**Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak**

Eye Opener February 25, 2020 – Conflict Resolution Camrose Police Service

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Rob and Allan started the meeting at 7:10 leading us in *O Canada* and the *Rotary Grace*.

Destiny offered **Food for Thought** on the value of community and the importance of feeling connected to the community. A theme that flowed throughout the meeting.

**Announcements**:

* **Rotary Day Bowling Social** was a success with a turnout of nearly 70 people. Everyone agreed it was a great event and a lot of fun. Please support Papa John’s Pizza as they provided the pizza.
* Monday, March 9th evening meeting features a **Speaker Series** presented by Olson Law BONUS. Dianne Kohler, Executive Director of the CRE, will speak *on The Role of Agriculture Societies*.
* Monday, March 16, the noon club is hosting Rob Rolf and Dave Solverson in the **Speaker Series** presented by Olson Law. The topic is *Ranching and the Beef Industry*. RSVP to SpeakerSeriesCamrose@gmailcom by this March 13th to book lunch.
* Friday, March 20th and Saturday, March 21st, District 5370 **Spring Learning** is at the Chateau Louis Hotel on Kingsway. Everyone is encouraged to attend. There is great sharing of ideas and sessions are very informative. The club will pay the registration fee. Let me know if you are interested in attending.
* **Wine and Craft Beer Survivor** entries are on sale, $35 each or $20 plus $15 bottle of wine or pack of craft beer. Entries close March 30. Registration forms are available on our website or contact Destiny for more information.

Cliff drew the Queen of hearts and will offer **Food for Thought** next week.

**Happy Bucks** were wide and varied this week.

**Cst. Fernhout**: Spoke on conflict resolution. He highlighted the importance of empathy and the value it has when experiencing conflict or during an intervention. He shared a reference for a *Verbal Judo: The Gentle Art of Persuasion* a book by George J. Thompson and Jerry B. Jenkins. Cst Fernhout is the School Resource Officer with the Camrose Police Service and currently teaches C.O.R.E. (replaced the D.A.R.E. program) to Grade 3, and 6 students in Camrose as well as speaks to Grade 9 students. This approach allows for the building of more positive relationships between students and the Police that extend to the community as a whole. Cst. Fernhout was commended by Chief Dean LaGrange for his time and effort in developing the C.O.R.E program and his work in Camrose schools. Cst. Fernhout answered a variety of questions from the room.

**Reminders**:

Next Tuesday, March 3rd, Carol Wideman and Jim Ofrim from **Special Olympics Camrose** will be presenting an update on their programs and upcoming events.

The **Rotary Club of Camrose Gala** is on Saturday, April 25th. District Governor Tracey Vavrek will be in attendance. Tickets will be available soon. If you can offer silent or live auction items or ideas let Roy know.