



# Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE  
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of September 16, 2004

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thank you for your time with the Club and all you contributed, we look forward to your visits whenever you get the chance. You'll be missed.

## Guests/Visitors:

- Claudette Bouchard, visiting with Janice this morning and a future guest speaker, thank you for coming.
- Stan Whittle, Rotarian from the West Van Club, great to see you.
- Chris Loat, President, Rotary Club of West Vancouver, and today's guest speaker.

- WineFest 2004: ticket sales are going up and the organizing committee is asking all Rotarians to help out with auction items from around the home or office.
- Operation Red Nose: the first organizing meeting has been held and once again we are looking for sponsors and volunteers to make this year's effort a success. Contact Ray or Marko.
- Rotary Traffic Circle work party this Saturday at 10:00, north end Lionsgate Bridge.

## Regrets:

Klaus, Michelle, Nico, Vicki, Peter.

- Public Relations: Val asks that members check their photo albums and forward any snaps they may have of Rotary or Rotarians in action, these will be included in future ads and promotions.
- El Hogar: Ian reports that the travel tickets have arrived for him, Marko and Sam. Ian thanked the Club for its' support and announced that Y. Franks Appliances in West Van has donated fridges to the cause. In addition Rockridge Interact and Collingwood school have both pledged support for this International Service Project.

## Club Business/Announcements:

- President Janice welcomed one and all to breakfast.
- The Province of B.C. and many municipalities are declaring a Rotary Week in February of 2005.
- The Richmond Rotary Club is sponsoring a Rotary Celebration, an e-mail has been circulated on the subject, and an e-mail has also been sent out on Rotary Global Fellowship history.
- David Bradley has moved to Pender Harbour to begin retirement, David: we

**Guest Speaker:**

Ken introduced Chris Loat, President, Rotary Club of West Vancouver.



Chris addressed the Club on Rotary and Youth.



Chris began by pointing out that September is the Rotary New Generation month and that Rotary's Youth Programs are among the most important of Rotary's service avenues. Programs such as Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange and Adventure programs are all cited as 'life changing' events by all the young people who participate. Speaking about our two Interact Clubs (Rockridge and Sentinel) Chris urged members to visit a meeting whenever possible and get to know the great achievers who make up the memberships. Both of these Clubs

have, in a very short time, undertaken extremely successful Community and International Service projects and proven that they are very valuable assets to their schools and community. Rotary's work with the young people of the world has been invaluable in imparting the values of Rotary and development of character in our youth. Interact and Rotaract are some of the most effective means of extending Rotary's purpose and aims deeper into the community and the world. Chris reminded the Club of the importance of our support of these young Rotarians in their efforts, and the need for Rotarians to act as mentors and supporters. All Rotarians are reminded that Interact Week begins Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 2004 and Rotaract Week begins Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> 2005.

Robert thanked Chris for speaking to us this morning.



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

**Meeting adjourned.**