



Official Report of
DEBATES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008
Afternoon Sitting, Volume 28, Number 9

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST VANCOUVER

J. McIntyre: Today I'd like to salute the Rotary Club, West Vancouver Sunrise. The Sunrise club has served the North Shore and the international community since 1989 with their terrific hands-on work and fundraising initiatives.

On March 1, I was pleased to be invited to their Spring Fling fundraiser, particularly as all proceeds raised are going to the Lions Gate Hospital's campaign to realize their dream to create a freestanding hospice.

The '50s-and-'60s-themed Spring Fling was truly a fun, refreshing event where we were entertained with a deejay spinning our favourite old-time hits. To add to the entertainment, I found myself selected as a contestant in a rock 'n' roll trivia game versus the mayor of West Vancouver. It looks like my rock 'n' roll days finally paid off when my trivia skills caught everyone off guard and carried me to victory, much to the guests' amusement.

Not only did I have a great time, but I'm honoured to participate in a cause that is near and dear to North Shore residents' hearts, sponsored by a group that works every day for positive change and optimism both at home and abroad.

The Sunrise club really shone recently with their hard work and commitment in assisting to reopen the North Shore Safe House. As one of a number of local community supporters, the Rotary clubs of the North Shore provided capital funding and assisted in rallying both the federal and provincial governments to get on board to fund this great cause to protect our youth at risk and keep them on the North Shore.

I'd like to thank all the members involved in the organization, including their president, Vicki Haller, for their contributions to the community. I'd also like to make special mention of Val Stephenson, who has undergone surgery recently, and credit her for both the successful Spring Fling as well as her ongoing commitment as the community service director. In her duties she also ensures that the senior shut-ins of West Van have Christmas lunch every year. She personifies the term "volunteer."

The Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise has raised the bar in community standards and certainly lives up to the Rotary motto of "Service above self."