

**ROTARY CLUB OKANAGAN MISSION  
MEETING NOTES AND NEWS LETTER  
11 MAY 2015  
CREEKSIDE PUB**

**ATTENDANCE:** 9/19 (47%)

**GUESTS:** Peer SCHRAM (Lois SERWA)

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Jery URQUART (Sunrise)

- update home hosting for District Conference Friday June 19th. Require additional hosts

Patrica AINSLEY (Kelowna )

- wanted to hear Jean BIRD's Rotaplast Presentation

Brian ELLIOT (Capri)

- assist Jean BIRD with presentation

**BUSINESS:**

**1. INSTALLATION DINNER 29 JUN 2015 at Creekside Pub**

Choice of BBQ Steak or Chicken

Cost \$30 to \$35 per person (tax and tip included)

Ross will make arrangements with Daniel

Portia DOVE and Ken KILCULLEN will be inducted into Club

**2. FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Committee meetings for next years display will commence 14 MAY 2015

We need a volunteer to represent our Club

**PROGRAM: Jean BIRD on recent mission to Ethiopia**

Jean reminded us that Rotaplast Canada originated from our Club in 2004 has completed 10 successful missions.

To finance the latest mission to Ethiopia District 5060 raised \$87K through donations and a matching Global Grant.

During this mission they screened over 200 prospective patients and ended up completing 71 surgeries: 52 relating to burns  
12 cleft pallet  
7 uterine prolapse

Rotaplast Canada is changing their name to RESTOR International

R Respond  
E Educate  
S Serve  
T Transform  
OR Operation Rotary

The name was chosen to reflect the new focus of Rotaplast Canada. In the past the missions were primarily driven to repair as many cleft pallets as possible. From the experiences gained from the past it was realized that there are other serious medical issues that need to be addressed and that future missions must have a training component so that the local medical staff can improve their skills and take over the surgical needs of the population.

A strategic partnership has been formed with a modern hospital with the ultimate goal of enhancing the skills of 15 surgeons and 60 to 80 medical support persons.

The next mission is planned for April 2016 in Haiti

**NEXT MEETING**

25 APR 2015	Creekside
08 JUN 2015	Creekside
22 JUN 2015 (?)	Creekside
29 JUN 2015	Creekside Installation Dinner (Spousal/partner/friend event)

OKM Secretary  
24 MAY 2015

