**The EyeOpener**

This is Rotary August 17, 2021

Alan opened the meeting with a gentleman singing *O Canada*, accompanying himself in four-part harmony.

**Food for Thought:** Larry told us that Pierre de Coubertin in 1894 revived the Olympic Games. They had been banned around 400 AD. They were held in Greece in 1896 and Paris in 1900. Tom Henderson developed ShelterBox in his Rotary Club in Helston, Cornwall. They initially made about 1 dozen kits. It has grown to provide 1.5 million. Both men made the world a better place. Larry reminded us of the world and local projects that we have supported that do the same thing.

**Happy Bucks for:** Carol and Earl’s visit to a summer cottage, living in Camrose for 20 years as of August 15, cats and the summer flowers, visit from the new Camrose Police Service Dog, best tomato crop in years, block party complete with Scottish Piper.

**Program:** We discussed the TV Bingo project. It has produced about $7000 per year when it was functioning. It has provided a social event for many elderly and socially isolated people. Winners enjoyed winning. We own the equipment, though it needs some upgrades. It is labor intensive, boxes must be set out and picked up weekly, we are short of callers. The TV studio is not open yet and when it does reopen has no local employees to help us with the broadcasts. The event has not been held for two years; it may be an opportune time to discontinue the project. Following a thorough discussion, a motion was proposed and carried that we discontinue the project. It will be offered to the joint meeting of the two Rotary Club executives as a joint project, if there is no enthusiasm it will be offered to other Camrose Service Clubs. The club was given an update on **Days for Girls**—close to 900 kits have been prepared at the homes of the sewers; F**lags**—one weekend left, we have lost 7 flags and will be needing new components shortly; **Disc Golf**—all the tee signs are funded; **Chase the Ace**—third draw in process, **Namaste Direct**—new local club sponsor being sought; and our Scholarships.

A list has been sent out assigning speaker/program responsibility for the meetings for the next year. Chris will remind members 2 and 1 week before their meeting. Members may exchange days but should let Chris and/or Odell know. Odell showed members how to access the Calendar and Speaker list on our ClubRunner site.

**Announcements**

* The “Chase the Ace” Raffle has had its second draw. The third will be on August 25.
* We need four volunteers for our two weeks of “Chase the Ace” August 26 to September 8 on the 8th for the draw – Boys and Girls Club is the featured charity.
* We need volunteers to run our Scholarship Program this year.
* The next meeting will be at 7 am via Zoom on Tuesday August 24.

We closed with the *Four Way Test* led by Alan.

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