Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak

EyeOpener October 5, 2020 We Are Rotary

October is Economic and Community Development Month

Odell played a bilingual version of *O Canada* to open the meeting with 15 members present

Dean celebrates his first Rotary anniversary this month, Greg has a birthday and celebrates 10 years of Rotary membership this month.

Rob offered **Food for Thought** through the story of a friend that after 35 years as an engineer in the oil and gas industry is unemployed in his late 50s. He saw 100,000 oilfield jobs disappear in 2016, Alberta’s unemployment rate grow to current highs and the exodus of companies and head offices to cheaper jurisdictions. He is dealing with confusion, hurt, loss in dealing with uncertainty. High tax, high regulation and attacks on the oilsands do not make sense to him.

Canada is responsible for only 1.6% of global emissions but we are targeted because of our per capita emissions (that are not far-fetched in a cold, large, sparsely populated country). Canada ranks 7th in the use of renewable energy sources, Alberta is 3rd in the use of wind power. Replacing coal-fired plants around the world with natural gas would effect great reductions in emissions globally.

Interestingly, while Canada’s number one export is crude oil, our imports are cars, *refined oil*, delivery trucks, *crude oil* and computers.

Rob’s friend is sad to see his 35 years contributing to the economy, community, the arts, sports, etc. are not valued as part of Alberta’s contribution to the Canadian federation.

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

**Happy Bucks**

* Off to Saskatchewan for a road trip to museums, historic sights this week
* Finally got to weave my tea towel at course in Edmonton
* Need winter’s cold soon – no large freezers in Camrose to replace broken one
* Combining done – best finish in 4 years, can enjoy October
* Raked leaves just before breeze deposited a new batch for me
* Morning Glory is still blooming
* Hockey grandma for 2 granddaughters
* Happy the long fall let harvest get done
* Booked winter snow shovelling to save my knees

**Announcements**

* Fun Photo Scavenger Hunt October 16 to 18. Enter a team $30 or sponsor a site $50. Details at <CamroseRotary.ca>
* Rotary Cares tickets are available, $100, 300 available, 10 draws for $1,000. Let [me](mailto:rotary.morris@telus.net?subject=Rotary%20Cares%20Tickets) know if you want a ticket or can sell a few.
* The Edmonton Community Foundation offered the Wills Week sessions they spoke about at the 2020 Virtual District Conference. Recordings are available at [ecfoundation.org/initiatives/wills-week/](http://www.ecfoundation.org/initiatives/wills-week/)
* Morris attended a Camrose Service Groups meeting with representatives from the noon club, Elks, Kinsmen, Kinettes, and Lions. The aim is to share what we are doing, events to attend or volunteer at, who we are serving, etc. A common calendar will be created.

**What We Are Working On**

* Storage Space
  + Recognizing that the Certified Training building may be sold and our storage space may become unavailable John and Morris looked at spaces available in the Post Office basement. Sufficient space for flags, books and files is available for $50 to $55 per month. Flag distribution and retrieval would not be ideal as there are stairs to the basement and limited parking at the entrance. This option is Plan B at best.
  + We need to actively pursue donating the soccer uniforms and hospital linens.
  + Cliff will check for availability at NEWO. Suzanne and Jenny’s has a large basement and conveyor.
* Flags
  + John has obtained pricing for new poles - $10 or so landed in Camrose (same supplier and pricing as 3 years ago). He has contacted clubs doing the flag program to see if they want to participate in the bulk purchase. Peace River expressed interest. Morris attended the Wainwright Club meeting Wednesday morning. There is still interest for the program. We will get pricing for all components and provide an update to them.
  + A shop local Christmas campaign was suggested to add subscriptions. Social media could market to relatives of Camrose families living outside Camrose to give that perfect gift to the hard-to-buy-for person.
* Bingo
  + The COVID closure of the local Eastlink studio has no definitive end date. Getting a new broadcasting space requires assessment by Eastlink for connectivity and the purchase of a variety of equipment ($5,000??). Eastlink has offered the use of a camera for this option. It would be a shame to move if the studio reopens within months of the move.
  + John had a phone conversation with Tim in Grande Prairie and Brian in Halifax about Cable TV Bingo. Eastlink in Nova Scotia broadcast about 10 different community bingos. Brian was to supply a list of equipment we would need to do cable TV bingo offsite here.
  + Streaming bingo online means submitting a new/amended licence application to AGLC. A Kinsmen member offered his audio-visual skills to develop broadcasting if we go that route.

**Reminders**

* Next Club Meeting – Tuesday October 13, 7:00 am – Cliff will talk about Family Business and Community. Odell has sent Zoom invitations.
* Next Board Meeting – Tuesday October 13, 8:00 am. Odell has sent Zoom invitations.

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