Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak

EyeOpener June 23, 2020 KIVA Investing

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Odell led off the meeting with a video of *O Canada*, 12 members and noon club President Roy in attendance.

Dean expanded on his Open Letter in the *Booste*r and online with **Food for Thought** on the state of affairs from a police member’s view. The world view of law enforcement is being framed by events in the United States, Police officers know what they have signed up for – seemingly the only occupation where resistance and violence impedes the ability to perform one’s job – law enforcement. There are limits to the force that can be applied to perform the job and sanctions are in place when they are exceeded. Although there is likely a silent majority that see most police services doing a credible job in performing their duties, a vocal minority is seeking to defund or abolish police departments. Most police departments in Canada would gladly give up, say 1/3, of their budgets if there were a way for someone else to make the 1/3 of calls for mental health, drug and domestic disputes. But how do you know which call will be violent? Knowing that a uniform can be a trigger, is there a way to have civilian/plainclothes supports? The positives of community policing are being lost in the noise that has been created.

Consider a couple of differences between policing in the US and Canada – Us – 18,000 departments, Canada 272; US – usually Mayor is oversight, Canada – usually community board is oversight; US – no standard of training, Canada – standard of training

Rob will offer **Food for Thought** next week

**Happy Bucks**

* Road trip to Peter’s Drive-In in Red Deer
* Enjoyable visit to Camrose County Nature Conservation Centre
* Rural assessment got access to county weed killer for dandelions at Sundre cabin
* Library open for curbside pickup now, July 3rd for access to building
* Montana Cree Food Bank Drive in Wetaskiwin is underway

**Activity** – KIVA Investing

Destiny took suggestions in leading us though providing micro-loans, for example:

* Emprendoras in Paraguay - $500 for groceries for store, matched
* Isaiah in Kenya - $275 for a biodigester to provide power
* Kit in Cambodia - $250 for a safe latrine

In all, we funded $1,600 for 10 requests with an additional $700 generated by matching from other donors. To date we have donated $3,679 that grew to an investment of $13,525 through loan repayments and reinvestments. We have funded 155 loans in 39 countries.

**Announcements**

* Meeting next week, June 30th 7 am – 2020-2021 Board Installation
* Annual dues for 2020-2021 are $250, John will send invoices for July-December of $125 due July 1st

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