

**ROTARY CLUB OKANAGAN MISSION
MEETING NOTES AND NEWSLETTER
22 DEC 2014
CREEKSIDE PUB**

Our meeting on December 22nd was our Christmas Dinner attended by 21 Club Members and their spouses/partners. Our meeting room was set up with tables of 4 to 8 persons. The meal was outstanding consisting of a choice of soup or salad; 10 oz prime rib roast cooked to perfection; Yorkshire pudding; roast potatoes and mixed vegetables. For dessert we enjoyed sticky toffee pudding, vanilla ice cream with Bailey's Irish Cream and Stollen. A great time was had by all, and everyone had more than enough to eat.

The Creekside Pub donated a gift basket for us to auction. The winning bid of \$120 was made by President Laurie. The money and the gifts from the Club members were delivered to the Kelowna Womens Shelter on December 23rd.

ROTARY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS KERRY PARK

The display was lit up between 4PM and 10PM everyday from December 6th to December 31st. Without question it was a great success and proved to be a very popular attraction for downtown Kelowna. It is conservatively estimated that upwards of 10K people visited the display.

During the first 2 weeks over \$2,000.00 was donated by visitors. On December 23rd cheques of \$500 each were presented to:

Kelowna Food Bank	In From the Cold
Gospel Mission	Boys and Girls Club

A photo appeared in Fridays (02 JAN 15) edition of the Capital News.

It is anticipated that once all the bills are paid etc, there could be \$13K to \$15K left over. These funds came from corporate donations, private donations and sponsorships. Sometime in late January early February the Committee with input from the 9 Rotary Clubs in Area 4 will decide on how the funds will be dispersed. There is some talk of selecting a larger project that could qualify for a matching grant. The announcement could be in the Fall to kick off the fundraising efforts for the 2015 display. As our Clubs committee I will keep you posted.

Again thank you to all of the Club Members who braved the elements and gave up part of their Saturday Night to represent Rotary at the display. We still need help to dismantle the display, relocate it to the warehouse, and put it away for next year. If you can help out let me know.

FINANCIAL

Karol ELLIOTT (Capri) advised Ken that there will be a refund coming reference the Rotary Exchange Student. The amount is yet to be determined.

NEXT MEETING:

12 JAN 2015 We will be visited by approximately 28 members from the Sunrise Club.

I have arranged with Daniel to serve a 7 oz New York Strip Steak Sandwich with half Caesar Salad and French Fries at a cost of \$15.00 which includes tip. Usual drill...we will pay our server.

Could you please let me know no later than Tuesday January 6th if you will be attending.

AND NOW FOR THE LIGHTER SIDE:

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room on the couch discussing a "living will"

The husband says "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug"

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all the beer.

A guy is walking along the beach when he comes across a large lamp partially buried in the sand. He picks it up and gives it a rub. A genie appears and tells him he has been granted one wish.

The guy thinks for a moment and replies "I want to live forever"

"Sorry" responds the Genie. "I am not aloud to grant eternal life"

"Okay then, I want to die after the government balances the budget, and eliminates the debt.

"You are a crafty little devil" replied the Genie"

That's all Folks

OKM Secretary
03 JAN 2015

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