Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak

EyeOpener March 16, 2021 We Are Rotary

March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

Odell opened the meeting with a video of *O Canada* for 14 members in attendance

Dean offered **Food for Thought** on the coverage of the passing of Walter Gretzky. Walter wasn’t a movie star, celebrity or famous politician; he was *just* a dad. There isn’t a lot of attention paid to most moms and dads unless they are doing something wrong. Walter wasn’t looking for status, wasn’t flashy, he *just* worked hard raising his children to be respectful and caring. He was a perfect role model as an ordinary dad supporting his children in their pursuits. When his son Wayne excelled in hockey, Walter was there as a dad but attracted attention and demands from sportscasters and news reporters for interviews and hockey fans for autographs and conversations. He always acted with grace and respect, never turning anyone away. Together with his wife we were privy to the impact of being genuine.

Larry will offer **Food for Thought** next week.

**Happy Bucks**

* Vaccination appointments are being made, shots are happening and people are relieved
* Finally, MRI appointment for a knee in May
* Not happy about celebration throng for Glasgow Ranger win last week
* Skiing is over, snow can go, bring on spring
* Design funding for new Catholic high school

**Announcements**

* John is preparing a Flag Project mailout for previous subscribers with no email on file
* A few Rotary masks are on order, we have a camera for hybrid Zoom meetings (when in-person can happen) and a disc golf basket for community, social and member events
* The noon club is proceeding with building a pavilion beside the Stoney Creek Centre. There will be volunteer opportunities in the spring

**Conversation with Members**

* **Membership** – Cliff
  + Contact Lori Larsen for an article in the Booster about Rotary
  + Write a *Letter to the Editor* about a personal Rotary experience (Harry volunteered)
  + Call former members, offer to include them in meeting invitations (let Odell know)
  + Share upcoming speakers with friends (website has list). **Need more ideas**
  + Find ways to reach beyond city to those that could continue attending hybrid meetings
  + Let Cliff know of other ideas you have
* **Foundation** – Rob
  + Grants are available for projects meeting needs in the seven areas of focus:
    - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
    - Disease Prevention and Treatment
    - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
    - Maternal and Child Health
    - Basic Education and Literacy
    - Economic and Community Development
    - Protecting the Environment
  + Alan updated his progress in researching opportunities for pursuing a project with *Namaste Direct* in Guatemala
    - 2 discussions with District, supportive response
    - Attended Tim Schilds’ monthly Foundation meeting. About 15 members attending. Edmonton Northeast member interested in this opportunity
    - In contact with Desiree Lyons on status of interest by Rotary clubs
  + 35 years of the PolioPlus program have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9%. Only 2 countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, are endemic. COVID interruption and political issues are being addressed.
  + Lessons learned in the polio fight are being applied to response to COVID with excellent results
  + Grant seminars are coming up. Rob and Alan will attend to ensure we can apply for grants in 2021-2022. Any member is welcome to attend. Check the website calendar for dates.
  + Contact Rob if you have questions about donating to the Foundation or have ideas for projects we could undertake using grant funding

**Reminders**

* Tuesday March 23, 7:00 am Club Meeting – *Augustana AQUA*, Kristen
* Tuesday March 30, 7:00 am Club Meeting – *Ultrasound Supply and Training in Tanzania*, Deidre Duffy
* **Let Odell know of speakers, programs or activities to fill our empty calendar after March 30**

Rob closed the meeting with the *Four Way Test*

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