



Eye Opener

MOUTHPIECE OF THE
Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise



Proceedings of the meeting of September 23, 2004

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Invocation: Nico

Guests/Visitors:

- Dirk van Lottum, Rotarian, Diplomat, former West Van resident and Dutch Vice Consul to British Columbia, visiting from his home Club of Rotterdam City.



- Susanne Lambert, North Shore resident and one of today's guest speakers.
- Barb Vincent, joining Susanne in today's guest presentation.

Club Business/Announcements:

- President Janice welcomed members and guests.
- Dirk van Lottum and President Janice exchanged Club banners, Dirk presenting the President with the Rotterdam City Rotary Club banner and receiving the Sunrise pennant in return.



- Ian was guest speaker at the NV Rotary Club this past week, giving a presentation on the El Hogar project. The NV Club expressed interest in supporting the project; Ian also thanked all those who helped sort and pack donated items for the project.
- WineFest: Klaus appealed to members to donate silent auction items for the event, the organizers are aiming for one item per Rotarian, something small from around the house or an unused gift item. Volunteer shifts for the event are 5:30pm to 9:00pm and 9:00pm to 11:00pm.

- Club Website: Directors are asked to submit updates to Klaus, thanks.
- Klahanie: Val reminds one and all of the day trip to Aldor Acres on Oct. 24th and movie/pizza night this Friday.
- PR: Val requests all photos and testimonials be sent to her for inclusion in upcoming publicity.
- RYLA: Andrew will champion the event this year, we will seek out a local youth to sponsor for the June 3rd to 6th event.

Guest Speakers:

Mark introduced today's Guest Speakers: Barb Vincent and Susanne Lamber on vocational counselling services.

Speaking on behalf of Triumph Vocational Services Barb explained the work she does in the job search and placement of individuals with disabilities.



The program has about 500 clients and the spectrum of employment ranges from manual labour to the professions. TVS specializes in assessing clients, matching them with positions in industry, on the job training, marketing clients to employers, and educating employers as to the benefits of hiring clients with disabilities. As with the range of positions available the range of disabilities of clients also varies from mild to severe, both physical and mental.

Susanne is an employee of WCG International of which TVS is a partner

organization along with local Chambers of Commerce, the B.C. Government and the business community. WCG provides referrals and resources for persons on government income assistance in their efforts to join the workforce. Working a great deal with the disabled, youths and aboriginals WCG operates as a free human resources department for B.C. businesses. WCG has worked successfully with 700 North Shore residents in the past 2 to 3 years and approximately 23,000 persons province wide. WCG's affiliation with 43 Chambers of Commerce throughout B.C., and its' work with business and government has helped clients and businesses alike to benefit from the resources it provides.

Michelle thanked Barb and Susanne for joining us this morning.



50/50/happy/sad: no winners but a success nonetheless.

Meeting adjourned.