The BUZZ from March 7 meeting

Today we had a business meeting with a lot of decisions made

1.  The Vegreville United Church is working on sponsoring a Refugee family.  We are asked if we could make a financial contribution or a donation in kind for this undertaking.  I didn't have enough updated information for an informed decision.  Jocelyn Hryniw has some insight into this and hopefully she can talk to us about this when she gets back from her trip.  I will follow up with Jocelyn and we will go from there.  Peter Arnold made a motion to donate $500 to the Refugee Sponsorship.  This was second by Rick Rutter.  All were I favour.  Motion was carried

2.  Firefighter Kevin Royle from the Edmonton detachment has put in a request for a donation to help supply the firefighters in Ukraine with proper equipment.  Kevin will be coming to talk to us March 21.  We will wait to see where he is at with things before we make a decision on a donation.  I will be inviting Chief Phil Rowe from our fire department to join us as they may have gear that they can donate.

3.  Donnelly Hart from the Jasper Rotary Club is asking if we would partner in adopting a school in Guatemala.  Jody Nicolson gave us a brief talk on her experience in Cambodia.  She said there is a lot we can do to help there.  We are also involved with Belize.  After Jody, Jocelyn and Dee give their presentation on Cambodia, we can look at Guatemala again.

4.  International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is suggesting that our club sponsor a Rotary Venture Youth Group.  It was decided that we have already over stretched our youth with the Interact Club and Youth Making A Change and we would be able to sustain another youth club.

5.  The Vegreville News Advertiser is putting out the In And Around Vegreville books again and asked if we would be renewing our ad.  It was decided that as the Rotary Club we wouldn't, but this may be something the Rotary Peace Park would like to do.  The information was handed over to the Rotary Peace Park Chair Rick Rutter.

6.  Ray Hook is stepping down as Assistant District Governor and is looking for a replacement.  If anyone is looking for an adventure, this would be it.  You get to go to all of the clubs within our district (and other events) with our District Governor.  Let me know if you are interested in this and I can get more information to you.

7.  I received and email from Bernice Bilyk regarding their Spring Fling Dance to be held April 22.  They are looking for 2-3 people to help at this event.  It runs from 6 pm to about 2 am and you are fed a great Ukrainian meal.  They are offering 300 depending on how many people attend.  Let me know if you are interested in helping out.  I will be getting more information from Bernice soon.

8.  District Conference is April 6-8 in Westlock and we discussed putting in a booth in the House of Friendship.  Only Jocelyn and Garth Svensen are attending so there wouldn't be any man power for this.  Maybe we will have more for getting something together for the next conference.

9.  Spring Learning & Development is this weekend March 10-11.  Jocelyn Svensen will be attending for the President Elect training.

10.  International Golf Fellowship of Rotary is August 2017 in Victoria, BC.  Let me know if you are interested in attending this event and I will get the information to you.

11.  On February 24 Community Futures put on Lemonade Stand in Ryley for a youth learning opportunity.  There was a short timeline to get our donation in, so the executive decided to donate $100 for prizes.  This was a pilot project and went extremely well.  It will be held every two years and is geared toward grade 10 and 11 students.

12.  Sherwood Park Rotary Club would like to do another Stop Hunger Now event in May or in the summer.  Our club has donated to this through the Camrose club in the amount of $3000.00.  At the meeting it was felt that we have done our part for this already and can put the money towards something else.

13.  Our District is looking for a COPER - Committee on Possible Enactments and Resolutions.  If anyone is into legislation and corporate documents, let me know and I can get the information to you on this position.

14.  Marielle Brodziak talked us a bit about Rob Nash.  He goes to schools talking about depression, suicide, feeling worthless, etc.  I have attached a copy of his pamphlet to this email and his websites are

<https://www.robbnash.com/>

<https://www.robbnash.com/who-we-are>

<https://humanus.ca/robb-nash-project.php>

<https://chimp.net/charities/the-robb-nash-project-inc>

He will be at VCHS on April 19 and the high school students for VCHS and St. Mary's will be attending.  Rob does not charge for this.  It is all by donation.  We will discuss a possible donation further once everyone has had a chance to look over the information.

15.  Volunteer Pancake Breakfast is Saturday April 30 9:00 - 11:30 at the Vegreville Sunshine Club.  We have been asked if we could donate something to this event.  Peter Arnold will contact them and ask what they need and we will take it from there.

