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| **EyeOpener**December 5, 2023 – Turkey – The Bird and The Country**Disease Prevention and Treatment 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).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 presented Cliff Drever with a certificate and pin denoting his membership in the District 5370 PolioPlus Society. This Society’s members pledge to give $100 USD yearly until polio is obliterated.**Speaker - Larry on Turkey** Larry spent USA Thanksgiving on a Cruise Ship in the USA. They are not sure when the turkey and Thanksgiving became associated. The first governor in the new colony sent 3 men on a fowling hunt--not sure what fowl they obtained. The President of the USA started pardoning turkeys during the Civil War when Abraham Lincoln’s son requested that a turkey he knew not be served for dinner. This year’s turkey Katie was raised and socialized to deal with the crowds associated with the pardon. She will spend her days at the Frying Pan Park on Treadwell Farms. She has a two-year life expectancy. There is a hotline for turkey cooking 1 800 BUTTERBALL. Larry then switched to Turkey the country.  The Hagia Sophia in Istanbul was built between 532 and 537 CE as a church. It has since been converted to a mosque, then a museum and now is back being a mosque. It has beautiful mosaics but no pictures of people (Muslims do not allow images of people in the mosque). It was the largest domed church until St. Peter’s was built in London. The Ottoman Empire extended from Mecca north to just below Vienna. It lasted from the 13th Century to the end of World War I. Suleiman the Magnificent (also known as Suleiman the Law Giver) ruled for 46 years in the 15th century. He personally led armies that expanded the empire, reformed the Ottoman legal system, and introduced the golden age of cultural development. Under his chief architect Mimar Sinan Ottoman architecture reached its zenith. Gallipoli was the site of a battle in World War I, of the 44,000 allied lost, 8,700 were Australian, 3,000 were New Zealanders but the Turks lost 87,000. There is a large cross at Gallipoli with the inscription “**Those heroes that shed their blood in this country!** **You are in the soil of a friendly country.** **Rest in peace.”** While visiting Kuranda, Patrice and Larry were given Anzac Cookies developed by Australian mother to prevent malnutrition in their soldier sons—they say they are very tasty. Mustapha Ataturk was instrumental in the victory at Gallipoli as a Field Marshal. He reformed Turkey into a secular democratic republic after WW I. He made a law that young people could not go to church or mosque until they had been educated. He thought this would prevent them from being exploited by religious fundamentalists. He banned the burka and the fez. He instituted mandatory education, equal rights for women and changed to a Latin-based Turkish alphabet. He forced all to speak Turkish in public (but any language in private) and to take Turkish names. All are Turks first, 99% are Muslim.  Patrice then handed out Turkish Delight candy. **Announcements and Updates*** **Chase the Ace** – there is a draw tomorrow benefiting “Silent Santa”.
* Fund raising for this Christmas program is much less than usual. Donations may be left at Shuman Insurance. Packing is a week from Saturday, adequate volunteers are in place.
* **Fall Learning Assembly -** Morris and Timattended. There were about 100 attendees with some on Zoom. It was an opportunity to see what other clubs were doing.
* **Future of Rotary in Camrose –** 11 members responded to the email, it was compiled by Tim. Further comments may still be made, email Alan. The RCC is also doing a survey and because some of their members do not use email Lou has been talking to them in person. Options for our funds should the club be disbanded were discussed.
* **Stockings for Augustana Students** – Chris is once again coordinating a program to give Augustana students, unable to go home for Christmas, a stocking. Morris has sent out an email with a link to register to provide a stocking or a donation of $25—they will fill the stocking. [https://ualberta.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/primary/eventId/360/iq](https://ualberta.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events%3Aregister/primary/eventId/360/iq)
* **Traditions** will be at the Johnsons December 28 at 6 pm. The RCC will be invited.
* **Memorial Tree** – there is a memorial tree in the cemetery where decorations in memory may be hung.
* **Chase the Ace Charity** we need to think of charities when we are next in charge of the draw – January 4 to 17.
* **Next Meetings: Monday December 11 6 pm Norsemen Joint Meeting –** Rob and Liz will speak about their Battlefield Tour of Europe.

 **Tuesday December 19 8 am** Safety Starts Here – Patrice will talk about Belize 10 years later.**Happy Bucks**Happy Bucks were given for: a trip to the Christmas Tree Farm, being able to put out the Christmas lights in relatively mild weather, an excellent cruise except for the Atlantic cross in high wind and 15-foot waves, the family gathering for his wife’s birthday, the Christmas Tree being up, making sugar cookies with the family and her mother (now able to attend after moving to Camrose), the quick response from Battle River Plumbing when the furnace quit,  **Foundation Moment****Memorial Donations** to the Rotary Foundation can be made at Rotary.org/donate. They may be designated for any of the Foundation Funds, the donor gets a receipt. The recipient can be notified by email by Rotary, or the donor can notify them.**In support of Christmas,** we passed a motion to send $500 to each of the Camrose Merry Christmas Fund and Camrose Kinettes Silent Santa. We closed by singing the *Four-Way Test*. **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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