The BUZZ for April 4 meeting

1.  Taste of Bolivia on March 31 went well.  Attendance was great, presentation was great and of course the food was great.  Thank you to all who helped prepare and work this day to make this a successful event.

2.  We are still short a few people to work casino in Fort Mac June 16-17.  Please contact Jocelyn Hryniw to put your name down

3.  April 25 we will be having an evening meeting starting at 6:30 instead of our regular lunch meeting.  Jody, Jocelyn H., Dee and possibly Fred will be hosting this meeting with a meal featuring Cambodia and a presentation on their Cambodian experience.

4.  Edmonton Firefigher, Kevin Royle, spoke to us about his experience with the first responders in Ukraine last month.  These firefighters have the training, but not the equipment to do their jobs.  Our fire department donated gear for this cause and they have two members who are interested in going to Ukraine in June to help distribute the items.  Rhonda Manz made a motion that our club donate $2000 to this cause.  The motion was seconded by Jody Nicholson.  All were in favour.  Motion was carried.

5.  There is a hot topic going on in our District.  It had been decided by a few people that our Youth Exchange Program be adjusted.  It was found out that not all of the clubs in our district are compliant with security checks involving our youth.  Because of this, a lot of people involved with the Youth Program were let go.  This included Rhonda who was a huge part in getting this program going.  Because of the way this was handled, many clubs in our district are sending letters to the appropriate people saying how they feel.  Marielle suggested that the executive write a letter on behalf of our club stating our displeasure with this.  Executive will be meeting April 13 at 5:00 at the VALID boardroom to do this.

Next meeting we have Andre Bolduc coming to talk to us about the Alberta Camp for the Blind and Hugh has a guest coming to talk to us about St. Mary's Archery Team

REMINDERS

June 10-14 International Conference in Atlanta, Goergia

June 16-17 - Fort Mac Casino

June 22 - Lobsterfest

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The BUZZ for April 11 meeting

1.  We had a two guest speakers today

     - Andre Bolduc spoke to us about Alberta Camp for the Blind.  A member of VALID, Jody (sorry I don't have her last name), attended the camp last year and had a great time. There is someone else confirmed from Vegreville to attend the camp this year.  Jocelyn Svensen made a motion to donate $630 for one person for one week to attend the camp.  Garth Svensen second the motion.  All were in favour.  Motion was carried.

     - Hugh (who couldn't make the meeting) had guest speaker Isaac from St. Mary's and his mother Carol as support talk to us about the St. Mary's Archery Club.  There are 6 students currently in this club and they are needing start up equipment.  Ben Sawatzky made a motion that we donate $600 to the St. Mary's Archery Club with an extra $600 if the club was to have 6-8 volunteers come and help at Lobsterfest. Jocelyn Svensen second the motion.  All were in favour.  Motion was carried

2.  Jocelyn and Garth said that the District Conference in Westlock was fantastic.  If you haven't gone to district conference yet, you should.  It is a great learning and networking weekend.

3.  Paula gave us her update.  Last week she went on a school field trip to Sherwood Park for kickboxing.  She really enjoyed that.  She also attended District Conference and said that the Cowboy Dinner on the last nigh was great

CONGRATULATIONS to Travis and Nancy on their 8lb 10oz baby boy Finn Warren

REMINDERS

- No noon meeting April 25 - Instead we will be having a supper meeting at 5:30

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The BUZZ for April 18 meeting

1.  There will not be a noon meeting April 25.  We will be having a supper meeting at 5:30 at VALID boardroom.  Jocelyn H., Jody, Dee and Fred will be hosting this meeting.  They will be presenting their Cambodia trip to us, as well as feeding us supper featuring Cambodian food.  The cost will remain at $15 for this

2.  Lobsterfest update.  All is looking good.  All you have to do is sell your tickets.  This is an "all members on deck" event.  It will take all of this to make it a success.  We also need all of you to bring one pan of squares during the prep on June 22.

3.  We are looking for a project for the District Matching Grant.  The total of the project is not to exceed $7000 as the matching grant is at a max of $3500.  Some suggestions are: continue with our support to YMAC, Bicycles for Cambodia at $50 each, St. Mary's breakfast club, CALS, Kinetts play pool area, The Rock, donation to our extended health facilities - St. Michael's Manor - St. Ann's Manor, etc - for their "field trips", crafts and such.

Let me know if you have any ideas for a project.  I need to submit our application mid May, so the sooner the better.

The District Matching Grant for scholarships is $600 this year with a total of $1200

4.  Canada 150 will be a passport event at Lobsterfest.  We will be provided with as stamp for anyone wanting their passport stamped.

5.  Dave Taylor from the Camrose club approached Jocelyn S. if we would be interested in hosting people form Bolivia on their Friendship Exchange.  The possible date would be August 11-13.  Jocelyn is trying to get more information from Dave as to the number of people we would be looking at putting up.

6.  We have been approached by vEGGfest if we would be interested in doing the 50/50 one evening of the event again.  7 people are needed for this.  Last nigh our club received $1787.50 for doing this on the Friday night.  It is felt by the members at our last meeting that this would be something to do again if we have enough volunteers.  Let me know if you are interested in helping out.  Will need to know soon.

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The BUZZ from April 25 meeting

Our meeting was a supper meeting hosted by Jody, Jocelyn H., Dee and Fred.  They fed us a wonderful Cambodian supper and gave us an insight as to what they did and saw in Cambodia.  They did a water well, some latrines, helped side a house for a family and made many cherishable memories.  On behalf of our club they presented a donation for some bikes for families.  Bikes are worth more than gold in Cambodia.  This gives them better access to clean drinking water.  To receive a bike, the family must sign a contract that they will look after it, the children will attend school, etc.  The goal of our members who went on this trip is to provide another bunch of bikes as they are in such a great demand.  The cost is about $44 USD/$50 CAD.  Many of the members who attended last night made personal donations for these bikes.  If you are wanting to donate towards a bike (or two or three), please make your cheque payable to District 5370 and Jocelyn H. would be happy to collect this from you.  Or you can bring your donation to our next meeting.

At our next meeting we have some members of our Vegreville Fire Department coming to present to us about their experience with the Fort McMurray fire.

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