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| **EyeOpener** October 31, 2023 – Arab-Israeli Conflict  **Economic and Community Development Month**  The in-person (with Zoom available) meeting was opened by President Alan with *O Canada.* There were 10 of 16 members present (2 on Zoom).  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.*  **Announcements**   * Little Free Libraries – Danielle Harms (Creekview) and Jack Stuart School both want Little Free Libraries. Odell has agreed to build them, the Jack Stuart Parents will pay for theirs. The LFL at Chester Ronning was vandalized and all vestiges are gone. We await their decision whether they want it rebuilt. We discussed restocking and servicing the libraries. Destiny will print new bookplates for the books we insert in the LFL. * Brent Collingwood will visit us on November 7, Alan would like to show him some of our LFL. * The board will meet at 6 pm November 6 with the District Governor at the Norsemen Inn. * Monday November 20 at 6 pm will be the Joint Meeting with the Rotary Club of Camrose who will be planning the program. * Tuesday November 21 we will meet at 8 am at Safety Starts Here. We will have our AGM and Tim Schields will speak to us about the Rotary Foundation. * We are responsible for the Casino event January 9 and 10 - 3 pm to midnight. * There is a Rotary Learning Event at the Chateau Louis November 18 from 8 am to 4 pm. The club will pay the fees for anyone who wants to attend. So far Morris and Tim are planning to go. Let Morris know by November 10th if you intend to go or attend on-line.   **Speaker – Arab-Israeli Conflict**  Harry introduced Dr. Hany Shaltout, a local psychiatrist married to a Family Practitioner. He was born in Egypt, raised in Kentucky, and subsequently lived in many Arab countries. He spoke to us with respect to recent events in Gaza and Israel.  Hany was raised in the USA as his father was obtaining his fellowship. His father was from Egypt and very proud of his Arab heritage. His mother returned to Egypt so that Hany’s brother would be born in an Arab state. His father quickly returned to Arab states when his US education was completed. His father admired and supported Nasser until he found out he had killed some influential Arab clerics. Hany explained that he and most Arabs do not view themselves as citizens of a particular county but as Arabs attached to a tribe based on family—they move and borders shift. Hany showed political maps of the Middle East beginning from 3500 BCE. Borders shifted with the rise and fall of various empires. When Christianity and then the Caliphate (after Mohamed) were established, it ushered in a new era based on competing religions. The Ottoman, Holy Roman, Mogul, Byzantine and other empires established, expanded, and regressed. In 1837 the Suez Canal was built, western powers for economic reasons now wanted to control the transportation corridors around the canal, the Mediterranean and Red Seas. Great Britain was the predominant power. Oil was discovered in the area increasing western interest. After World War II Jews from Europe and areas of the middle east began to migrate to what is now Israel.  There are three reasons we should be interested in the events in the area 1. Geopolitical 2. Religious 3. Humanitarian. We are confronted with a moral dilemma. Moral decisions involve “social situations” and “social conformity”. There are two theories that determine the morality of a situation 1. Deontological Perspective – behaviour is evaluated as right or wrong based on the action itself 2. Utilitarian perspective -- evaluates a behaviour based on its outcome. He explained his views on how Canada has shifted its perspective. He asked us what perspective we would prefer in our friends.  Motion MSC That we top-up the Camrose Chase The ACE donation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Camrose Affiliate to $500.  We closed by singing the *Four-Way Test*.  **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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