Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak
EyeOpener March 17, 2020 COVID-19

March is Water and Sanitation Month (Keep Washing Your Hands)

Alan and Rob opened the meeting at 7:10am, 7 members present, with *O Canada* and the *Rotary Grace*

Tricia, Cliff and Odell are celebrating birthdays this month
Patrice is celebrating 18 years in Rotary this month (may be marooned on Indian Ocean)
World Water Day is Sunday, March 22nd

Odell offered **Food for Thought** that the US is our biggest threat in the COVID-19 pandemic. Washington and New York states are hotspots that need attention. One bright spot is the clean air and water that results from reduced air and land travel and industrial production.

**Announcements**:

* **Rotary Day Family Bowling** was a success. Registrations and donations covered costs.
* Vote to provide $350 funding to Battle River Quilting Guild to purchase quilt batting toward producing 100 comfort quilts to be provided to community organizations such as the Women’s Shelter. Move Odell Second Harry Carried
* *Wine and Beer Survivor* entries on sale until March 27th. Approximately 30 wine teams, 15 beer teams to date. Enter yourself or a team, $35 per person, team of 5.
* David Taylor funeral is available on YouTube, search MessiahCamrose.
* **Rotaract** – Augustana classes, meetings, events cancelled. Students considering going home. Club on hiatus.
* Bailey Theatre sent thanks for funding for *Peanut Butter Falcon* screening. Many youths were able to attend.
* **Spring Leadership Assembly** March 20, 21 in**-**person cancelled. Awaiting information on backup plan.
* Noon Club **Speaker Series** for rest of March, April, May to be rescheduled. Rob did a good job presenting *Ranching and the Beef Industry* yesterday through his 40+ years of experience. Lots of familiar names and some insights.
* **Days for Girls** sewing days and April kit assembly are suspended.

Morris drew the 8 of spades and will offer **Food for Thought** when we next meet.

**Happy Bucks** were offered for snow conditions in the valley, wife’s daughter home from India, sad that stock prediction was accurate, good skiing at Fairmont/Panorama, need to sanitize Bingo balls?, meet up with friend in Ontario, sad for mom’s funeral, travel in May possible?, motto – Life doesn’t have to be Perfect to be Wonderful.

Our **program** today was open discussion of COVID-19 – how can we as individuals and a club help? Once in-person meetings aren’t prudent how can we keep in contact?

General comments on how **we can help**: need some humour; if staffing or space needed to supplement hospital there are people and facilities that can be mobilized (Stoney Creek?); Martha’s Table and school breakfast and lunch programs are suspended; there will be some cabin fever; self-isolating and elderly will need assistance; don’t panic but plan.

Action: keep eyes and ears open to needs. Let me know if there is an action we as a club or individuals can take.

To **stay in contact** if it is prudent to suspend in-person meetings: let Lisa/Ken know meetings are suspended, Odell can convene ZOOM meetings as needed.

Rob/Alan closed meeting at 8:00am leading us in the *Four Way Test*.

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