



# Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE  
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of July 22, 2004

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### Invocation:

Joan

### Guests/Visitors:

- Bent Harder, friend and fellow Rotarian.
- Randy Fowle, Past President Rotary Club of North Van, thanks for coming.
- Jaci McTavish, a member of the family.

### Club Business/Announcements:

- President Janice welcomed one and all.
- **Rotary Centennial Project:** Sam and Mark were gardening last weekend and the center garden is starting to take shape. Home Depot has donated a mower to the project; a trailer and tools will be purchased. The Club is providing \$2000.00 in part payment of projected costs.
- Club shirts are being ordered and embroidered. Cost: \$40.07ea., see Robert for details.
- Canada Day organizers send their thanks for our participation in this year's event.

- Bent Harder is back from Cheng Du, People's Republic of China where he again worked with **Rotoplast**. This year's clinic/surgery treated 146 patients over ten 12-hour days. Bend notes that the PRC is a nation of contrasts between wealth and poverty with no basic health care. The PRC now has 2 provisional (not chartered) Rotary Clubs.



- **International Service:** the paperwork has begun to flow on the Honduras container project.
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award:** the Club sponsored candidate for the next RYLA conference in Prince George will be in need of transport to and from that city. The Club will investigate airfares. The previous RYLA attendee will be visiting the Club at an upcoming meeting.



- **Finance:** Hendrik notes that the Club is still running a surplus and trust and business accounts are all in good order. The balance sheet etc. was given to all members.
- **Rotary Moment:** The Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace was given this year to The Tim Parry Jonathan Ball Young People's Peace Center in Warrington, U.K. The Center is a peace and conflict resolution training program for young people and has trained more than 7000 young people to become 'Ambassadors for Peace'.

### Guest Speaker



Randy Fowle, Past President Rotary Club of North Vancouver addressed our meeting today on the topic of Membership.

During Randy's tenure as President of his Club he was extremely successful in building membership. Randy urged all Rotarians to bring friends and guest to each and every meeting whenever possible. Meeting programs should be lively and interesting to potential members.

New members should be involved in Club business and made to feel important and effective. Randy noted that many of the Club's new members brought in new members.

Randy suggested the Club study the community's demographics and explore ethnic and business populations for potential members.

Visitors should always be given copies of the Rotarian magazine and the ABC's of Rotary so they might better understand the Club and Service.

Potential members and guests should always receive a follow-up call or visit so that any questions or comments might be answered.

In closing Randy urged the Club to keep Membership a priority at all meetings.

Ray thanked Randy for joining us.

### 50/50/happy/sad:

Ken a winner! But then he always was. No losers!

**Meeting adjourned.**