Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak

EyeOpener October 20 End Polio Now

October is Economic and Community Development Month

Odell played a video of *O Canada* with 14 members present to open the meeting

Alan offered **Food for Thought** on an aspect of the COVOD-19 response that impacts him – restrictions on live music. In March musical performances were halted – concert income and fundraising dried up, performers were unable to work and staying at home was the norm. For many people a significant loss was the emotional and social support from participating in choirs, bands, orchestras and other musical pursuits. The family dynamic of these activities is a key component of the activity. Over time, compilations of orchestra members playing on their own gave us a video version of a concert – but they are nowhere near as fulfilling as the real thing. Alan now subscribes to a *Live from London* series that has full orchestra performances. Visibly more emotion gets these closer to real but there is still no sense of community in watching videos. Live performances with some restrictions are starting. It will be good to go to them.

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

**Happy Bucks**

* Performances starting at the Bailey
* *Days for Girls* panty and washcloth run, ready for dye
* Load of firewood arrived today
* *Dallas Cowboys* played so poorly they got deserved boos
* Furnace went out Friday, house cool by Sunday, called repairman, he came, all fixed within about an hour
* Sad buck – wife in Red Deer with son in hospital
* Swimming pool is open – lane swim, family swim, aquasize and more
* Grandkids stay is over, good to have them here, good to have them leave
* Pumpkins in shed to ripen froze

**Announcements**

* Rotary Cares tickets are available. Proceeds support Air, Army Cadets and other youth initiatives
* Fun Photo Scavenger Hunt was successful – participants had fun, sponsors were generous, team put on a good event. Try your hand at the clues attached.
* Contact past DG Ingrid, ilnrotary@gmail.com, to learn more about supporting law student Anna Marie Robertson’s Global Scholarship Grant
* Items in this week’s *Connections* newsletter:
	+ Fall Club Learning schedule announced:
		- November 5 - Member Engagement – Together is Better
		- November 12 – Virtual Fundraising – What Clubs Need to Know
		- December 3 – Rotary Foundation – The Heart of Rotary
		- December 10 – Rotary Service – Sharing Successes During COVID-19
	+ Wainwright Beer for a Year Raffle ($5 tickets) draw November 22 – Cal 1.780.204.0313
	+ RaffleBox 50/50s for Fort Saskatchewan, Nisku-Leduc, Whitecourt, Edmonton Strathcona – potential $10,000 wins
	+ District Youth Services co-chair Elizabeth Bonkirk joins current co-chair Myles Dykes (Rotaract)

**Presentation** – Synopsis of Linda Robertson’s *End Polio Now* Presentation to the Noon Club

Linda Robertson is the Zone 28 West *End Polio Now* Coordinator which includes the 7 Districts west of the Ontario border. She is also an EPNC Team Leader for Zones 26, 27 and 28. There are 10 Team Leaders world wide  and they have the opportunity of meeting  with Rotary International's *End Polio Now* leaders on a regular basis to keep up to date on new developments. Her job is to help keep other EPNC's on her Team up to date and to encourage continued fundraising for polio eradication.

Here are key points of her presentation:

* Thanks to Camrose Clubs for their support of PolioPlus
* District 5370 made significant contributions to the Polio eradication cause last year. ($195k USD, matched 2:1 by Gates Foundation)
* Linda talked about her personal experience of being a child in the mid-50’s and seeing her parents very afraid of their children contracting polio—not allowed to do things they always had done, like swimming in the local pond
* Canada began vaccinating against Polio in 1955 but it took until 1994 to be declared polio free
* Rotary began the End Polio campaign in 1985 when there were 350,000 cases worldwide
* Over $2billion has been raised and contributed to the cause to date
* Canada was the first country to put $$ to fund polio eradication
* Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match Rotary donations 2:1 plus make significant other funding available to end polio
* The End Polio Now campaign spends on average $1 Billion USD annually to vaccinate 400-450 million children
* Current stats to Oct 14:
	+ Only 2 countries still have the wild polio virus: Pakistan and Afghanistan
	+ Africa declared polio free in 2020
	+ Week of Oct 14, 2020 (2019)
		- Pakistan 77 (72)
		- Afghanistan 52 (16)

Impact of COVID-19

* Vaccinations stopped for 4 months, resumed but require additional sanitation measures
* During the shut down, the immunization teams switched to COVID prevention by training health care workers about sanitation and helped with tracing efforts. They continue to teach hand hygiene, distancing and other safety protocols.
* Some similarities between Polio and COVID
	+ Both are a similar type of virus
	+ No cure, only vaccination to prevent the spread
* COVID focus has brought Polio back to the forefront and reinforces the need for vaccinations

World Polio Day October 24. Link to the Polio Day update presentation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rp5Cg1I4OeE&feature=youtu.be>

**Tim Schilds Call for Support**

District Foundation Chair Tim Schilds has started a fundraising campaign for Polio donations. A link to *Timmy’s Double Bubble* will be shared. Tim will match donations up to $2,000. These funds will also be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Donations are tax-deductible and linked to your personal Rotary contribution and your Club’s contribution. Must donate in USD but receipt from TRF Canada in CAD.

**Reminder**

Next meeting Tuesday October 27 7:00 am. Odell sent Zoom invitations

**4 Way Test**

Alan led members in singing the 4 Way Test to close the meeting