Eye Opener
May 3, 2022 – Maine Coon Cat

Zoom (intended but internet was not working) at Safety Starts Here 5051 50 Street

Alan opened the meeting with members singing *O Canada*

Acknowledgement of Land Treaties

*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.*

Chris presented $1,000.00 Robyn Gray Memorial Scholarship to Faith Taylor who will be starting a Bachelor of Science in Nursing this September.

Alan presented to Rena Warren and Tri Nguyen, Camrose High School grade 11 students, funds to compete in the Canada-Wide Science Fair with their SmartLifeJacket prototype.

Speaker: Laura Houseman, introduced by sister Patrice Johnson, gave a fascinating presentation on Maine Coon cats. She brought with her Supreme Grand Champion, Terra Cotta Warrior, her magnificent Maine Coon cat who originally comes Philadelphia. Terra Cotta Warrior is about 20 to 25 lbs and is 4 years old. His breed is the largest domestic breed in the world of cats. Laura discussed Cat Shows which are basically beauty contests with an average of 150 to 250 cats showing. Laura breeds Maine Coon cats as she has a high demand for her kittens. She is expecting soon two cats from Italy and Russia.

Alan thanked Laura for her presentation and mentioned that she would be sent a certificate indicating that 10 children, increased to 30 with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matching, will receive polio vaccinations toward eradicating the disease.

Happy Bucks: 47th Wedding Anniversary of Patrice and Larry, John and Lesley for 55th Wedding Anniversary, Patrice and her daughter going on a cruise around Britain, Rob getting rototiller out, Alan’s 6-day vacation in Victoria and visiting Rotary Club of Victoria Harbourside (connected with Kevin Hilgers there), Chris receiving another level of coaching certification.

Business:

Chase the Ace: Camp HeHoHa will be the recipient with the May 4th draw. The pot is over $10,000 with over $50,000 tickets purchased. Our club needs to consider a community organization to support for a June 16 to 29 event.

Flag Subscription: please try to recruit new subscribers by May 10. Delivery will be May 18.

Rob reported on 2 past events: Depot for Ukrainian newcomers and Days for Girls package assembly

Dates to Remember:

No club meeting next week but a joint meeting with both clubs at Eats Restaurant at the Casino May 9. Please let camroserotary@gmail.com know by May 6 if you are coming.

Daybreak Executive meeting at 8 am via zoom on May 10.

May 17 hybrid Daybreak Rotary meeting with Destiny Reay as speaker.

Camrose Rotary ReBoot May 14 event: Let Morris or Lou know ASAP if you are attending

District Conference at the Fantasyland Hotel May 27 and May 28 with 5 members attending

International Conference in Houston June 4 to 8 with John and Morris attending.

Closing: *Four Way Test*

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