



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



Rotary Bulletin 7/23/21

NEXT MEETING July 30, 2021

Senator Peter Riggs & Representative Jim Addis

Legislative Panel: Thoughts on the 2021 Legislative Session

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Presided.....PRESIDENT CLAUDIA BRENNAN

Invocation.....KIP SHARBONO

Greeter..... DERRELL HARTWICK

Sergeant at Arms.....CHRIS CHEELEY

PRESIDENT CLAUDIA opened our meeting by reminding members of the 2021-22 Rotary Theme: Serve to Change Lives. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four-Way test.

GUESTS

Visiting Rotarian, LAURA LITTLE, Charlotte, NC

JOHN YOUNG introduced the following guests with the City of Coeur d'Alene:

HILARY ANDERSON

BILL GREENWOOD

TROY TYMESEN, CDA Sunrise Visiting Rotarian

SANDY PATANO introduced LAURIE THOMAS AND MARY CORKILL

MAREN MAIER introduced MARCEE HARTZELL

JULIE HOLT introduced BILL (?)

Speakers

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RUSSELL MANN introduced JEFF MCLAUGHLIN

JIM FAUCHER introduced his brother DENNY FAUCHER

CHRIS CHEELEY introduced GENE HAUGE

JODY AZEVEDO introduced JESSICA CHAVOLLA

RYAN DAVIS introduced WES VEACH

MEMBERSHIP NOMINEES

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the following prospective members, please contact ANN THOMAS, Chair of the Membership Committee.

BRIAN SHULL, sponsored by MICHAEL NAIL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT CLAUDIA announced the club's Board of Directors have approved the Centennial Park Plan and she introduced JOHN YOUNG with the Centennial Design Committee along with JOHN MUELLER to present their latest plan for the park. After the presentation and architectural rendering reviews, the membership voted on the proposal with unanimous approval.

BIRTHDAYS

RICK MCLENNAN 7/25

LINDA RYAN 7/27

STEVE CHILDERS 7/29

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Today's program was introduced by WANDA QUINN. Our speaker, BRAD CORKILL and his wife Mary have owned Whiteman Lumber since 1988 and have two children, Nathan, a Lt. Col. in the USMC and Emily Peterson, a nephrologist with Kootenai Health. Brad, of Cataldo, is completing his second term as a commissioner for the Idaho Fish and Game, representing the Panhandle Region. The commission is charged with managing fish and wildlife in the state of Idaho.

Brad has been deeply involved with the topic of the wolf population in Idaho since 2013. To provide a bit of background Brad explained the following:

- In 1995 there were two introductions of 35 animals in each pack.
- In 2009 the wolf was delisted as a threat and turned over to the state.
- In 2010 it was re-listed and turned over to the federal government to manage.
- In 2011 it was delisted again and turned back over to the state who has managed the wolf population since that time.
- The Commission is charged with maintaining a minimum of 150 animals.

According to the state of Idaho, which has more stringent requirements than the federal government, in order for the wolf population to be considered recovered it needs to have at least 150 wolves and 15 breeding pairs. An alpha female typically births 10-15 pups a year.

In the spring of 2021 the approximate wolf population in the state of Idaho was 1,556. Much of this population resides in the rugged terrain of the panhandle of Idaho and the Island Park area, west of Yellowstone National Park.

The wolf situation is polarizing on both ends of the spectrum. Two years ago the commission implemented a census of the wolf population. Tens of millions of photos were taken and resulted in a number of approximately 1,500 animals. Brad explained that in order to keep a population steady, a minimum of one third of the population had to die each year. That amounts to an annual wolf harvest of 500. In the spring of 2021 the approximate wolf population in the state of Idaho was 1,556.

There is evidence that wolves are driving game animals from the higher elevations into lower elevations where they have historically not lived, even as recently as a few decades ago. Corkill explained the **Yellowstone Effect** where there was no wolf management in the national park. The result was the wolf packs expanded and had a direct negative impact on the deer, elk, and moose populations. The wolves completely decimated the wild game populations until there was no food source remaining and the wolf packs naturally reduced their populations numbers.

In the spring of 2021 the state Senate passed Bill 1211 which greatly broadened aspects of wolf management. The bill essentially established a year-round trapping season on private property. Corkill explained that the state of Idaho issues 47,000-48,000 wolf tags to individuals annually and approximately 260 result in a successful wolf harvest. He stated an equal number of wolves are taken through trapping and hunting, yet trappers are much more successful.



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Although the Fish and Game Commission took a stance AGAINST the bill that took effect on July 1, 2021, Corkill agrees that the wolf population needs to be managed. The Commission thought the legislation was a dangerous precedent and according to Corkill, ended up causing international hysteria for apparent mass casualties of wolves. As a result of the legislation, over 50 environmental groups have petitioned to intervene in Idaho's management of the wolf population. The Fish and Game Commission has until August 24, 2021 to respond.

PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST

Programs & Speakers forthcoming

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

