



# Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE  
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of July 15, 2004

## O Canada

Invocation: Val

## Guests/Visitors:

- Joanne MacPherson, Rotarian (Van/Arbutus) and an old friend of ours.
- Andrew Robertson, West Vancouver resident, great of you to visit us!

## Regrets:

- Marko,
- John,
- Nico,
- Ian,
- Hendrik.

## Make-ups:

- Michelle.

## Club Business/Announcements:

- President Janice welcomed one and all.
- The Club congratulated Sergeant-at-arms Jim Wright for starting his 30<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary!
- Park Royal Mall has invited Rotary to join in the opening festivities for the new Park Royal Village complex. The

event takes place September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and will feature games and entertainment to celebrate the new addition to our community.

- The Club is tentatively scheduling another 'Day at the Races' social for August 21<sup>st</sup>, details to follow.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> the Club will host a 'ShakeShack' at the Coho Festival.
- WineFest 2004: Mercedes Benz is once again a major sponsor, funds will benefit the North Shore Safe House (50%) and the other 50% will be divided between the four North Shore Clubs.
- A work party will convene at the Rotary Traffic Circle this Saturday at 10:00 for a two hour clean-up. Home Depot has generously donated a riding mower and the four North Shore Clubs will be donating \$2,000.00 each to fund other necessary equipment and improvements.
- **Fundraising:** the Club will begin work on a joint fund-raiser with the West Vancouver Youth Orchestra to be held in January or February 2005. The evening will consist of big band music, dancing and dining. The venue will be the Squamish Nations hall in North Vancouver. A silent auction is planned.
- **Youth/Vocation:** a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) candidate will be sponsored for the next event in Prince George and the candidate the Club

sponsored for the last session will address the Club on her experience.

- **International Service:** the Club is awaiting word from the Rotary Club in Honduras on the El Hogar project.
- **Membership:** the Club will focus on recruiting new members in our Centennial year. Ray Rich is the Club champion for the project and Randy Fowle will address the Club next week on recruitment strategies. Ray urges members to focus on the best aspects of Rotary when approaching membership prospects: fun, service and personal fulfillment. Dave noted that the Club must be more aggressive and make a point of asking people to attend our meetings as guests and following up with a request for prospects to join. It was also suggested that this being the Rotary Centennial year the achievements of Rotary in all areas of Service should be stressed to all guests and visitors.

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

**Meeting adjourned**

## **The Rotary Foundation**

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$55 million contributed in 2002-03. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide.

Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Former participants in the Foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

Here is a sampling of what some Rotarians, Foundation alumni, and others who have worked with the Foundation have said about the international work of The Rotary Foundation:

*"Rotary set me on a course that I am still continuing. If I had not gone to the United States as an Ambassadorial Scholar, I don't think I would have pursued the study of International Relations."*

**Sadako Ogata**, Former United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees, Foundation Scholar, 1951-52

*"Rotary International's masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities . . . it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity – a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve."*

**Paulo V.C. Costa**, President, Rotary International, 1990-91

*"From Seattle to Santiago, from Bogota to Bombay, and everywhere in between, the children of the world are waiting. They are the hope of the future, and you are their hope that the future will be bright. I thank you, Rotary, for alleviating the suffering of children."*

**Audrey Hepburn**, discussing the PolioPlus program on behalf of UNICEF