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MOUTHPIECE OF THE
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of December 4, 2003

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Invocation: Mark

• **Guests/Visitors:**

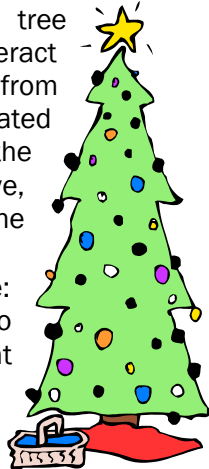
- Chief Constable Grand Churchill, WVPD, thank you very much for joining us this morning!
- Ted McCormac, Rotarian from Vancouver Sunrise and almost a regular here, great to see you!
- Bent Harder another familiar face, Rotarian from Vancouver Island.
- District Secretary, Rotarian and Honorary Sunriser Jacci McTavish was on hand to lighten up the morning.
- Riet Carter, stalwart Rotarian and another old friend of the Sunrise joined us, thanks!

Regrets: Ian, Ken.

Make-up: Ken.

Club Business/Announcements:

- President Val welcomed one and all.
- The Rotary Christmas tree has been trimmed! Interact and Rotaract clubs from the North Shore decorated the tree located on the seawall at Dundarave, thanks to Nico for the pictures!
- International Service: Club Director Marko Borck and President Val Stephenson were in attendance at UBC for the re-dedication



of International House. The UBC facility has been re-dedicated as Rotary International Plaza in recognition of Rotary's long time support of the International Student Society.

- Vocation/Youth: a training meeting will be held on Saturday for Rotaractors and Interactors, it has been noted that while some students joined these organizations in order to receive credit for community service they have discovered the fun and fulfillment these groups generate.
- Calendar Sale: John is requesting that all members advise him of their sales, these items will be on sale at Cap Mall by Rotarians in December so some may be needed there.
- Please keep Vicki advised if you will be attending the Club Christmas social at her residence 19:00 Fri. Dec. 12th.
- Other dates to note: Seniors Christmas Luncheon Sat. Dec. 13th, Club/Klahanie Carol Ship/Bonfire Sunday the 14th at Ambleside, Operation Red Nose Club nights Dec. 5th and 19th, Thur. Dec. 18th our Club Christmas meeting guests include Archdeacon Lou Rivers and Geordie Roberts with musical friends.
- WineFest 2003: Riet Carter presented President Val with a cheque for \$2555.00 this morning as our share of the proceeds from the WineFest: the organization, planning and execution were great, thanks especially to Hendrik and Klaus. Next year promises to be even better.



- Jacci invited one and all to the West Van Rotary Club Christmas meeting on Dec. 17th at the Hollyburn Club, 18:30.
- Sadly today was Tamara's last formal meeting as a member of our Club. Tamara is moving to Gibsons in the new year but will be back often as an old friend and will continue with Rotary in Gibsons. In December she is off to Munich to spend the holiday season with eldest son Rafael. See you in the new year and thanks for your dedication to Rotary, the Sunrise and Service, we will miss you terribly.



John introduced today's **guest speaker** Chief Constable Grant Churchill of the West Vancouver Police Department. Chief Churchill is the ninth Chief Constable to hold the position since the department began in 1912 and a 37-year



Constable Churchill attributes this to the dedication and loyalty of his department's members to the community in their care. The Chief Constable gave a brief history of the department: great change began in the 1930's when the Lionsgate Bridge, the British Properties residential area, and the shopping areas all were developed bringing an influx of residents to our community. Changes and challenges facing the modern day department include: increasing traffic (especially truck) congestion on our streets, organized crime issues including drug trafficking, marijuana growing operations and money laundering. The WVPD is part of a regional cooperative strategy to combat crime and at the same time stays focused on local issues of importance. Chief Churchill's largest concern is drugs and the young people of our community: the marijuana growing industry alone is worth \$3 billion dollars annually in Canada and this does not include the human toll the drugs inflict on our youth. The Chief Constable took great pains to assure us that all efforts of the regional police departments are being brought to bear on crime in our area but that crime is mobile and a cooperative effort must be made that includes the citizens and police officers of the larger community. Thanking Rotary for the service work it performs Chief Churchill



career officer. Rare in small communities West Vancouver still has its own police department and it is one to be proud of. The force consists of 50 general duty uniformed officers, 6 uniformed youth services officers, 6 uniformed traffic officers, 15 detectives devoted to forensics and investigations, and a 6 officer undercover intelligence and target team. Pointing to the statistics that show West Vancouver to have the lowest crime rate for any city its size in Canada Chief

urged us all to look around and see where we can contribute to the safety and health of our community by making it a place where crime is not tolerated. Mark thanked Chief Constable Churchill for speaking to us this morning.

- 50/50/happy/sad: no winner, no losers.

Meeting adjourned.