Robert mentioned the possibility of the donation of a television for the common room at Klahanie.

- Operation Red Nose: members are reminded to submit their application forms as soon as possible. Peter has spoken to the management of the Squarerigger Pub, the Queen's Cross Pub and the Seymour Pub and has secured their sponsorship of the event.
- A fundraising dinner and meeting will be held at Vicki's residence next Thursday.

Guest speaker:



Mark introduced today's guest speaker Assistant Superintendent, West Vancouver School District 45, Linda Jones. Ms. Jones told the Club of the successes in our School District: West Van students were in the top 97% of provincial students and more than 23% received scholarships for post secondary education. Our community also led the province in reading, writing and numeracy skills.

Ms. Jones also noted that in Found Skills Assessments (FSA) West Van public school students score as highly as private school students.

Ms. Jones told us about the district's efforts to fulfill its 'Accountability Contract' goals with the community and students. Goal #1: Social Responsibility; the district is addressing bullying, racism and gender harassment. Professionals in these fields are being consulted and a survey has been completed and released. This survey, in fact, has been so highly regarded in both methodology and results that it will soon be used on a national scale. Goal #2: Maximize opportunities to learn, develop and demonstrate leadership skills and to see Service as a civic responsibility. In this area the District is trying to tie Service work to the school curricula and learning. The District is also striving to provide more choices in programs and curricula. The aim is to give students a greater choice in which schools they will attend and to provide more programs that meet the students' present and future needs. In the future, Ms. Jones concludes, schools will likely be more specialized with some offering a more liberal arts education while others concentrate on sciences or trades. Nancy thanked Ms. Jones for speaking to us today.

50/50/happy/sad:

The money came rolling in, no winner in the draw.

Meeting adjourned