



# Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE  
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of December 11, 2003

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**Invocation:** Mark

## Guests/Visitors:

- Honorary Sunriser and great Rotarian Jacci McTavish.
- John Moonen, thank you for coming.
- MLA and today's guest speaker Ralph Sultan.

**Regrets:** Peter, Tamara, Ray, Hendrik.

## Club Business/Announcements:

- President Val welcomed one and all.
- President Val has received a request from the North Shore Youth Safe House for help in overcoming a \$45,000.00 shortfall in the budget. Val will be contacting Esio for details and notifying the membership of the situation.
- Vicki is hosting the Club Christmas party at her residence this Saturday, see you there!
- Seniors Christmas Luncheon: Sam notes that all is in order, approximately 120 - 130 guests are expected. There will be three buses operating this year, members and volunteers are asked to be at the Centre at 10:30 for the set up.

- John requests that all unsold Rotary calendars and proceeds be returned to him, the remainder will be on sale at the Capilano Mall by members of the North Van Club.
- Erica and Mara, members of the Sentinel Interact Club dropped of some raffle tickets at the meeting this morning. The Club is raising funds for service work by offering an autographed Vancouver Canucks jersey, tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.
- Riet Carter popped in briefly to report that the Operation Red Nose campaign is still in need of volunteer drivers and escorts, especially for New Years Eve.
- The Municipality of West Vancouver is asking for donations to provide exercise equipment for the physically disabled in the new aquatic centre. The Club will provide \$500.00 for the project.
- Klahanie social: a great success, thanks to Vicki and John for the musical entertainment, and to one and all for a great evening.

John introduced today's **guest speaker**: Dr. Ralph Sultan, MLA for West Vancouver.



successful Olympic bid for 2010 will also create a surge in infrastructure development. With all this in mind, he notes, the Liberal economic strategy is paying off and the government is rebuilding confidence and credibility in the national and international business community. Our resource-based communities, however, remain in poor shape when compared to the large urban centres. Recovery is underway, Dr. Sultan reports, but the pace will be slow and linked to the U. S. and Asian economies.

Nico thanked Dr. Ralph Sultan for speaking to us this morning.

Dr. Sultan spoke to the Club about the Provincial government's performance since taking office. When first elected the Liberal government was criticized for certain tax cuts to business but the move has paid off and business and people are now attracted to British Columbia. Noting that in 2002 the Royal Bank rated B.C. poorly, government policy has now stimulated job creation and our economy has outperformed the Canadian economy as a whole. Housing starts are up and fully half of all jobs created in Canada are in B.C., low mortgage rates and inflation are also helping. Dr. Sultan reports that the

- Thanks go out to Susan and Martin Jeffries, Mike's family, for their generous cash contribution to the Senior's Luncheon.

**50/50/happy/sad:**

no winners, no losers, the tension mounts.

**Meeting adjourned.**