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| **EyeOpener**November 21, 2023 – Rotary Foundation Endowments **Rotary Foundation Month**The in-person (with Zoom available) meeting was opened by President Alan with *O Canada.* There were 11 of 16 members present (1 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.*Alan read a thank you card from Brent and Adele Collingwood thanking us for the welcome to our club and the tour of the city. **Speaker Tim Schilds** Alan introduced Tim Schilds of the Northern Spirit Club. Tim joined the Rotary Club of Dawson Creek in 1988, became a member of the executive of that club in 1989 and since that time has been a member of either a club executive or district committee in all but three years of his Rotary career. Tim spoke to us via Zoom about “Creating Hope Through Your Rotary Legacy”. He spoke about donating to the Rotary Endowment Program. Annual Donations help people live better today. Endowments support life changing programs for the long term. It was all started by Arch Klumph with the $26.45 surplus from a Rotary Conference.  There are two kinds of Endowments: 1. Now a gift made in your lifetime or 2. Later a promise of a future gift which has no effect on your present finances. He gave an example of a $30,000 gift given in 2015 that is now worth $40,950 and has provided $10,726 for the foundation to apply to programs. You can name the fund after yourself with an initial gift of at least $35,000 Canadian (which may be paid over 3 years) and you may designate proceeds to either the World Fund (where trustees decide its use) or District Designated Funds. You may also specify one of the Rotary Areas of Focus—except the Polio Fund cannot be the recipient of Endowment Funds (they think Polio will be gone before you die). You may specify an endowment in your will to the Rotary Foundation of Canada (you must specify Canada to obtain a CRA receipt). It can be as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or from other assets of your estate. There is different recognition from Rotary of Immediate and Planned Gifts that start for gifts of $1,000.  Rotary’s Endowment Goal by the 2025 Convention in Calgary is $2.025 billion. They are now at $1.634 billion between contributions and commitments. More information is available at [www.rotary.org/legacy](http://www.rotary.org/legacy). Alan informed him of our gift to vaccinate children against polio as our thanks for his talk.**The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak** The AGM of the Club was held confirming our Financial Statements, Club Officers, and appointing members to do the Financial Review. We have open positions for President, Vice-President, President Elect Nominee, Youth and Membership.**Announcements and Updates*** **Chase the Ace** – the next draw is tomorrow November 22; the beneficiary of the Ladies of the Royal Purple draw is the Halvar Jonson Centre for Brain Injury in Ponoka.
* **Club Merger Email –** Alan has received 5 responses to his email asking club members to submit pros and cons for a merger of the 2 Rotary Clubs in Camrose. A deadline of Tuesday November 5 was set for responses.
* **Stockings for Augustana Students** – Chris is once again coordinating a program to give Augustana students, unable to go home for Christmas, a stocking. She will be sending out an email specifying the contents suggested or where $25 can be sent so stockings can be filled by her or her designate.
* **Next Meetings: Tuesday November 5 8 am** Safety Starts Here – Larry in charge.

 **Monday December 11 6 pm Norsemen Joint Meeting –** Rob will speak about his Battlefield trip to Europe. **Tuesday December 19 8 am** Safety Starts here – Patrice in charge.**Happy Bucks**Happy Bucks were given for: the Flag Program has been launched and has 12 subscriptions; a trip to New York, a tour and lunch of “Google” courtesy of Mark Fielding; a trip to southern Utah; the nice weather and the paths around the lake; discussions on downsizing and building a duplex; a Battlefield Trip to Europe with visits to sites where the Southern Alberta Regiment fought in World War II; Days for Girls Packing Day where 448 kits were assembled; his book launch November 9 where 36 people attended. **Foundation Moment** The Paul Harris Society membership is recognition for contributing $1,000 USD per year for contributions to the Rotary FoundationWe closed by singing the *Four-Way Test*. **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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