Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak

EyeOpener July 28, 2020 DG Virtual Visit

Odell opened the meeting with a video of *O Canada*, 10 members and guests DG Jim and Area Governor Lou in attendance to the online meeting

Harry offered **Food for Thought** expanding on RI President Holger Knaack’s renewed call for social justice. With the pandemic, social justice has spurred a rethink of many aspects of life. 2020 will be seen as a critical year in the shaping of the future. Studies show the richest getting richer and yet many are suffering, The CERB has given a sense of the impact of a guaranteed basic income. Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) is gaining traction with its focus on assistance for the poor rather than debt repayment. We may have a front row seat to great change.

Larry will offer **Food for Thought** at our next meeting in two weeks on August 11th.

**Rotary Clubs of Camrose Impact**

Morris offered a virtual tour of Rotary Clubs of Camrose sites in Camrose including projects current Daybreak members participated in as members of the noon club and joint club projects. In addition, pictures were shown highlighting current club programs, events and community service.

*Hopefully, over the next few weeks the pictures will be made available on our website. I am still accepting pictures of past and current projects to fill out our story.*

**District Governor Jim Ferguson**

Lou introduced DG Jim, a charter member of the EClub of Canada One. A former pharmacist, he and his wife have retired to Skeleton Lake, in the Boyle area. More information about Jim is available on the District 5370 website.

Jim offered a video presentation that included 4 themes RI President Holger Knaack encouraged Rotary members to embrace in addition to the annual theme of *Rotary Opens Opportunities*. They are:

* Expand the reach of Rotary in the community and in the world
* Hold at least one strategic planning meeting this year – look 1, 3, 5 years ahead. Look for ways to leverage club strengths
* Select prospective members for best fit with culture, commitment to Rotary. It is not about numbers
* Continue effort to eradicate polio

The District has held a strategic planning meeting, establishing 4 goals:

* Increase the impact of club and member projects and activities
* Expand the reach of Rotary in the community and the world
* Enhance engagement of members
* Increase the ability to adapt

Jim thanked the club and our members for the sharing we did and the obvious impact we have in the community.

**Announcements**

* Vision 2020, the virtual District Conference is September 12. Details at the event website <https://www.rotaryvirtual5370.com/>
* No meeting Tuesday, August 4th – BUT Social distancing social at Harry’s, 4210 63 Street, at regular meeting time 7:00 am, weather permitting
* Next regular meeting, Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 am. Odell will send Zoom invite
* Next Board meeting, Tuesday, August 11 at 8:00 am. Odell will send Zoom invite

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