



# Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE  
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of November 27, 2003

## O Canada

**Invocation:** Mark

### Guests/Visitors:

- Peggy Wilson joined us for breakfast this morning making the Sunrise even brighter!
- Don Wilson, Ken's brother joined the rest of the family and the Club for the meeting, Don helped us out with the MS fundraiser when he visited last spring. Hope your winter in ON. is a good one, thanks for coming back!
- Our good friend and fellow Rotarian Judith Harder was with us today, great to see you again.

**Regrets:** Marko, Ian, Hendrik.

### Club Business/Announcements:

- President Val welcomed everyone to breakfast this morning.
- NS Presidents meeting: Val was in attendance at the President's meeting this week, major topic on the agenda was the disbursement of the WineFest 2003 funds. Riet Carter will present our Club with a cheque for our share at the next meeting.
- Klahanie: the residents will be holding a pot-luck social Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, and all members are reminded of the Club/Klahanie Carol Ships and bonfire evening at Ambleside Park Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Seniors Christmas Luncheon: Sam reports that all is on schedule for the big day Saturday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Rotaract, Interact, the Youth Outreach Centre and Club members and volunteers will turn

the West Van Seniors Activity Centre into a Yuletide celebration. Our great supporter Frances Roberts and her school choir will make a joyous noise, WV Library volunteers and reading program members will give us classic Christmas readings and, of course, Sam and Peter will prepare the turkey; bring friends, family and prospective members for a wonderful afternoon!

- Klahanie: Ken noted that a DVD or tape player is needed to go along with Robert's donation of a large screen T.V., the equipment will be needed when our Movie and Pizza night for the young residents resumes. Anyone with ideas or suggestions please advise Ken.
- Youth Outreach Centre: the Centre is asking for marchers to join them this Friday evening on Lonsdale for the 'Light Up the Night' march in support of the anti-violence campaign. The event will start at the NV Rec Centre at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Lonsdale, 17:30.
- Youth Service: Klaus will be sending out information on a Rotaract fundraiser to benefit the PolioPlus campaign in India. The event will take place at the Plaza Hotel on Granville Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Club Christmas Social: party, party, party at Vicki's residence Friday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please advise Vicki if you can attend, it's a pot-luck so let her know what you will bring in order to avoid duplication, BYO whatever and be prepared for fun and much mirth.
- Operation Red Nose: Ray reports all is going well although volunteer drivers and escorts are still needed for some nights. Val spread the word at the recent WV Chamber of Commerce meet

and notes the profile of the Operation is much higher this year than last and still rising.

- Fundraising Committee: a meeting will be held at Vicki's residence Wed. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 19:30.

Mark introduced today's **guest speaker** noted film, television and stage actor Jackson Davies.



Mr. Davies was born and raised in Wetaskiwin AB. and of course his dream was to play professional hockey. At school Jackson discovered that there were more girls than boys in the arts and drama classes so his focus shifted from the rink to the stage, go figure. After attending a summer stock program Jackson moved to Edmonton and joined his first professional troupe The Playground Players, acting for child audiences is a great learning experience he notes: you've really got to hang on to their attention with everything you've got. Moving on to Edmonton's Citadel Theatre Mr. Davies did an apprenticeship with regional theatres until moving to Vancouver in the early 1970's. Then came 'The Beachcombers' and the rest is history. Originally cast as 'policeman no. 2' Jackson soon became a cast regular and co-star in the most successful CBC television production ever, the series was eventually syndicated in over 150 countries around the world!

Since the end of the series Jackson has had major roles in over 15 feature films and television series in the United States alone. Still acting regularly Jackson has also produced television features including the recent 'Beachcombers' movie. Commenting on the state of the film and television industry both here and in the U.S. Mr. Davies notes that this is one crazy way to make a living. In the

industry no two opinions are the same and none are right. The U.S., while complaining about Canadian locales taking business away from them, practice protectionism to the extreme when it comes to film and television production. The industry, while regularly producing great content, can also often be quite shallow with producers caring very little about content and

only concerned with name stars and directors. As far as Canadian content and production goes: Jackson would like to see more subsidies and protection for Canadian productions or there is every possibility they will disappear. The CBC, for instance, should only be producing and showing Canadian made films and programs; without this venue, Mr. Davies notes, projects in Canada will become fewer and fewer and all talent will have to seek employment outside of the country. Mr. Davies answered questions from the members and guests and when queried about retirement he said that at one point during his career he had 5000 resume photos printed, he has decided that when they are gone so is he. Tamara thanked Jackson for a wonderful talk!

50/50/happy/sad: Val couldn't quite cut the deck.

Meeting adjourned.