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| The in-person (with Zoom available) meeting was opened by President Alan with *O Canada*. This was a joint morning meeting with the Rotary Club of Camrose. There were 11 of 16 Daybreak (RCCD) members present (1 on Zoom) and several Rotary Club of Camrose (RCC) members and 2 guests on Zoom from Jamaica, Desmond Creary and A. C. Whyte.  Alan read the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement:  *We acknowledge that the Rotary Camrose 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.*  **Reports on the District Conference**  The conference was sold out. Camrose Rotary Clubs were well represented by 15 people.    The speakers were:  Michael Landsberg  A well know sports broadcaster he spoke about Mental Health. “Mental Health is not a weakness”. He suffered for years with depression, anxiety and emetophobia—fear of vomiting. He eventually got treatment and is now doing well. He was raised in a good home with loving competent parents. He thought, common with most people with mental health issues, that he was the only one who felt like he did. He was afraid of taking medication because of side effects. He was afraid to talk about it for fear that people would think less of him. When he finally did he was surprised at the number of people who supported him. He told the story of a young hockey player who was contemplating suicide, he heard Mike talking of his illness. He reconsidered, contacted Mike, and they eventually became good friends.  Paul Brandt  A country and western singer he spoke about human trafficking. This is the fastest growing crime in Canada. He and his wife have formed a group that is publicizing warning signs to raise the alarms. Social media is being used to lure people. The perpetrators persuade young people to send them nude pictures then use these to blackmail them into further sexual activity. On a trip to Cambodia, they discovered there was an area in Phom Pehn where sexual activities were being sold. Men from Canada and other countries were going there on holiday just for the services available there. They brought what was going on there to the attention of the government, Paul Brandt’s mother bought one of the warehouses out from under the sex selling groups and the area has now been converted to low-cost housing. Similar areas were available in Amsterdam and Denmark. Drawing attention to the governments of the areas that sex for sale is a bad situation is leading to changes.  Brian Rusch  Brian attended as a representative of Rotary International. His website says he is a storyteller, motivational speaker, board director and advisor, global charity consultant and strategist and human rights activist. He is gay and advocates for diversity, inclusion, and equity (DEI) in clubs and communities. This must be authentic, else it can cause problems. As an example, some people cannot afford to belong to Rotary. His club agreed to a fund that pays member dues for people who want to join but cannot afford it. This is an opportunity your clubs. He spoke about Ugandan law that punishes gay sex by life imprisonment or execution—it was supported by elements in the USA. Ugandans raised money to hide and then get one gay man out of the country. At Brian’s display table 72 people agreed to try increasing DEI in their clubs.  Comments from Attendees  Some thought that there was too large a gap in Saturday afternoon. The Bissel Centre donations that organizers planned to have attendees pack were so abundant that this idea was abandoned. The University Rotaract Club will deliver them to the Bissel Centre on Monday and help them sort and store the donations.    Roy spoke to people who told him of their “Rotary School”. A day when every Rotary Member invites one of two people to a meal. They then explain Rotary to the assembly encouraging membership.  Happy Bucks  Unfortunately, I attended via Zoom and was unable to hear this portion.  Announcements and Updates   * **Camrose Service Club Group** is considering the future after the Chase the Ace Draw was won. Morris suggests we wait and consolidate out knowledge of each others club activities. He mentions the Swans and Roses draw for E-Bikes and the Professional Bull Riding sponsored by the Kinsmen Saturday night. * **The next meeting** is a joint meeting on Monday May 13, 11:45 am to 1 pm at the Days Inn Norsemen. Lunch $20, coffee only $3. We will be sharing information on Rotary topics such as a Gala report, Membership, summer meeting schedule and more. * **The May Joint Evening Meeting** of our clubs will be May 21 at 6 pm at the Days Inn Norsemen. LeRoy Johnson has arranged for Douglas Santos of Cargill to be our guest speaker. This will be an interesting presentation, Biodiesel 101. * **Rotary Happy Hour Fellowship Thursday May 23** 5 to 6:30 Fox and Fable 5017 50th Street. * **Lemonade Day is June 15**, they are looking for volunteers to act as judges the day of the program. * **Rotary Camrose 100th Anniversary**- The Family Fun Day is June 15 1 to 4 pm.   ,  We closed by singing the *Four-Way Test*.  **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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