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## OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

**Today:** District Governor Bill Robson

**Next Week:** Michelle Broughton, Notary Public - Bio and Notary business

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary	Invocation
Oct. 29: Libby Nelson		Oct. 27: Sharon Kyle Nov. 3: Betty Levens

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 8	Noon	Meadow Ridge Rotary AGM	

### CHRISTMAS HAVEN 'THANK YOU' LETTER



#### Christmas Haven Committee

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Dear Adrienne and Rotary Members,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00 towards Christmas Haven 2015 presented at your Sep. 29th luncheon.

Our organizing committee are well into the swing of things and getting ready for Christmas Eve! We are fortunate to have strong community partners such as the Ridge Meadows Rotary to help us make each and every event a successful one.

As you know, your contribution goes directly to help provide a wonderful Christmas Eve dinner; an evening of local entertainment; and a visit from Santa for hundreds of patrons of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. It is because of community donors like you that Christmas Haven is able to support those that need it most - at an often lonely time of year.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Warmest Regards,

Alyson Cuthbertson  
Christmas Haven Chair 2015

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our meetings started "off-key" with the worst rendition of our national anthem in our Club's history. Our illustrious President did his best to reassure our fellow Rotarian **guests** from the Haney Rotary Club, **Wendy Whitter and Kenneth Holland**, that our club is not normally so musically challenged, and that we have been known to belt out our praises of O Canada with musical gusto.

#### Happy and Sad

- **Ineke Boekhorst** enjoyed her "real world" trip to Russia on behalf of our club's International Committee, and will now be going to a "fantasy world" trip to Disneyland on behalf of her Grandchildren Committee.
- **Ineke and Dave Rempel**, in addition to speaking to our club on a future date, are planning an event on Thursday evening, November 19, 2015, to introduce us to the joys of Russian borscht and other things that Slavik. The event will be held at Samuel Robertson School and tickets will be only \$25.  
(and that includes the food!)
- **Kenneth Holland** (who said he was here to "steal stuff") invited us to his club's fund raising bingo night.
- **Mark Vosper** (executive director of Hospice) invited us to join in the fun and support the Hospice Oktoberfest to be held this coming Friday.
- **Angie Edmonds and husband Duane** had a little flood on the field of their property when an eager beaver decided to do what beavers do, namely, construct a dam on the stream running through their property.

## Announcements

Clint Callison said that the **New Year's Gala** is set to go at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club, with tickets for the evening at \$95. There is a maximum of 300 tickets which are on sale now.

The **Wine Fest** is a go for April 29, 2016, and tickets will be \$45.

Our guest speaker was **John McCormack** who gave us an informative talk and slide show to introduce us to **RESTOR International Inc.**



John is a long-time Rotarian, and currently a member of the Rotary Club of Kelowna (1982 to present).

He graduated from UBC in 1970 and obtained his CA in Kelowna in 1975. He was a partner in a Kelowna CA firm from 1982 to 2005, when that firm merged with MNP. He retired from MNP in 2012 but stayed on as a training facilitator to the present date.

John was heavily involved in the creation of **RESTOR International**, and inspired us with his story of what a few Rotarians and associates can do to make the world a better place. He advised us as follows: RESTOR International (formerly Rotaplast Canada) is an all Canadian Rotarian non-profit humanitarian organization that provides free reconstructive surgery to disadvantaged children and adults in developing countries with cleft lip and palate anomalies, burn contractures and other disfiguring and disabling conditions. With the support of the Canadian medical and non-medical volunteers and the generous support of Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and individual donors, we work to build local healthcare in the countries where we work, and provide financial and volunteer support or facilitation for missions to the Philippines, India, China, Chile, Vietnam and Ethiopia.



We have evolved from providing strictly cleft palate surgeries and burn contracture repairs, to now responding directly to local healthcare needs including other disfiguring and disabling conditions. Our missions include full surgical teams who are able to address these needs, as well as provide medical training on the ground in the countries where we work.

### **RESTOR =**

**Respond – Educate – Serve – Transform - Operation Rotary**

Our 2014 Mission was sponsored in part by:

- Rotary District 5060 contributed \$30,000 and was matched 100% by the Rotary International Foundation.
- Contributions by Rotary clubs of the Okanagan and matched 50% by the Rotary International Foundation.
- \$87,000 contributed by the Rotary International Vocational Training Teams grant.
- RESTOR International Inc. contributed the balance.



Our 2014 Mission was to the Gamby Teaching General Hospital in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, the results of which were that more than 200 patients came to see us. 144 patients were triaged and admitted, and 71 surgeries were performed, including 52 burn reconstructions, 12 cleft lip/palate reconstructions, and seven uterine prolapse repairs.

160 people attended five formal teaching sessions, and 110 training hours were spent informally with local doctors, nurses and students in the OR, post-op recovery and on the wards.

Burn rates in Africa are among the highest in the world. Children under five in Africa have almost 3 times the incidence of burn deaths than infants worldwide. Non-fatal burns are a leading cause of disability and disfigurement. In order to perform more complicated burn surgeries, additional equipment is needed at the Gamby Hospital. The cost is \$21,700. Two of the six patients with complicated burn contractures have now been operated on Addis Ababa.



RESTOR provides the opportunity for persons to assist on these Missions in a non-medical role, including such things as medical records keeper, patient transport and quartermaster.

Any donations made from a Rotary Club can be matched 50% by the Rotary International Foundation, and should be mailed to the

Rotary Club of Kelowna  
(earmarked for RESTOR International)  
PO Box 24076  
RPO Towne Centre  
Kelowna, BC, V1Y 1V6

Donations made by individual Rotarians can be matched 50% by making their donations to the Rotary International Foundation attention: Grant Number GG1634958, and mailed to

Jean Bird  
4068 Lake shore Road  
Kelowna, BC, V1W 1V6

(Registered Charity: 857237002RR0001)

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**Libby Nelson** gave it a good try.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**