



## **Speakers**

## **Club Leaders**



<u>Doug Rupiper</u> President



<u>Ashley Lenz</u> President-Elect



Michael Nail Treasurer



<u>Julie Amador</u> Club Director



<u>Kim Jane Edmondson</u> Club Director



Rebecca Eyman Secretary Director Membership Chair



Emily Moses Club Director Community Service Chair



Mark Olson Club Director



<u>Larry Riley</u> Public Relations Chair Club Director

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NEXT MEETING January 12, 2024

Aerospace Manufacturing Consortium - Nick Roach, Lakeside Companies

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Presided.....PRESIDENT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation......GREG HELBLING

Greeter.....LARRY STAUFFER

Sergeant at Arms.....JIM PIERCE

**VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS** 

David Keyes, Sandpoint

Mel Dick, Sandpoint

Betsy Martin, wife of Hank Martin

Jeff Lugar, guest of Scott Carlson

Steve Buckmer, guest of Linda Coppess

Sarah Day, wife of Doug Rupiper

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRESIDENT DOUG rang in 2024 well as he was married on New Year's Eve! With a big smile on his face, he introduced his lovely bride, Sarah Day, who joined us at the meeting and surprised everyone as well! CONGRATS to you both!

**BIRTHDAYS** 

01/02 Brandon Hamblin

01/06 Bob Burton

01/11 Susana Rosen

HAPPY DOLLARS

BOB SMEE gave \$3 to thank everyone for their care and concern after his stay in the hospital. He received the trifecta of joint replacements in 2023 with both knees and a hip.

JON HIPPLER gave \$55 to thank his wife Cindy for putting up with him for 55 years of marriage!

LARRY GILL gave \$1 to celebrate working on a video for the Rotary district conference with STEVE ROBERGE and others.

ASHLEY LENZ gave \$1 to thank everyone for their donations during the Christmas party. The funds totaled \$363 to give an extra holiday tip to the CDA Resort servers.

## PROGRAM

HANK AND BETSY MARTIN spoke with club members about Rotary Friendship Exchanges. They have participated in five trips to Brazil, Italy, Mexico, Sweden and, most recently, to New Zealand. They have made life-long friendships, have enjoyed the opportunities to see the country from a local's perspective, rather than a tourist, and taken turns hosting in-bound friendship exchange participants.

The purpose of the friendship exchanges are to build goodwill, foster peace, strengthen international friendships and create a more global community. Exchanges are coordinated at the district level and are a reflection of the interests and preferences of the participants, typically 4-6 couples or a combination of individuals and couples, and the district may sometimes have a fund to help defer some cost. There is typically not much cost beyond the plane ticket and a small gift brought to your host families in the country. Within many of the trips, the expenses are covered by the Rotary host, with the exception of Sweden, where it was more pay your own way. Trips often consist of being hosted by 3-4 families throughout your stay, sometimes in their home or others have been put up in hotels.

JACK RIGGS, SANDY PATANO and PAT & LORA WHALEN participated in a friendship exchange with four other Rotarians to Australia in October 2019. They visited Adelaide in South Australia where they explored three Rotary clubs within District 9500, and much to their surprise, lots of wineries! They exchanged club and district banners, gave presentations on Coeur d'Alene and our district and received great travel and cultural experiences. They are looking forward to hosting some Rotarians from Australia this coming September.

PROGRAMS for JANUARY

More to come

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY



<u>Britt Towery</u> Bulletin Editor Club Director



<u>Chris L. Cheeley</u> Sergeant-at-Arms



<u>Hank Martin</u> Rotary Foundation Chair



<u>Claudia Jean Brennan</u> Special Projects Chair



<u>Larry Gill</u> Community Service Chair



Robert William Smee

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Veterans Committee
Chair



<u>Ian Hicks</u> International Service Chair



Alex Stanton International Service Chair



Candace Louise Godwin iPast President