



Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of May 20, 2004

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Williams Lake - great speakers and an inspiring weekend.

Invocation: Vicki

- The newest North Shore **Interact** Club will be inaugurated at Andreas Restaurant in North Van on June 1st.

Guests/Visitors:

- Marjorie Gibson, visiting with Bent and Judith.
- Bent and Judith Harder, old friends.
- Jill Johnson and Kristy Okrainetz, representatives from Youth Week.
- Michael Gotsauk, back for a second visit.
- Chris Lee, Rotarian and great friend of the Sunrise.
- Rotaractor Miles Walker, thanks for coming.
- **Klahanie** movie and pizza night takes place Friday May 28th at 06:30pm.
- The visiting **Group Study Exchange** Team will be hosted at a dinner at Cheers Restaurant North Vancouver Monday May 31st.
- Robert reports that the **Rotary Circle Project** is in the design and costing phase. A second gardening day is planned for May 29th.
- West Vancouver Community Day: a **shake shack** will be operated, mark your calendars, bring friends and family.

Club Business/Announcements:

- President Val **welcomed** everyone to breakfast.
- Chris Lee reminded us about the St. Stephen's Church **fundraiser** May 29th. Live and silent auctions, food, fun, proceeds to benefit the North Shore Harvest and the North Shore Safe House.
- Val and Janice attended the District 5040 annual **Conference** at
- Val has ordered a **Club banner** for display at public events and fundraisers.
- Ian is planning a trip back to Honduras in October to visit the El Hogar Amor Esperanza **orphanage**. Funds are still coming in and investigation will begin into matching funds and grants and the Rotary World Help Network container project.

- Nico brought some sad news today: **Dale Mostert** is very ill and in hospital after serious brain seizures. He is partly blind and lame on one side. Dale and Tania: our thoughts and prayers are with you, we are here to support you in whatever way we can.
- Miles Walker, NS Rotaractor is off to Ethiopia with **Hope International** on a service project. No stranger to the work, Miles has been to the Dominican Republic and Cambodia on other projects. Miles is seeking support for his trip this summer.
- President Val presented Louise Biggar with a cheque for the Club's support of the West Vancouver Library Summer Reading Program.
- President Val also presented Jill and Kristy with our Club's cheque in support of Youth Week.

50/50/happy/sad:

No winners, no losers, no fines.

Meeting adjourned.

Judith introduced her father Bent as today's **guest speaker** on the topic of Rotoplast.

First started in 1993 in San Francisco, Rotoplast is the Rotary International Medical Project helping children in third world countries with cranio-facial deformities.

Bent showed slides of his visit to Cebu in the Philippines with the Rotary Team.

Surgeons, nurses and Rotary volunteers operate a clinic providing surgery to impoverished children to correct cranio-facial defects such as cleft palate and lip.

A very moving presentation, Bent conveyed the sadness of the children's situations and the joy resulting from the help and compassion of the Rotarians who give their time and expertise while practising **Service above Self.**