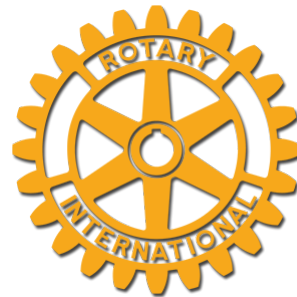




# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 11/05/21

NEXT MEETING November 12, 2021

Robb Bloem, CEO, Stancraft Jet Center

Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting virtually via Zoom

Presided.....PRESIDENT CLAUDIA BRENNAN & JIM FAUCHER

Invocation.....FATHER JOHN MOSER, ST THOMAS CHURCH

Today's program was streamlined to allow more time for honoring our Veterans. We opened by singing the National Anthem and then recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary

Four Way Test.

### GUESTS

SUE THILO introduced Captain Richard Colburn, USN ret. &

Captain Henry Netzer, USN ret.

RICK RASMUSSEN introduced Debbie Crutchfield

CANDACE GODWIN introduced her husband Hal Godwin

SAM HUNTER introduced Brandon Aldridge

BRITT TOWERY introduced her husband Chris Towery

BOB SMEE introduced Devin Sommers

CHRISTA HAZEL introduced Anette Kish

STEVE ROBERGE introduced Alan Williams

Mark Beardsley, CDA Sunrise

Chris Guggemos, CDA Sunrise

SPECIAL GUEST

## Speakers

### November 05, 2021

[Veterans Day Program & Former Governor Dirk Kempthorne](#)

Dirk Kempthorne, former Idaho Governor and US Secretary of the Interior, will speak about the USS Idaho.

### November 12, 2021

[Robb Bloem](#)  
Stancraft Jet Center FBO (Fixed Based Operations) at the Pappy Boyington, Kootenai County

### November 19, 2021

[Charter School Panel](#)  
Charter School Panel

### November 26, 2021

[No Meeting -- Happy Thanksgiving!](#)

### December 03, 2021

[President Claudia Brennan & Hank Martin](#)  
CdA Rotary Club Annual Meeting and Rotary International Foundation

## Club Leaders



[Claudia Jean Brennan](#)  
President

[Candace Louise Godwin](#)  
President - Elect

Bob Martin, Sergeant First Class, US Army who is a recipient of a Silver Star, Bronze Star and four purple hearts. It was an honor to have him attend our meeting today!

#### PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

VANESSA MOOS, CEO of Children's Village is presented to the club as a prospective new member. She is sponsored by HEIDI ROGERS. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact ANN THOMAS, Chair of the Membership Committee at [athomas@mountainwestbank.com](mailto:athomas@mountainwestbank.com) or 208-415-5372.

#### VETERANS DAY PRESENTATION

JIM FAUCHER thanked the committee who helped to organize a great day of honoring our military veterans today. Special thanks goes out to JOE DEACON, KIM EDMONDSON, ED BEJERANA, SUE THILO & BOB SMEE (who made stellar table decorations)!

Special recognition was offered for all parents and grandparents of active duty military. They stood to be honored with applause. The Armed Forces Medley was played and those in attendance who served in the military stood for their branch's song.

#### TODAY'S PROGRAM

SUE THILO introduced The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, former Governor of Idaho who presented our program today. Kempthorne is a graduate of the University of Idaho where he was the president of the Associated Students of the University of Idaho (ASUI). In 1985 he was elected as the Mayor of Boise at the age of 33 and served seven years. He also served in the US Senate from 1993-1999. He was elected the 30th Governor of Idaho and served two terms from 1999-2006. He was then appointed by President George W. Bush as the 49th United States Secretary of the Interior from 2006-2009.

Kempthorne provided a bit of history of the military in Idaho:

- Mountain Home Air Force Base in southern Idaho is one of the largest bases in the country, and one of the few in the United States that is still growing.
- Idaho also has history with the Farragut Naval Base which trained over 300,000 troops and held over 900 German prisoners of war.
- The University of Idaho was a great training ground for over 4,000 troops to be trained in US Navy Radio Operations.
- The USS Idaho BB-42 **The Big Spud** was among the ships present in [Tokyo Bay](#) when Japan formally surrendered on 2 September 1945.
- USS Nautilus was the first nuclear class submarine. The propulsion system was manufactured in Idaho.

Kempthorne then moved into the presentation on the USS Idaho. Learn more about it [here](#). The USS Idaho SS-799 is a 377 ft long Virginia Class Submarine and is in the stealth class. There will be both male and female officers on board, up to 9 Navy SEALs can ingress and egress via a private section within the sub, and the sub is maneuvered by touch screen and joystick. The technology used in this stealth submarine is tested right here at the US Navy Acoustic Research Detachment in Bayview, ID.

The vessel is currently being assembled at the Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, CT. The christening for the new vessel will be in summer of 2022 and the commissioning will be in summer 2023. The year in between will be spent testing and running through systems to determine its sea worthiness. The commanding officer is [CDR Nicholas Meyers](#).

CDR Meyers has put some fun Idaho facts in place for the crew assigned to the new submarine. The tagline for the sub is #fullyloaded (as in a fully loaded potato) and babies born to crew members while assigned to USS Idaho are called **tater tots**! CDR Meyers gives a 3x5 card to all crew who come aboard to remind them of their mission. IDAHO stands for integrity, discipline, accountability, habits, ownership. The three shifts that serve aboard the sub are divided into Bengals, Broncos and Vandals to represent Idaho State University, Boise State University and the University of Idaho. CDR Meyers makes sure to keep in step with the Idaho State motto, **Esto Perpetua**, Let it be, Forever. The Commander will shout **Let it be** and the sub's crew shout back **FOREVER**! This is repeated three times.

Many people, including Kempthorne serving as Chair and SUE THILO serving on the fundraising subcommittee, are a part of the Commissioning Committee Advisory Board. They are charged with raising the funds to get this submarine ready for commissioning. The goal is \$1 million, a heavy lift, but the stellar committee has \$861,000 already secured! Well done Sue and crew! Hecla Mining, with the help of LUKE RUSSELL, has donated \$50,000 worth of silver from the Lucky Friday Mine to make commemorative silver coins. Buck Knives has also donated commemorative knives to all submarine crew and will also have some available for purchase as well.

The meeting ended with everyone singing the Idaho state song, **Here We Have Idaho**.

#### PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER



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Club Director



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Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Luke J. Russell](#)  
iPast President



[Kimber Gates](#)  
Club Executive  
Secretary



[Steven Roberge](#)  
Assistant Governor



11/19 - Charter school panel

11/26 - No meeting, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER

12/3 - Annual Meeting/ Rotary International Foundation

12/10 - Non-profit panel

12/17 - Christmas Program

12/24 - NO MEETING, Christmas Eve

12/31 - NO MEETING, New Year's Eve

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

