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| **EyeOpener** February 7, 2023 – Camrose Refugee Society  ***Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month***  The in-person (with Zoom available) meeting was opened by President Alan with *O Canada*. There were 10 of 14 members present.  Alan read the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement:  *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.*  **Guest Speaker**  Alan introduced Yvonne Myrehaug of the Camrose Refugee Committee. She told us that the committee was contacted shortly after Russia invaded Ukraine by Ukrainians living in Camrose to ask for help with transportation to Canada and living accommodations for friends and family who had fled Ukraine. The committee established a goal of raising $20,000 for the Ukrainian Refugees coming to Camrose—they eventually raised $100,000. They have helped with airfares, rent, and job searches. They have furnished 15 apartments. She said that Camrose has been enriched by these people and will continue to profit by them in the future. 10 Ukrainians attended with Yvonne, and a few told us of the reasons they had come and how they were doing in Camrose. Several local businesspeople, invited by Cliff attended the meeting.  **Happy Bucks**  Happy Bucks were given for: being able to support refugees, happy to have the people from Ukraine here, happy to be in Camrose, great cross-country skiing, the sour dough starter she was given, the work of the Ukrainian Refugee committee, seeing Cliff in person, being able to come in person.  **Foundation Moment**  Rob told us about the Rotary Peace Fellowships. Up to 130 people can study at Rotary Peace Centres to develop the capacity to become effective catalysts for peace. Fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round trip transportation, internship, and field study expenses. There are now 1600 Fellows working in over 140 countries. They work as leaders in governments, NGOs, peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies, international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.  **Announcements:**   * **The Chase the Ace** draw tomorrow is down to 12 cards. There is over $24,000 in the jackpot. The charity for this draw is “ISTAR”—which promotes stuttering treatment and research. * The District Conference is in Jasper April 20 to 23. Alan and Valerie plan to attend. * Camrose Police Service Regimental Ball will be held March 18 at the Camrose Resort & Casino in support of Alberta Communities Against Abuse and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Supper, Dance and Silent Auction. See the poster sent by Morris or contact Dean for more information. * The next meeting is the **Joint Meeting with the RCC on Monday February 13 at 6 pm at the Norsemen Inn**. Stephen Hansen from the Nordlys Film Festival is the speaker. Notify [rotarycamrose@gmail.com](mailto:rotarycamrose@gmail.com?subject=Monday%20Joint%20Meeting%20Meal) by Monday at 9 if you are attending to reserve the meal.   **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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