Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak

EyeOpener September 8, 2020 We Are Rotary

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Odell opened the meeting of 13 members with a video of *O Canada*

Odell offered some comparisons of the Spanish Flu with COVID-19 for **Food for Thought**. The Spanish Flu started in March/April 2018 and spread during the summer and was stronger in the fall. As the World War ended there was concern about troop trains and ships returning soldiers home. Mutations of the virus during this time made it even more dangerous. Up to 500 million were infected with almost 100 million deaths. COVID-19 has infected 27 million to date with 1 million deaths.

The Spanish Flu was most deadly to young people, 19 to 30. COVID-19 is most deadly to older people, 70+. The US denied the threat and used the war to censor news. Today we have a wealth of information, tainted by much misinformation. Many baseless cures were promoted during the Spanish Flu, not unlike today. Travel bans were instituted in both events.

A positive result of the Spanish Flu – many governments initiated health departments that exist today.

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

**Announcements**

* Carol is hosting a Days for Girls kit assembly at the Rotary Youth Centre Saturday, September 12, 9 am to finish. Health and safety measures limit participants to 12. Let Carol know if you can help – 780.672.4885
* Lisa is hosting an in-person Vision 2020 Virtual District Conference viewing at Business IQ on Saturday, September 12, from 9 to 4 with a debrief to follow. Let me know if you want to attend all or part of the day. Roy has offered Survivor wine for the debrief.

**Happy Bucks**

* Enjoyable 3-week visit, great friend from youth
* Daughter and family visited
* Harvested some wheat, got some combine time
* Glad it was just a cold – test Tuesday, results 48 hours, actually notified negative on Sunday, over 10,000 tests a day
* Still able to lake swim, cool toes and face though
* 18 apple pies made on family pie making day
* Garden produce is glorious

**Who’s Working on Things**

* **Programs** – Odell/John/Destiny – check with Richard from Fox & Fable, he’s a former diplomat (currently hosting Beer 101 Beer Club nights last Saturday of the month at the store)
* **Bingo** – John/Lisa/Tricia/Carol – Have licence valid for 2 years of TV Bingo. Eastlink studio is closed. Is it time to pursue streamed bingo? Set up cable equipment elsewhere $5,000 or so. Is cable delivery prudent in shrinking market?
* **Disc Golf** – Larry/Destiny - Interest from noon club – clubs each buy a basket, host community events. Lori Larson at the Booster asking to write article to draw sponsors and support – hold off until better prepared in spring. Check out courses in Edmonton, Leduc, Wetaskiwin, Wayne, etc.
* **Zoom for Meetings** – Odell/Carol/Destiny – equipment is in short supply, increased in price. Not urgent until in-person meetings. Need backup for Odell in interim.
* **Membership** – Cliff – let him know you will help – will pursue outreach to members beyond Camrose that could join Zoom meetings.
* Please pass your suggestions, ideas and willingness to assist to these members that have stepped forward to lead our club into the future.

**Reminder**

* Next meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:00 Zoom meeting. Odell will send invitations.

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