**EyeOpener
January 4, 2022 Vocational Service Month**

**This Meeting was via zoom**

Alan opened with ***O Canada*** played by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

Odell read the **Acknowledgement of Treaty 6 Land.**

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.

**A Video** [**https://globalnews.ca/news/8481259/year-in-review-2021-viral-news-stories/**](https://globalnews.ca/news/8481259/year-in-review-2021-viral-news-stories/)was played.

**Food for Thought** Cliff spoke about “our stories”. Originally, we told stories to our family or our tribe. Now many, who have no relationship with us, are trying to influence us with their stories. Facts must be checked and re-checked. Stories that do not align with your own experience should be viewed with cynicism. Trust your “gut”. Do not be afraid to tell you own story. Patrice agreed to supply “**Food for Thought**” for January 18.

**Happy Bucks** request led to people telling their stories:

* 100 years ago, this year, his grandfather immigrated from Denmark with 10 children. He had lost his fortune in a bad investment. He is thankful for the opportunity to live in Alberta because of his grandfather being able to finance a move to Canada. Always keep something in reserve for disasters.
* He spent 2 hours Christmas Eve waiting at the airport for his daughter’s delayed flight. The cold Christmas kept everyone in, but he was able to spend time with his daughter’s boyfriend who he found to be a nice man. They gathered, as a family, at Christmas. The planned horse-drawn sleigh ride at the cabin had to be cancelled due to the cold, but they saw beautiful scenery under bright blue skies. He bought the “*Viking Cup*” BY LeRoy Johnson for his wife. The Camrose Meridian Pinty’s Grand Slam of Curling, their planned fall tour, the World Junior Hockey tournament were all cancelled, but the Finn Coach called him to talk.
* They had a family Christmas with grandchildren. They made puzzles and played games. The exchange student visit that was planned was cancelled but they were able to have a long telephone visit.
* They had a great family get together, unfortunately a couple of people got Covid, but they endured it without difficulty.
* He heard from his Afghan interpreters: one is with his brother in North Carolina, the other has been moved into an apartment in Etobicoke, Ontario and has a job interview scheduled. He plans to visit him this summer.
* Christmas was celebrated in the Polish tradition at her daughters. She read “This is Happiness” by the Irish author Niall Williams. Her article about the Senior Coalition mentioning Shirley Rostad and John Stoddart was published in the *Booster*.
* Her father had another gall bladder attack, heart trouble cancelled his scheduled surgery. He will have his surgery in Saskatoon with a heart specialist in attendance sometime in the new year.

**Foundation Moment** Rob told us how the District Grants can help in our own community.

**Joint Meeting Monday January 10 –** we discussed some program possibilities for this meeting—the immigration story of a local doctor and the story of “Cuban Lunch”.

**Announcements** –

* Chase the Ace Draw – we have presented the money to the Flagstaff Foodbank from our draw which was won for the second time by Alan. The present draw is for the Camrose Playschool.
* The Merry Christmas fund delivered 295 hampers; demand was more than expected but the grocery suppliers were able to cope. Donations did not meet the objective for this increased demand but there are reserves that will cover it.
* The Christmas Stocking Program for Augustana supplied 35 stockings from members and friends, an additional 5 stockings were supplied by the Students Association.
* Flags were placed by John, Odell and Morris at the Heritage Manor, the stands remain frozen in for any future winter displays.

**Reminders of Upcoming Events**

* Joint Meeting January 10 at 7 pm
* Board Meeting January 11 at 8 am
* This is Rotary January 18 at 7 am

**Rob led us in the *4 Way Test***.

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