



Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of March 11, 2004

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Invocation

Vicki

Guests/Visitors:

- Good friend Jacci McTavish.
- Two visiting Heads of Government: Estelle Human and Eileen Wright, great to see you!
- The heir to the Human throne: Jurie, thanks for coming.!
- Joanne MacPherson, Rotarian from the Arbutus Club and her friend Brian Greekas, thank you both for joining us this morning.

Regrets:

Marko, Michelle, Klaus, Hendrik, Ken.

Club Business/Announcements:

- A big welcome to one and all from President Val.
- Joan is back with tales from South America: Joan recently visited her old home in Argentina as well as other areas including a cruise in Patagonia! Welcome back!

- Rockridge Interact sends a note of thanks for our donation of bottled water for the recent 24 hr Fast fundraiser, congrats to the students for raising \$5000.00!
- Members and friends are reminded of the Klahanie Cleanup March 21st or 28th weather permitting.
- The Club has received a \$200.00 cheque from our friends at Amica in support of our Christmas Luncheon for Seniors.
- John spoke briefly about his recent Reading session with young people at Kalahanie: John read to a number of Klahanie children and had them read to him and each other as well. John reminded us of the incredible ability we have to touch children by reading to them and also of their ability to give us something in return. Thanks, John, for your dedication to Service.
- Casino Night/All That Jazz: Club members are urged to seek out donations and ticket sales for our April event.
- Rockridge Scholarships: Jim brought us up to date on these requests and the Club will be discussing the allocation of funds further.
- WV Rotary Club President will be District 5040 Governor in the Rotary Year 2006-2007.

- Rotary Legacy Project: this is still under discussion at the Municipal Council level but the 4 NS Clubs will be going ahead with the traffic circle project.
- Robert briefed the Club on the Block Watch request for funds: the Club Board has decided to refer Block Watch to other sources of support including local secondary schools.
- Ken and Klaus report that the AYC and Ira Applebaum request that any Rotarians interested drop by the Centre from time to time just to see what's going on or to help our with the weekly Sandwich Project (Thursday evenings). The Centre is also holding a regular movie/discussion night. Ira also is looking for ways the AYC can work with the Klahanie residents.
- Ian addressed the Club briefly on his recent visit to Central America: visiting Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras Ian and Mary saw first hand the beauty and squalor of the region. Particularly moving was the Childrens Home Ian and Mary visited in Tegucigalpa Honduras. The Home supports 90 children rescued from the most shocking conditions and grinding poverty. Ian has urged the Club to take on the project of improving conditions in this one Home as a major International Service project. Our ability to help out with such items as a stove and oven, can and will make a huge difference in the quality of life for these children. The residents of the home are offered a better environment for their childhood and given a trade or technical education to help them live lives of dignity and, hopefully, success. Ian notes: this project deserves our help and we couldn't agree more.

Nico led a laughter workshop! Through a series of exercises and routines Nico had us rolling in the aisles with laughter. No humour (other than what we derived from watching each other) was involved, just exercises that got us laughing so hard we cried. Nico has become a Laughter Therapist: the product of a Yogi from India the sessions are designed to release stress and help the body relax, and, in some cases heal. We laughed at each other, we laughed with each other, we threw our laughter from friend to friend to friend. Thanks Nico for exposing us to a great way to feel better, the world needs more of this kind of therapy!

50/50/happy/sad:

- Jackpot!!!



Jim held the winning card and found the Ace of Clubs in what may be our biggest 50/50 ever, Jim and the Club got about \$700.00 each with the win. Congratulations Sergeant, you are always a winner in our book.

Meeting adjourned.