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Next meeting we have Ray Lopushinsky joining us to talk about the Youth Ranch

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The Buzz from March 14 meeting

We had a few member updates and a guest speaker today

1.  There was a question as to who was to available to pick up Paula from spring orientation this Sunday.  Dee said that she and Renee will contact Lois and get this figured out between the three of them.

2.  Blake let us know that the Rotary Peace Park has started to advertise for summer help.  If you know of anyone interested that will be going to post secondary school, have them contact Blake

3.  Jody reminded us that Taste of Bolivia is March 31.  There are a total of 30 tickets of which about half are already sold.  If you are wanting to attend contact Jocelyn Hryniw for tickets.  Jody said that she pretty much has the menu down and will be talking to Paula about it.  She will also need some kitchen help for that day

4.  Jocelyn Hryniw told us a bit about her visit with I-Tim.  I-Tim was our last exchange student from Thailand.  Jocelyn spent time with I-Tim and her parents.  The things that I-Tim misses about Canada are: the cold, Brisk iced tea, poutine and potatoe pancakes.  She will be going to school for March, with April off to apply to post secondary, continue school May - October and graduation March 2018.  Her first choice for post secondary is Harvard.  The others are closer to home.

5.  Our guest speaker, Raymond Lopushinski, was presented to us by Diane Lopushinski.  He spoke to us about his role with Resorative Justice.  When someone commits a crime the RCMP decide if they should be tried at Restorative Justice or by the Crown.  This group helps lessen the load on our justice system.  I have attached the information pamphlet that Raymond provided us.

6.  The report cards of our Belize students were passed around.  They are doing better than their last reporting period. I have attached the report cards.

If you are wanting to join us via skype, please contact Blake a day or two before the meeting

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The BUZZ from March 21 meeting

1.  Congratulations to Jocelyn Hryniw.  She received her Paul Harris plus 8 today.

2.  Paula gave us an update on her week.  She attended Spring Orientation and said it was a lot of fun.  She especially enjoyed the dance with the DJ

3.  Jody brought up Taste of Bolivia that will be held March 31.  At the meeting we still had some tickets available.  Jocelyn put out a fan out to our members and we are now sold out.  Let Jody know if you are able to help in the kitchen - cooking and/or cleaning

4.  We had a guest speaker today.  Kevin Royle and his assistant Stuart spoke to us about the need for equipment and funding for the first responders in Ukraine.  Chief Phil Rowe and Deputy Chief Chris Jardine joined us as well.  After Kevin and Suart's presentation, Phil and Chris were able to fill up the rest of the sea can that is going to Ukraine early April with bunker gear, hoses, etc.  Phil said that this would be a good time to have the fire department and Rotary meet at the fire hall to do a photo with the donation.  This was agreed by our membership as we will more than likely donate to this cause.  The photo was done yesterday and it is amazing how much our fire department is able to donate.  If anyone would like to make a personal donation, or just see what this is all about, visit [www.firefighteraidukraine.com](http://www.firefighteraidukraine.com/).  At one of our meeting in April, we will be deciding on donations to various organizations and this will be one of them.

At our next meeting, Marielle will be presenting about Rob Nash.  He will be coming to Vegreville in April and Marielle will be letting us know what this is all about.

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For March 28 meeting

1.  Paula's birthday was March 27.  We all sang Happy Birthday to her and wished her well.  She had a great birthday weekend with members from our club taking her out for supper and to Beauty and the Beast.  Her host family held a get together party for her as well.

2.  Jocelyn Hryniw mentioned the casino in Fort Mac June 16&17.  We are short a few people to make this happen.  Jocelyn needs to know before the end of the week if you are able to help out.  This is a huge money raiser for us.

    Jocelyn also handed out Lobsterfest tickets.  If you don't have yours yet to sell, I'm sure she will find you and get them to you.

3.  Jody gave us an update on Taste of Bolivia happening this Friday March 31.  The tickets are sold out.  Jody does need help in the kitchen on Friday.  So if you are available she is looking for people starting at about 12:00 to meet at the VALID kitchen.

4.  Marielle spoke to us about Rob Nash.  He is a performer who goes to high schools to bring awareness (and help) to students about Mental Health & Suicide.  This man and his group do great things when it comes to our youth regarding this issue.  There is no charge for this but he does need funds to carry on with what he is doing.  After the presentation we had a bit of a discussion leading Rhonda Manz to make a motion that we donate $1000.00 to Rob Nash.  Matt Lesyk second the motion.  All were in favour.  Motion was carried.

Next meeting, Paula will be presenting her experience in Yellowknife

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