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| **EyeOpener**September 5, 2023 – The Lending Place**Basic Education and Literacy Month**The in person (with Zoom available) meeting was opened by President Alan with O Canada. There were 11 of 16 members present (3 on Zoom) including our newest member Tim Parker.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.** Alan handed out this year’s pins after explaining International President Gordon McInally’s theme for the year “Create Hope in the World”.
* Sue McCloy, a former resident of Camrose, gave us a banner from the Childers Rotary Club when she attended a social in July visiting from Queensland, Australia.
* We received a thank you from The Battle River Quilters Guild for our donation to their “Quilting Treasures” Show.

**Speaker** Cliff Drever introduced Erhard Pinno of the Lending Place Society. Erhard has a history of working with Habitat for Humanity, the local Restore, the Camrose Refugee Centre and several other community organizations.  Erhard thanked Rotary for their work in the community and noted the help that Ron Grue, who attended with him, has had in building the Restore, the Rotary Youth Centre and other projects in Camrose. He noted that the Lending Place Society had formed a society with the encouragement of his wife, the former Glennis Smith, Jack, and Jane Ross. The society would lend individuals, after an assessment, clean, repaired, and appropriate medical equipment to meet their needs. They consulted the Lending Cupboards in Red Deer and Wetaskiwin. They are in the process of applying for Charitable Status. All equipment previously used by Home Care and Alberta Aids to Daily Living will be transferred to the society. The Alberta Government will provide $50,000 per year for the first three years plus $25,000 for startup. They are in the process of purchasing a building for $200,000. This building will allow space for people who borrow equipment as well as space to store and repair the equipment. They have raised $100,000 and hope to obtain private loans to provide the remaining $100,000.  They hope to open January 2024. They will need volunteers to repair and clean equipment, help renovate and look after the building and grounds. Dwayne Falk will co-ordinate the repair and cleaning of the equipment. They will also require other volunteers: a Volunteer Coordinator, an Office Coordinator, and people (such as retired medical personnel) competent to assess individuals. If you would like to help, contact Julie Gerard 780 678 9246 or Erhard Pinno 780 672 1629. Erhard was thanked by Alan. **Announcements*** Chase the Ace – held its second raffle. The Ace was drawn the first time. They are now planning the 3rd Raffle which will start September 14 with the draw September 27. The Open Doors will be the feature project for this raffle again, due to the small amount raised in the second raffle. Our club will be responsible for October 12 – 25 raffle. We need to choose a charity.
* Presidential Priorities- Alan told us that his priorities for this year would be:
1. The Rotary Foundation – he knows that we have always supported the foundation but emphasized “every member every year” and would like us to consider $40 Canadian per year as our club goal.
2. A new community service project.
* We have received requests from Jack Stuart School (who have approvals and funding to buy materials) and Danielle Harms who has a corner lot in Creekview across from a playground and adjacent to a school bus stop, for new Little Free Libraries.
* Alan offered a Toblerone chocolate bar brought from Switzerland. Odell offered $20 and gave it to our guest speaker.
* Flag pickup is on Wednesday.
* Monday September 11 1:30 to 3:30 there is a Days for Girls Workshop at Seasons. If you can volunteer to help the residents with non sewing activities, contact Sarah camrosealberta@daysforgirls.org or by phone at 780-672-2628.

**Happy Bucks** Happy Bucks were given for: the summer socials, the publishing of his new book on brain changes with addiction, a good summer capped by a trip to the Cray Family Farm in Lacombe, a great summer with lots of activities, Cliff’s hay meadow which he hopes to finish haying today, the abundance of tomatoes on his plants this year, the Superstore renovations, being able to share the vision for the Lending Place, the Banff String Quartet Festival. **Foundation Moment**Rob explained the District Designated Fund. All donations are invested for three years, 5% is taken for administration, 47.5% goes to the World Fund, 47.5% goes to the District Fund. This is where our grants come from.**Upcoming Events**Joint Rotary meeting on Monday September 11. Ardelle Ries, Professor of Music at University of Alberta Augustana Campus is the founding director of SingAble, a multi-generational community inclusive choir. Here is a link with more information about the choir: <https://www.cafcl.ca/singable-registration/>The meeting will start at 6pm with the evening dinner special including soup and salad bar at the Norsemen Inn for $25, details to come. Please notify the noon club if you plan to attend for the dinner.We closed by singing the Four Way Test. **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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