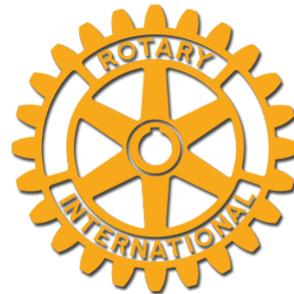




Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



Rotary Bulletin 7/30/21

Friday, July 30, 2021

NEXT MEETING August 6, 2021
Maggie Lyons ♦ **Panhandle Affordable Housing Alliance**

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Presided.....**PRESIDENT CLAUDIA BRENNAN**
Invocation.....**ANN JOHNSON**
Greeter.....**LUKE RUSSELL**
Sergeant at Arms.....**CHRIS CHEELEY**

PRESIDENT CLAUDIA opened the meeting asking **LARRY RILEY** to lead our Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. She followed with the Rotary 4-Way test and reminded our Club of the Rotary International Theme for 2021-2022 ♦ ♦ **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES** ♦

RICK RASSMUSEN married off one of his daughters Saturday and proclaimed love for his girls, but not the cost of weddings. So, he took the Club through a bit of trivia where most Rotarians failed the wedding questions test: Least popular month for a wedding is January. Least popular day is April 15th. Men began wearing wedding rings around WWII. Seventeen tons of gold is used annually to make wedding rings, and finally, the average wedding cost is \$22,500; props to **SANDY PATANO** for guessing the closest!

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Claudia talked about how she ♦d like to keep the ROM tradition alive that past president, **LUKE RUSSELL**, started. She then introduced **TOM CRONIN** as our August ROM, while adding, ♦He ♦s as tough as nails and a pussycat too! ♦ Originally from Chicago, Tom joined the Air Force and later was a part of the Chicago PD where he became Director of the Crime Lab and Forensics Services. He also underwent profiler and homicide FBI Academy training at Quantico, yet most know Tom as a loving husband to Judy with two daughters and a dog named Abby Normal. Tom is a model Rotarian, past 2013 Club President, friend and former Chief of Police for the Coeur d ♦Alene police department.

GUESTS

Mariska Pilch introduced **Whitney Mason**
Kimber Gates introduced **Sheriff Bob Norris**
Russell Mann introduced **Ben Toews** and **Becky Funk**
Corey Jasmin introduced **Jeff Owens**

Speakers

August 06, 2021

[Maggie Lyons](#)
Panhandle Affordable Housing Alliance

August 13, 2021

[Alexander Cole M.D. via Zoom](#)
Prostate Cancer

August 20, 2021

[Alex LaBeau, President, Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry](#)

Business Perspective on Childcare

August 27, 2021

[Laurence Krauter CEO, Spokane International Airport](#)
Spokane Airport Update

Club Leaders



[Claudia Jean Brennan](#)
President



[Candace Louise Godwin](#)
President - Elect



[Daniel Schreiber](#)
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT CLAUDIA talked briefly about the 2022 Youth Exchange and noted it could be a program of interest for our Club? She also reminded folks of committee sign-up sheets found in DACdb, and with a warning, ♦That if you don♦t, **KIMBER GATES** might put you on her poop scoop committee! ♦ Funny thing too ♦ she reported three Rotarians signed up for the poop scoop committee. True, you ask? Only Claudia knows!

KIMBER GATES proudly announced that **STEVE ROBERGE** received the coveted Assistant Governor position, while **REBECCA EYMAN** will be District Trainer, **CANDACE GODWIN** District Website, **ASHLEY LENZ** Gifts & Endowments, **ANN THOMAS** Membership and **MIRANDA HAMILTON** Public Image

BIRTHDAYS

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

CHRIS CHEELEY introduced our program where CDA Rotary Club members ♦ Sen. **PETER RIGGS** and Rep. **JIM ADDIS** joined Rep. **PAUL AMADOR** in a panel discussion to share thoughts about Idaho♦s 2021 Legislative session. For background, Peter represents the 3rd District of the Idaho Senate, while Jim represents District 4, Seat A and Paul represents District 4, Seat B in the Idaho House of Representatives.

Paul opened by describing the 2021 Legislative session as the longest in Idaho history. He didn♦t ascribe it as being the ♦worst session in history, ♦ yet some have used this phrase. ♦With COVID-19, it was a slow start, yet COVID introduced a positive outcome in the fact that the legislature embraced technology by allowing public testimony via video. ♦ Paul discussed budgets and also briefly mentioned CRT, critical race theory written into state statute, HB377. He mentioned social justice as issue of concern, Federal funding has filled some holes, education is funded well and the state of Idaho ended the year with a \$900M surplus. He closed by saying, ♦The state of Idaho is incredibly well positioned.♦

Jim picked up from there and emphasized the \$900M surplus and noted \$168M was injected in ongoing tax relief and said attention was being placed on ways to reduce property taxes with a focus on tax policy; property taxes being a local issue. He further spoke about uniform data for taxes and how the body studied the Carson City assessment model.

Peter followed, and described this session in the midst of chaos, yet defined it with some jest as being somewhat normal for him. As Vice Chair of Health & Welfare, Peter is focusing on healthcare within the state. Adding, as a body of part time legislators, they accomplished a lot in a short window with over 12,000 pages of laws written ♦ not an easy feat framing laws written forty years ago! Noting, ♦Casting a vote is complicated.♦

The trio of legislators fielded questions from Club membership, addressing ♦ ways to agree while disagreeing and the need for specificity when writing law; not so easy when much of the body are not lawyers.

Language is complicated and can become a stumbling block, with one among the group saying, ♦Perfection can become the enemy of good.♦ So how do you move legislation forward? ♦Communicating with constituents is key.♦ How much does out of state money influence the state? ♦It has impact. Idaho is an inexpensive state to influence.♦

VAX mandates was raised as a topic of interest and is expected to be discussed well into the future. The legislators noted that a survey showed 70% of respondents said ♦no♦ to VAX mandates, with 70% saying the legislature should not get involved. It was described as a ♦slippery slope♦ for sure and could lead to further government intrusion. People are on-the-move due to restrictions and mandates. ♦Moving from employers and/or states requiring vaccinations, to ones that don♦t.♦

Revenue caps, property tax restrictions were also discussed and described as a function of budgets. What to do with a \$900M surplus? ♦Focus on key impact areas. It♦s a struggle to prioritize, especially as dollars grow. ♦ Transportation, education and health (mental health, drug use, etc.) were discussed as priorities, ♦yet surpluses need to consider continued funding.♦

So, will north Idaho ever win the Governor♦s seat? ♦It really comes down to a base of support and when a legislator gets things done, good things happen.♦

Final question from the audience? Sine die ♦ what♦s that mean? ♦It♦s a term used to describe adjournment. ♦ And with that, Peter, Paul and Jim ended a wonderful discussion about politics in Idaho.

PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST

Affordable Housing
Prostate Cancer
Business Perspective on Childcare
Spokane Airport Update

In Service,
LARRY RILEY



Michael Nail
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