



Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of July 8, 2004

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Invocation:

Nico

Guests/Visitors:

- Judith Harder, Strathcona Sunrise Rotarian and old friend.
- Mike Petryna, North Vancouver Rotarian and also no stranger to the Sunrise.
- Chris Lee, need we say more, great to have you!
- Gene Quan, West Vancouverite, community service volunteer and today's guest speaker.

Regrets: Peter, Marko, Robert, John, Klaus and Michelle.

Club Business/Announcements:

- President Janice bid one and all good morning and welcome.
- Val read correspondence to the Club from Miles Walker, Rotaractor in Ethiopia thanking us for our support, and West Van resident Leslie McGibbon thanking us for the Lionsgate Traffic circle clean up.
- Janice has received a note of thanks from the Canadian Cancer Society for our contribution to the Relay for Life event in June.
- The Club thanked Val for her tremendous work on our Gala Induction Breakfast at Capilano GCG, June 24th. Great work Madame Past President!
- Beginning July 17th a regular clean-up effort will be held at the Rotary Traffic circle. Members from all four NS Clubs will meet at 09:00 and cut, prune and

trim until noon. The Rotary Centennial Project Board will be issuing a budget and preliminary costs estimate after their next meeting. Items needed include fabrication of the Rotary Wheel, power mower and trailer and other assorted gardening equipment items. See you there.

- The Club sends its' thanks to Nico for overseeing our Public Relations duties during the Centennial. Keep him advised of all ideas and noteworthy items.
- Ken led the Club in thanking Val for her tremendous efforts at Klahanie Residence over the last year. Under Val's unflagging leadership the movie/pizza night, tenant's group meetings, cleanup days and reading program all flourished and are becoming permanent parts of our relationship with the tenants.
- LOPS: Sam reports success with the revitalized program and the Club voiced their support noting that as it grows we **will** make contact with those who need contact. Thanks Sam.
- Fundraising meeting: great ideas, great input, the Club will be exploring the possibility of a joint event with the West Vancouver Youth Orchestra.

Mark introduced today's **Guest Speaker**, retired banker and West Vancouver Resident Gene Quan is a delegate to the Citizen's Assemble for Electoral Reform.

The Assembly is a non-political, independent 160-member forum created by the British Columbia government. The Assembly's mandate is to review our electoral

process and recommend alternatives. Assembly members were chosen at random from the voters' list, two from each Provincial Riding, balanced between men and women. All members were instructed in the electoral process by Professors from Canadian universities on the various types of electoral methods, their origins, advantages and their disadvantages. Members are now speaking to British Columbians whenever possible to inform them of the process and advise them as to how to make their thoughts on the subject known. The Assembly has convened 50 public hearings around the province and is now in the deliberation phase. A meeting will be held in September to finalize and summarize the Assembly's work and begin the process of drafting the Referendum to be held May 17th, 2005. In order for any change of electoral process to occur a 60% majority of voters in **all ridings** must be attained. Val thanked Gene for addressing the Club on this most important matter.

50/50/happy/sad:
No winners, no losers.

Meeting adjourned.



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