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## This Week's Program...

**Joe Zemanovich** will talk about *Operation Smile*, the program to finance surgical correction of cleft lip and cleft palate.

Last week Joe asked our members to Google Operation Smile Canada (<http://www.operationssmile.ca/>), so they are familiar with the topic before he gives his presentation.

Here is a bit of background on the topic of cleft lip and cleft palate.

What is cleft lip? A cleft lip contains an opening in the upper lip that may extend into the nose. See photo.

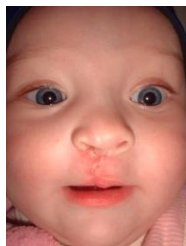
What is cleft palate? Cleft palate results when the roof of the mouth contains an opening into the nose.

Both are the result of tissues of the face not joining properly during the early stages of fetal development. The cause is not known. Risk factors include smoking during pregnancy, diabetes, obesity, older mother and certain medications.



Worldwide, one in 700 children is born with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate. These children are often unable to eat, speak, or even smile. In many places, they're shunned and rejected, sometimes abandoned by their own parents.

The photos below show a girl with complete cleft lip – at 6 months old prior to surgery; the same child, 10 months old, after her surgery; and at age 8, with the scar almost gone.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

... None that we know of.

## Future Programs...

- Sep 19: **Glorefe Kozma**, who transferred from her first Rotary club, the Puerto Princesa club in the Philippines, will tell us about "*A Young Woman's Journey with Rotary*."
- Sep 26: **Samantha Star**, Program Director of *Literacy Unlimited*, will tell us about her organization and its role in the community. Adult illiteracy is an issue that affects us all.
- Oct 3: T.B.D.

## Special Events...

- Sep 14: (Thursday) Board of Directors Meeting, Holiday Inn. Food served at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7.
- Sep 21: (Thursday) Community Service visit to Old Brewery Mission. Arrive at 3:30 pm if you haven't served a meal there for a year or more, as there have been changes, or 4 pm if you are a regular OBM volunteer.
- Sep 16: (Saturday) At the Cantrills, 1412 Chemin St-Féréol, Les-Cèdres, QC J7T 1N8, from 1 to 5 PM, A Fun and Friendship Party, including chip butties, desserts, tea, coffee and soft drinks. Voluntary donations will help buy new bed linen for the Cheshire Homes.
- Sep 29-30 (Friday, Saturday) **District Conference, "Celebrating Our Service"** Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort, 873 NY-37, Hogansburg, NY 13655.
- Oct 20: (Friday) All Rotarians are invited to enjoy a special luncheon in Hartford, Connecticut, featuring **RI President Ian Riseley** and **Sylvia Whitlock**, Rotary's first woman club president (RC Duarte, CA), \$45 (USD) per person. See **Bill** for details.
- Nov 3: (Friday) Our annual **Oyster Party**, at the home of the Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad, 300 Surrey Drive, Baie d'Urfé. **This is the best Oyster Party on the West Island!** It will also be our biggest fundraising event of the fall. We're counting on **YOU** to sell lots of tickets this year, as we aim to match last year's amazing success.

## Last Week's Meeting...

That's easy. There wasn't one. Beginning this year our club will not hold a meeting during a week that includes a statutory holiday. This is intended to permit members to enjoy visits with family that coincide with many such holidays.

The Canadian statutory holidays suggested include Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Victoria Day, Fête Nationale (Québec, June 24<sup>th</sup>) and Canada Day.

## Rotary: Making a Difference...

Since we have a little extra space this week, I thought we might stop and think about the presidential theme for this Rotary year. Here is a small excerpt from RI President Ian Riseley's theme speech:

"In Rotary, we know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone. It is the principle on which our service is based, and it is true at every level of Rotary.

"Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."