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|  **EyeOpenerMarch 8, 2022 – This Is RotaryWater, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month** **This Meeting was via Zoom.** We opened with the Ukrainian National Anthem and **O Canada sung by the Hoosli Ukrainian Male Chorus at a Winnipeg Jets, Montreal Canadiens game.**  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. **Food for Thought** Larry told us about the early history of Camrose, quoting from two books he had, one published by his grandfather. The Village of Sparling (later Camrose) was approved just prior to Alberta becoming a province in 1905. The community was established because of the numerous rail lines that ran through the community. Milton and Cheadle, the first to cross the North-west passage by land stopped in Camrose (about 1862) on their way to Edmonton, then went via the Yellowhead Pass to Kamloops, on to Westminster and Victoria.Chris will offer **Food for Thought** on March 22. **Happy Bucks** for: being in a place with cheap B.C. gas ($1.69/l), her granddaughter’s 11th birthday—she recalls being called out of a Rotary meeting 11 years ago to hear about the birth, her time spent with her sister at Canmore, a cruise cancelled by her spouse getting Covid (and relatives tried to take their place missed the boat due to airport delays), the staff at work being back in the office—though one of their clients has Covid, cross country skiing in Camrose with spring sunshine alternating with blowing snow, the green grass and daffodils on Saltspring Island.**This is Rotary**We discussed:1. The war in Ukraine including what we could do to support Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. The conflict will result in long term issues with refugees and immigrants to Canada. All will need jobs and other supports. We can send funds to numerous well recognized organizations for now. Odell will forward a list of organizations suggested by the District Office to all members. We can think about longer term projects, perhaps working with the RCC.
2. **The Imagination Library.** We have received around $7,500 in memory of Robyn Gray. The money will be used to fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library project organized by the Library and the RCC. The RCC has committed to 100 children per year for 3 years, the Board was instructed to come back to the club with a recommendation for our club to add to the memorials received.
3. There will be a **Gelato Event** at the Johnson House on April 21 at 10 am. The cost is $60 for which you will receive three different Gelato flavours. The “custard” will be cooked in the morning, it will be frozen that evening. 5 families have signed up for the event, there is room for one to three more.
4. The **District Conference** May 27 and 28 (Friday and Saturday) will take place at the Fantasyland Hotel. It was agreed that we would pay the discount registration for 5 members as there are 5 members planning to attend.
5. The club agree to the start of **Hybrid Meeting** on April 5 (if arrangements can be made). They will be in the Business IQ/Safety Starts Here basement offices. Zoom connections will be available for speakers or attendees not able to attend in person.
6. This coming Thursday the two-week period starts when we are sponsors for the **Chase the Ace Raffle**. Proceeds go to the Camrose and District Fish and Game Association. The Draw takes place March 23. Morris needs a few volunteers, please contact him if you can help.

**Announcements*** The next club meeting: joint Zoom with the RCC, Monday March 14 at 7 pm.
* Anna-Marie Robertson will present at the joint meeting
* March 22 is the next am club meeting via Zoom. Larry is arranging for the speaker.
* The Board meeting takes place right after the Club meeting this morning.
* The RCC plans to start hybrid meetings at the Casino Eats Restaurant soon.

**Reminders of Upcoming Events*** The International Rotary Convention will be held in Houston, Texas June 4 to 8, 2022. It is presently being planned for in-person and virtual. More information at [RIConvention.org](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/442/RIConvention.org).

**Rob led us in the 4-Way Test to close the meeting.** **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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