**EyeOpener
November 30, 2021 Camrose Arts Society**

This Meeting was via zoom

Alan opened with **O Canada** by *Walk Off the Earth*.

Odell read the **Acknowledgement of Treaty 6 Land:**

*We acknowledge that the Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak is located on Treaty 6 land. This is the traditional territory and an ancient gathering place of many Indigenous peoples for thousands of years.

We recognize that we are all Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties and by doing so we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future built upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding.*

**Guest Speaker** Jason Dufresne is a life-long artist and original Camrosian recently returned to Canada after a decades long career teaching ESL in South Korea, Thailand & China. Jason studied painting & drawing originally at Alberta University of the Arts (then Alberta College of Art and Design) in Calgary in the late ‘90s, then attained his Masters degree in these disciplines from Concordia University in Montreal, graduating in 2004**.** He is now working part time for the Camrose Arts Society.

Arts give us hope. The Camrose Arts Society is a collective of artists, actors, poets, print makers, writers, and other creative people. The Society is registered as a non-profit society.

Jason told us that we can revitalize the arts and show support for the Society by:

1. Sponsoring events like the Collage night at Fox and Fable [www.camroseartssociety.ca/happenings/collage-night-at-fox-and-fable](http://www.camroseartssociety.ca/happenings/collage-night-at-fox-and-fable)
2. Sponsoring exhibitions of artists’ work
3. Supporting mentorships for new or young artists
4. Purchasing individual or group memberships

The society is working on a collage for the public restrooms by the public/post office parking lot. Jason was thanked with a certificate for children vaccinated against polio.

**Food for Thought** Harry told us about a new book *The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity*. It compares the Jesuits as a hierarchical society in their interaction with the non-hierarchical Iroquois/Huron societies. It posits that all human societies have the same mental capacities and are capable of enlightenment and development—the antithesis of colonialism.

**Happy Bucks were given for:** Feyannie’s (former Rotary Exchange Student) visit over the holiday period; Jason Blanchette son of the late and former manager of the Camrose Canadian Tire store who as Vice- President of Canadian Tire will be speaking at the RCC meeting next Monday; an uncle who was missing but was found, two responses to the ad listing our Bingo equipment for sale, a call from the Heritage Manor flag lady (who was sick and is now recuperating in Tofield), his daughter’s wedding in Mexico and the character building experience of arriving back in Calgary, being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Associate Minister for the Status of Women and lastly, a sad buck for a cruise to Dubai that has been cancelled.

**Foundation Moment**

Rotary focuses on seven areas to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world.

* **Promoting Peace:** Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.
* **Fighting Disease:** We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve access to free and low-cost health care in developing areas.
* **Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene:** We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people. We don’t just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community members to ensure our projects succeed long-term.
* **Saving mothers and children:** Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.
* **Supporting education:** More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.
* **Growing local economies:** We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.
* **Supporting the environment:** As our newest appointed area of focus, Rotary clubs can now apply for environment-related global grant projects.

**Announcements** –

* Chase the Ace tickets are available at CamrosechaseTheAce.org
* Next weeks Dec 7 meeting at 7 am. Jackie has invited Jake Vermeer to speak about Dairy Farming.
* December 14 Verlyn Olson will give us an update of the Augustana Viking Hockey Team.

**Reminders of Upcoming Events**

* Joint Executive Meeting Dec 7 6:30 pm via Zoom 7 members said they could attend
* Board Meetings – December 14 at 8 am, after our regular meeting.
* Joint Meeting on December 20 at the Casino 6:00 pm. We will be following the AB government Restrictions Exemption Program and all guests will be required to show proof of Covid vaccinations. Notify Dan Cole at 432dcole@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Meeting adjourned with Alan singing **the Four Way Test**

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