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| **EyeOpener – Operation Christmas Child**  **October 4, 2022**  **Community Economic and Development Month**  The meeting was opened by President Alan Fielding with *O Canada.* There were 8 members (2 on Zoom) present. Alan read the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement:  *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.*  **Introduction of Guest Speaker** by Alan Fielding. Guest speaker: Glenda Strauss.  **Guest Speaker**  Glenda Strauss spoke about the **Operation Christmas Child**: Shoeboxes project. In 2022, Camrose sent about 2000 boxes. Plan is to send 2000 boxes again in 2023. Globally, since 2003 about 193 million shoeboxes have been sent to over 170 countries.  Personal touch to the shoebox story: A child who received a shoebox several years ago is now working in Camrose. Glenda shared a video talking with the young man. He still has a teddy bear that was in the shoebox.  Three ways to help with packing things in shoeboxes:   1. Shop for items that are eligible and pack the box and drop it off 2. Do not like shopping: Can be done online at <https://packabox.samaritanspurse.ca/> 3. Packing party organized by young adults at Century Meadows Baptist church in Camrose. People can drop off items and the young adults will pack.   Boxes can be dropped off at collection points from November 14 to 20. Boxes are then shipped to Calgary from where they are sent out across the globe.  *Operation Christmas Child Camrose* Facebook has videos.  Glenda was thanked by Alan with a certificate denoting the vaccinations of 30 children against polio.  **Business**   * Chase the Ace: $16,000+ jackpot. Featured Charity is *Dolly Parton Imagination Library Flagstaff County.* * President Alan Fielding reported on the zoom meeting with the District Governor, John Nicoll who is an engineer. DG is very supportive. A small and mighty club that is doing good work locally and internationally. Not just meetings but also active with social gatherings. Alan also met with the DG at the noon club meeting.   **Happy Bucks** for:  Beautiful weather, Fishing (Cod) in Newfoundland, Fishing (Trout) in Athabasca River and more fishing (Moraine Lake), trip to Montreal with grandson (tradition for grandchildren to decide where to go with their grandparents), amusement park in Montreal, zip-lining, nephew’s wedding (outdoor event).  **Announcements**   * **World Polio Day October 24. Only two known cases of wild poliovirus (one in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan). Rotary International has done an excellent work in the polio eradication program. Great success story.** * **The Rotary Foundation: A Foundation Moment. Rob shared Rotary’s areas of focus for this week. The three areas are (1) Peace building and conflict prevention, (2) Disease prevention and treatment, and (3) Water, sanitation, and hygiene. More focus areas next week.** * Days for Girls, Camrose hopes to assemble 240 kits Saturday October 15th at the Rotary Youth Centre, 9 to 3. Rob’s wife Liz will be taking them to Peru later this month. * District 5370 conference: April 20 - 23, 2023 at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Rooms can be booked at the lodge for the special rate of $220 per night (Early Bird Rate). Booking can be cancelled. Conference details at <https://respect5370.com>. * Rotary International Convention: May 27-31, 2023 in Melbourne, Australia.   **Rob led us in singing the *4-Way Test***  The next Rotary meeting will be on Tuesday October 11 at 7:00AM via zoom **ONLY** as our in-person meeting room in not available. Zoom link will be sent. Tuesday meeting is ‘This is Rotary’.  Joint evening meeting October 24 at the Casino Hotel – details to come.  **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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