Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak
EyeOpener November 26, 2019 – The Rotary Foundation

November is The Rotary Foundation Month
December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Alan led 9 members in *O Canada* and the *Rotary Grace* to open the meeting at 7:25 following the Annual General Meeting of the club.

Rob provided **Food for Thought** arising from dealing with an elderly parent with ongoing medical challenges. Trying to provide care to a strong-willed person not wanting to ask for help or share aches, pains and struggles leads to feelings of frustration, anxiety and helplessness. But through the struggles comes the realization of the strong foundation he has been built on.

**Announcements**

* Carol - *Days for Girls* kit assembly this Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am. Only 300 kits to assemble so get to the Rotary Youth Centre on time. Last chance to get quilt raffle tickets from Carol, draw is at the kit assembly. Raised about $1,500 so far.
* Destiny – Sign up for *Traditions* at the Johnson’s, 6:30 Sunday, December 29. Bring a dish to share based on your tradition. Feyannie (not sure of spelling), former exchange student now living in BC, will be celebrating her birthday there.
* John – need a few volunteers for the *Salvation Army kettle* at Walmart on Saturdays in December. Shifts are noon to 3 and 3 to 6. Just need a smile. Contact John to assist.
* Noon club is collecting mitts, gloves and socks. Bring donations to the joint evening meeting, 6:00 pm on December 9 at the casino hotel.
* John – After suspending last week’s *TV Bingo* due to technical problems, this week had its share of issues. Shortly after play started the broadcast screen went blank. Play was quickly halted while the issue was resolved. In the five-minute recovery the phones were non-stop busy. Players complained balls were called during the outage, we aren’t following AGLC procedures, etc. All false accusations. The game continued once the issue was resolved. This event increased our unease with Eastlink’s desire to have us provide the production support. The in-house equipment that failed has yet to be repaired.
Consider volunteering to be a bingo caller (we’re desperate) or verifier. Training is provided. We can adapt to your schedule. Check for open Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:15 in the evening. John is scheduling for the new year so let him know you can help.
* Robyn – the Public Library Fellowship is hosting a gift card survivor raffle. $20 entry provides $10 to the raffle prize and a $10 donation to the library fellowship. Email fellowshipcpl@gmail.com for details or to enter. See the attached poster,
* December 15 is the deadline for the early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu June 6 to 10, 2020. US$650 regular to US$450, that’s $589.50 at November’s 1.31 exchange rate. Rotarians **under 30** can register for US$120 rather than US$220. That’s $157.20 this month.

Odell drew the Ace of spades in the **50/50** draw and will offer **Food for Thought** next week. He donated his winnings to *Days for Girls*.

**Happy Bucks**

* Newly open resort in Mexico twin beds, accessible shower, jacuzzi room upgrade but prison toilet finally resolved and fun ensued
* End 2 months of shorter days
* Gwynne Dyer to present at the Bailey tomorrow
* CRE hosted *Garlands and Gatherings*. *Festival of Trees* was Christmas with vendors, now it’s vendors with Christmas. Split decision on *Camrose Rant and Rave* but it definitely isn’t the same.
* Grateful Grannies provides a great resource for new widows, in a social setting
* Made it through the week

**Presentation** – The Rotary Foundation, Rob

‘It’s time to donate to the Rotary Foundation’ – that’s the message Rotary International is sharing this month (and throughout the year) so that the untold number of projects that Rotarians are undertaking can effect change in the world, our community and ourselves.

Tim Schilds, the District Foundation chair, gave a very effective presentation at the joint meeting last week. He used local examples to walk through many aspects of the Foundation’s support for club projects. Unfortunately, the Zoom meeting was not recorded due to technical issues. (I am seeing if Tim has the PowerPoint available).

District funds can support local projects by matching club financial contributions. Local projects are generally short term, lower cost, smaller projects involving hands-on service. Examples are the scholarships we awarded last week, and the gazebo shelter the noon club is pursuing for the Stoney Creek Centre area.

Global grants provide fund matching for larger international projects. The budget must be a minimum of US$30,000. A rigorous application, monitoring and reporting process is used to maintain the Foundation’s reputation and charity ranking. Global grants require at least one local club and one club at the project site to co-operate in a community assessment, project plan and execution to ensure the project is needed, wanted and sustainable. An example of fund matching from the district, Foundation and other sources is the noon club project to provide infant incubators and other equipment to a hospital in Jamaica. The club made $10,000 contributions in each of two years. This $20,000 Canadian grew to just under US$150,000 through matching and a few donations.

A project is considered for fund matching if it addresses one or more of the 6 Areas of Focus:

* Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
* Disease prevention and treatment
* Water and sanitation
* Maternal and child health
* Basic education and literacy
* Economic and community development

Donating to the Rotary Foundation is easy. You can go to <rotary.org/donate> or contact Rob to send your cheque or donation by credit card to the Rotary Foundation Canada. You can also set up automatic withdrawal from your account or charge to your credit card on a monthly, quarterly, annual or other schedule.

You can direct your donation to:

* The Annual Fund – Share where funds are used to support district and international projects
* PolioPlus where funds are directed to the campaign to eradicate polio and vaccinate children against other diseases
* A specific Global Grant such as the scholarship we supported for Kassia Fardoe to study at the London School of Economics
* The Endowment Fund uses earnings to fund Peace Scholars, district and global grants in perpetuity

The Foundation suggests various giving levels to encourage members to consider the Foundation in their giving:

* Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) – each club member donates at least US$25
* Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member – you donate $100 or more to the Annual Fund
* Paul Harris Fellow - you donate US$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant
* Paul Harris Society – you elect to donate US$1,000 annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.
* Major Donor – your cumulative donations reach US$10,000
* Arch Klumph Society – your cumulative donations reach US$250,000.

The Rotary Foundation recognizes giving on an individual basis – Paul Harris and other lapel pins - and on a club level – banners and club banner patches. Check [here](rotary.org/donate/recognition) for details.

Rob has started research to see how the club can take advantage of fund matching available from the Foundation and other sources. Working with another club that is already working on a project is a good first step for us. The noon club has members that have experience in Global Grants that provide advice. We all can start by taking a look at projects underway in our district [here](http://services.rotary5370.org/ServiceProjects.aspx).

**Reminders**

* *Days for Girls* kit assembly Saturday 9:00 am at the Rotary Youth Centre
* Weekly meeting next Tuesday 7:00 am at Certified Training – Odell **Food for Thought**
* John looking for Kettle volunteers. Saturday afternoons in December
* Noon club gathering mitts, gloves, socks at joint meeting December 9th
* Our *TV Bingo* team needs more volunteers, especially callers

Alan led us in the *Four Way Test* at 8:02 to close the meeting

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