



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 04/05/24

NEXT MEETING April 12, 2024

TBD

(Professor Frank Wilhelm with the University of Idaho needed to reschedule)

JOIN MEETING VIA ZOOM: click [here](#).

Presided.....PRESIDENT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation.....MARK BOTTERBUSCH

Greeter.....LARRY STAUFFER

Sergeant at Arms.....NAOMI BOUTZ

### GUESTS

Shelly Oâ€™Quinn, Visiting Rotarian, Spokane 21

Bill Buley, Visiting Rotarian, CDA Sunrise

John Yozamp, guest of Michael Christensen

Dale Gibboney and Bruce Mattare, guests of Bob Norris

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We invite you to join us at the next Rotary New Member Orientation on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Children’s Village Family Support Center (See attached map). This is a great opportunity to receive information about Rotary, both locally and internationally, and is one of the activities for new members to complete as part of your New Member Time Table.

I want to emphasize that all members are welcome to join us - the more, the merrier! Snacks and beverages are provided - all you need to bring is yourself! Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 10, 2024, by emailing [rebecca@cwelp.com](mailto:rebecca@cwelp.com), text or call (415) 439-9960, or let me know at an upcoming Rotary meeting.

### NEW MEMBER

RICK RASMUSSEN introduced our newest member, KRISTI REITZE, a 5th generation Coeur dâ€™Alene family dating back to driving steamboats on the lake! Kristi has been married to Aaron for 23 years and together they have three girls and a boy, ranging from college age to elementary school. She worked for Idaho Drug Free Youth and Lutherhaven Ministries for over 10 years each, and is now on to her role at the Innovia Foundation where she serves as the Regional Engagement Manager for North Idaho, serving Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, and Latah Counties.

### HISTORY OF THE ROTARY SUNDIAL

TOM CRONIN updated the club on the historical Rotary Sundial that came about in 1971 to celebrate our club’s 50th Golden Anniversary. The plaque accompanying the sundial honored the two original members with 50 years of service, H.P. Heineâ€ Glindeman and O.W. Foxyâ€ Edmonds. (Fun fact, our club’s longest standing member today is BRUCE ENGLISH, who has been with the club since April 1970.)

The plaque and sundial have been out of service for many years and within the past few weeks, have been placed back into McEuen Park, about 30 yards east of our club’s Harbor House. A

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



Doug Rupiper  
President



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President-Elect



Michael Nail  
Treasurer



Julie Amador  
Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director  
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Emily Moses  
Club Director  
Community Service  
Chair



Mark Olson  
Club Director



Larry Riley  
Public Relations Chair  
Club Director



Steven Roberge  
Club Director  
Assistant Governor

very special thanks to the following people:

- DICK BARCLAY who has been on a mission to make sure the City of Coeur d'Alene held true to their obligation to reinstate the sundial and place it somewhere in the city.
- KIM EDMONDSON worked tirelessly to get a reduced cost to have the sundial repaired.
- City Parks Director Bill Greenwood and City Administrator Troy Tymesen for making sure a new location was found and the sundial installed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAY NELSON presented a Rotary flag from the Sacramento, CA club on behalf of the guests he brought to the club a few weeks ago.

RUSSELL MANN announced that BRET and MICHELE DIRKS are new board members for CDA Summer Theater. And if you want to purchase tickets to Fiddler on the Roof, get them soon as they are selling quickly!

A thank you note came into the club from M.J. Watt, Bill Watt's wife. She thanked the club for its support of Bill as he loved attending and being a part of our community. Also, a special thanks for the members who attended Bill's memorial service.

PRESIDENT DOUG was notified that the Idaho Community Foundation is awarding our club and our endowment foundation the "Friend of the Foundation", and will honor the club at an event next month in CDA.

PRESIDENT DOUG gave a HUGE thanks to EVERYONE who helped to support Coeur d'Alene Irish, from the sponsors, table sponsors, set-up take-down, decorating and game crews to the marketing, raffle ticket sellers, registration table and auction workers. It took a crew to make it happen. And a very special thanks to honorary member and Doug's wife, Sarah Day, who was a fantastic event planner!

#### BIRTHDAYS

4/07 Clint Washburn

4/09 Kimber Gates

#### PROGRAM

SANDY PATANO introduced Phil McGrane, a 4th generation Idahoan and the Idaho Secretary of State. McGrane is a self-proclaimed data geek, calling himself an elections junkie and elections nerd. His desire is to make elections fun again!

McGrane wants to ensure citizens and voters that Idaho has a VERY good elections system. One of his main goals is to get more information out to voters and inspire people to vote. To that end, the Secretary of State's office completely revamped the voting website [www.VoteIdaho.gov](http://www.VoteIdaho.gov) and there is fantastic new information to help voters register, request absentee ballots, get information on candidates, find election results, campaign finance, and more.

Today, the primary election starts in the state for the May 21 primary election, which means absentee ballots are being mailed out to voters. McGrane explained that primary elections are where the majority of local decisions are made. The elections are often won in the primary elections statewide. Interestingly, women outvote men consistently throughout the state. McGrane noted that Idaho is becoming more "red" with conservative citizens "voting with their feet", which means they are political refugees who are frustrated and physically moving states. This trend is happening across the country, and the result in Idaho is 71% of people moving to the state are registering as Republican. What is interesting is the large number of unaffiliated voters across the country, oftentimes outweighing Democrats.

With all the political strife and turmoil in the country, and within our own state, McGrane remains optimistic. He reminded us that America is an experiment. We've taken arms against each other, had presidents assassinated, been through worse as a country, and we have remained. He believes in the US Constitution and what the founding fathers stood for, and is honored and privileged to serve in his role as Secretary of State.

#### APRIL PROGRAMS

4/19 Special Olympics Idaho - Jake Kerr Olympian/Devin Riley Director of Development

4/26 KTEC/NICWF Training - Colby Mattila and Bill White

In Service,

BRITT TOWER



Ann Thomas  
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Membership Chair



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