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| The in-person (with Zoom available) meeting was opened by Tim Parker 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 - Arsenii of the Augustana Rotaract Club and Desmond Creary of the Kingston Jamaica Rotary Club.  Tim 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.*  Rotary Camrose Projects Update   * **Chase the Ace** – The RCC held a draw last Wednesday for Habitat for Humanity. RCC Daybreak has a draw benefiting The Lending Cupboard April 10. The Jackpot for drawing the Ace of Spades is $4,250. * **Imagine Rotary/Strategic Doing** – Imagine everyone in Camrose wants to join a Rotary Club. The Strategic Doing tries to keep goals small and realistic as they move to a larger goal. This group is working on the “Elevator Speech explaining Rotary”, and “Did you know” brief bits about Rotary in Camrose. * **100th Anniversary Celebrations** – Rotary Gala April 27 at Days Inn Norsemen – the committee has been instructed to make this more of a Celebration than a fund raiser. They have a youth theme and hope to raise some money for Youth Projects. The guest speaker will be the District Governor who will speak on some of the long-term members of Rotary in Camrose, the Rotary Projects in Camrose as well as Rotary Camrose supported Provincial and International Projects. Tickets are available from Lou. Advertising will include a banner on main street. They are gathering items for the Gala Auction, which will be partially online. If you have something to donate the deadline is this Friday April 5. They also need volunteers. Family Fun Day June 15, 1 – 4 pm – they plan this to be in the park around the Pavilion. It will include entertainment: Ukrainian Dancers, Tae Kwon Do demonstration, Skipping club as well as a Bouncy Castle and Games. Posters will go up after the Gala. There will be regular inserts in the Camrose Morning News. So far ads are only in the Booster App, they hope to see articles about Rotary in the paper (Did you know and Rotary History in Camrose). * **Days for Girls** – Rob reminded us that this started when Anna Harder and Destiny went to the Convention in Australia. It has continued to grow with many people in Camrose and adjacent communities now sewing kit components. Sarah, the local coordinator does a great job. There are monthly sewing and packing events in the Rotary Youth Centre. Kits have gone to many countries, one of the last shipments was to Liberia. Some countries have developed their own production systems and no longer need kits from us. Liz, Rob’s wife is heavily involved and keeps Rob informed of the program. Some of the ladies went on a self-funded trip to deliver kits to urban and rural Peru.They planned to go to India, but difficulties in obtaining Visas led it to be cancelled. They are now looking at going to Honduras. New groups have formed, Carol Pedersen formed a group where she now lives in Ontario, the Mennonite Women and Tofield Community have groups. The Booster had an article recently. * **Rotary Youth Exchange** – Dan Cole oversees this program. Olivia, now in Grade 10 is the outbound student. She is going to Mexico, has now learned more than one thousand Spanish words. She has as her goal to learn the Spanish language and Spanish cooking. Inbound is Jan from Germany. He is 14 and is in Grade 10. Jan’s mother is the Rotarian in charge of the exchange program in her village close to the German city of Karlsruhe. Jan speaks German and Spanish and is interested in many sports. The Committee are looking for host families. * **Rotaract** – Arsenii spoke to us. Arsenii is a 4th year business student at Augustana and the president of the Augustana Club; they have 5 members. The treasurer of the club he thinks will take over the president’s position next year. They are considering projects including approaching people in Camrose for problems that they can work on. They may be able to arrange hybrid club meetings so people from out of town can attend. * **Rotary Air Cadet Squadron 644** – RCC has supported the Air Cadets from the beginning in 1954. The Rotary Cares raffle is the primary project that supports the program. The cadets are no longer able to work directly on fundraisers due to insurance regulations. The parents have a group that does help with fundraisers like the Flag Program. * **The Flag Program** – John spoke about the program. It started with help from a club in Edmonton with a similar program. We ordered supplies with them and assembled the first flags with them in Edmonton. We aimed to have 200 subscriptions and almost achieved it pre Covid. The program places flags in the subscribers front yard on the long weekends in May, July, and September. It is Daybreak’s major fundraiser. The Air Cadet parents support it by placing and collecting flags and Daybreak contributes $3,000 to the cadet program each year. John is looking to pass the program leadership on to someone new.   Happy Bucks  Happy Bucks were contributed for: the upcoming Camrose Choirs Concert, Saturday April 13 at 7:30, passing his Driver’s Medical, their weekend in Victoria and Vancouver—though her husband was stranded in Vancouver, now in Calgary due to cancelled Westjet flights, the weekend family gathering at the farm complete with Easter egg hunts for children and adults (only one adult Easter Egg was not found-he makes maps after finding eggs all summer last year.)  Foundation Moment  District Grants help at home. Examples were given. A club in the USA used a $3,000 grant to purchase food and personal care items for a local food pantry that saw a 50% increase in need. A club in India is using a grant to provide hygiene kits and training to girls who might otherwise miss school when they are menstruating. They aim to help 40,000 girls. Every club has the opportunity to create positive change in their community with grants from the Rotary Foundation, one project at a time.  Announcements and Updates   * **The next meeting** is a joint meeting on Monday April 8 noon at the Days Inn Norsemen. Lunch $20, coffee only $3. * **The April Joint Evening Meeting** of our clubs will be April 16 (yes this is a Tuesday) at 6 pm at the Days Inn Norsemen. Tammy Richard and/or Kendra Ferguson will speak about AHS Simple Connections, Stronger Neighbourhoods—building connections between neighbours to reduce isolation and improve mental health. * **Rotary Happy Hour Fellowship Thursday April 25** 5 to 6:30 Fox & 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**- There is a website where you may buy tickets for the Gala to be held Saturday April 27 at the Days Inn Norsemen. The Family Fun Day is June 15, 1 to 4 pm. See the report above.   We closed by singing the *Four-Way Test*.  **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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