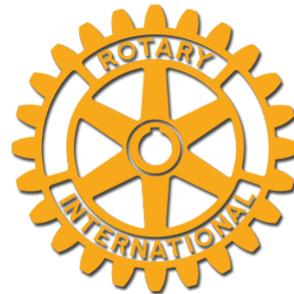




Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



Rotary Bulletin 7/16/21

Saturday, July 17, 2021

**NEXT MEETING July 23, 2021
Brad Corkhill, Wolf Program**

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Presided.....**PRESIDENT CLAUDIA BRENNAN**
Invocation.....**ANN JOHNSON**
Greeter.....**KATE COYLE**
Sergeant at Arms.....**GREG HELBLING**

PRESIDENT CLAUDIA opened our meeting asking **HANK MARTIN** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. After Claudia led members in reciting the Rotary 4-Way test, she made reference to the Rotary International Theme for 2021-22, ♦SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.♦ Adding, ♦That will be my focus and your mission this year.♦

GUESTS
CLAUDIA BRENNAN introduced **BARBARA** and **LARRY HAILEY**, and **LINDA ERICSON**
WANDA QUINN introduced **TROY WHALEN**
MIKE NAIL introduced **BRIAN SHULL**
SANDY PATANO introduced **LACEY MOEN**

GREG HELBLING broke the ice by taking the club through a bit of sports trivia, emphasizing the Tour de France.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRESIDENT CLAUDIA mentioned that the Centennial Design Committee will be presenting their latest plan for the park at next Tuesday♦s meeting. If the Board approves the plan, the committee will then present the plan to the club next Friday, July 23rd where members will vote on the proposal. Watch for an email from Claudia regarding the Board decision.

DICK BARCLAY said there are rewarding voluntary opportunities at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor♦s Bureau. If you♦re interested in a 3-hour shift, give Visitor Services Coordinator, Joan Ford, a call.

KIMBER GATES updated everyone on the club♦s new database, DACdb. You should have received login information and the ability to update your profile by now. If not, be sure to check your spam folder. There will be a raffle next week for members who have verified their accounts

Speakers

July 23, 2021

[Brad Corkill](#)
Wolf Program

July 30, 2021

[Senator Peter Riggs & Representative Jim Addis](#)
Legislative Panel: Thoughts on 2021 Legislative Session

Club Leaders



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and signed up for committees. Kimber will also bring a laptop to next week's meeting to assist members needing help.

PRESIDENT CLAUDIA noted our club has eighteen active non-profit members who contribute in large measure. She is asking that we hear from one of them on the 3rd Friday of each month, with a mission to inform the club of happenings within their organizations and no mention of fundraising events or solicitation; simply inform and educate.

She further noted that the 1st Friday of each month will focus on Member of the Month, the 2nd Friday will be Member Projects, the 3rd being Non-Profits, 4th Friday will be Committees and then the 5th will be a Board report.

Executive Director, **ANN JOHNSON**, then gave a 5-minute bio on Orchard Ridge, an independent assisted living facility unique to our area and founded in 1921. This is their centennial year!

BIRTHDAYS

STEVE ROBERGE 7/17

BOB MCFARLAND 7/19

DAVID ROBINSON 7/20

JIM COLEMAN and **STEVE ROLLAND** 7/22

Special recognition went to **STEVE WETZEL**, who turns 70 this month!

HAPPY DOLLARS

JOE DEACON threw in \$20 for visiting his brother, Bill, who celebrated his 80th birthday, and where five siblings were present.

MARIE PRICE proudly threw in \$5 toward her son, Anthony's obtaining his CPA license.

KIM EDMODSON chipped in one happy dollar for Children's Village.

JIM PRUSSACK was happy to throw \$2 **STEVE WETZEL's** way, where Steve then began to talk about psilocybin mushrooms a short, yet apropos subject for today's meeting.

LARRY GILL threw in for what he described as \$30-years of probation (aka Anniversary)

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Today's program was introduced by **BARRY MCHUGH**. Barry provided a brief bio on Acting United States Attorney, Rafael Gonzales, adding they've known each other personally and professionally for years including a stint where Rafael even rolled up his sleeves to help Barry move furniture in north Idaho many years ago.

Professionally, Rafael was appointed Acting United States Attorney on March 1st, 2021. He joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho in March of 1995, and was serving as its First Assistant U.S. Attorney at the time of his appointment, a position he has held since September 2010.

Rafael has prosecuted violent crimes and drug trafficking, immigration offenses and other general and regulatory crimes for more than 25-years. His career has taken him through the Eastern District of Michigan and as a prosecuting attorney in Detroit, where he began his legal career in 1987.

Interestingly, with every presidential administration change, U.S. Attorneys are asked to resign, in what is referred to as a gap time. U.S. Attorneys are approved by the Senate. Rafael was first approved during the Obama administration, and again approved during the Trump administration.

Rafael's topic addressed counterfeit prescription pills. Something he described as a growing problem with known danger. For the most part, One and done, as he described the lethality of fentanyl in counterfeit pills; with a 27% chance of death.

Nobody wants to grow up and be a drug addict, he said. Addiction comes from desperation and by accident; work injury, bicycle or auto accident, etc. The market has been flooded with counterfeit pills, where still staggering prescriptions-per-person went from 81:100 people in 2012 to 60:100 today, it's still significant! Deaths continue to rise, from 50,000 people in 2017 to over 70,000 in 2020; with male deaths dominating.

Why are deaths increasing as we see a decline in prescriptions? Counterfeit pills. Something relatively new to Idaho, including meth and heroin. What's happening? People think they're buying Oxy or Xanax, when they're actually buying what they think are prescription grade pills, yet they're counterfeit and laced with fentanyl. Pills are trading in social settings where you can't see the difference.

Fentanyl is 100 x more dangerous than most drugs. Consider it takes 2 ml for a lethal dose versus 30 ml for heroin. When counterfeit is mixed with other drugs, there's a less than zero margin for error. That's what's killing people!



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It will take everything we have to lower deaths. ♦An all community approach!♦ Narcan, otherwise known as the Lazarus drug, is the only known way to counter an overdose.

Raphael ended his presentation by describing Fentanyl as, ♦An exponential threat to society. People run a big risk ingesting counterfeit pills.♦ He described it as playing with a loaded gun. Adding, are you going to be the 73% who may survive, or will you be the 27% who will die? So you have to ask, ♦Are you feeling lucky?♦

PROGRAMS FOR JULY

7/23: [Brad Corkill](#)

Wolf Program

7/30: [Senator Peter Riggs & Representative Jim Addis](#)

Legislative Panel: Thoughts on 2021 Legislative Session

In Service,
Larry Riley

