



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## BULLETIN 01/12/2024

By Larry Riley

**NEXT MEETING January 19, 2024**  
**Naval Base in Bayview - submarine research**

Presided **DOUG RUIPER**  
 Invocation **CHRIS CHEELEY**  
 Greeter **RYAN JOHNSON**  
 Sergeant at Arms **JIM PIERCE**

Without a gavel to ring-the-bell, **DOUG RUIPER** attempted to open the meeting by calling for the Pledge of Allegiance and Four Way test. At the same time, **CHRIS CHEELEY** tapped the bell with a utensil to get everyone's attention and may have said something about improvising when you must? Doug then groveled about needing to rescue the gavel from the Sandpoint Rotary Club!

**CHRIS** followed with the invocation while prefacing that "no longer doesn't make it better" and that Rotary is not a religious organization. With that, he said that an invocation "draws us together with a need for gratitude."

### GUESTS

As greeter, **RYAN JOHNSON** sauntered to the podium, he drew a quip from **DOUG** who said, "No hurry, Ryan!" In an attempt to divert attention away from himself, Ryan quickly foists focus at **SANDY PATANO**, who was equally swift to seize the moment by saying, "I'm glad you draw for a living and aren't a public speaker, Ryan!" (laughter)

- **SANDY** then introduced Kim and Rory Van Poucke
- **MARK OLSON** introduced Nicholas Newby
- **SCOTT CARLSON** introduced honored guest, Jeff Lugar

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

**JIM PIERCE** followed by saying something about how this was becoming, "A target rich environment" and immediately fined President **DOUG** five bucks for not having a gavel! Jim then said, "SANDY, you're right, but two bucks for you (about what she said about Ryan)! In rapid succession, **MATT LYMAN** was charged \$2 (for something I missed), and then **CHUCK SWAYZE**, "two bucks for being gone for so long!"

Jim then rolled into some Idaho geography trivia:

- How many square miles is Idaho? A: 83,000 square miles
- And how many acres would that be? A: 52.9 MM acres
- Where does Idaho rank in size by state? A: 13<sup>th</sup>
- What percent of Idaho is public land? A: 61.6%
- And how many acres would that be? A: 32.6 MM acres
- Where does most U.S. trout come from? A: Idaho at 70%
- And the trout capital of the world? A: Buhl, Idaho

### [MEETING INTERRUPTION]

With a loud drop of a hammer coming from the back of the room, and dressed in uniform, Officer Thorn (in-his-side - aka **STEVE ROBERGE**) stormed the podium with missing gavel in hand! The

### Speakers

#### Club Leaders



Doug Ruper  
President



Ashley Lenz  
President-Elect



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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

look on DOUG's face was priceless.

Steve then talked about the Rotary District 5080 Conference, something he is calling a "celebration!" He talked about signing up early to be entered into a drawing for the Hagadone Penthouse Suite, looking for more information including a newly cut video and then wanted to thank the following sponsors: Northwest Specialty Hospital, Young Construction, Atchley Financial and Coeur d'Alene Cellars!

#### Announcements

- Doug reminded everyone of our fundraiser, Coeur d'Alene Irish, on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>!
- New Member Applications
  - Dr. Andrew Fields, sponsored by Julie Amador
  - Jeffrey Lugar, sponsored by Scott Carlson

#### BIRTHDAYS

- **DAN CRAWFORD** and **MIKE BAKER** on 01/12
- **PAUL ANDERSON** on 01/17

#### HAPPY DOLLARS

- **LINDA COPPESS** threw in \$20, of which \$19 went for the Leadership CDA all-class reunion on January 19<sup>th</sup>, and another dollar for Foster Kids Support and Nick's presentation.
- **VANESSA MOOS** offered \$5 for the opening of the Children's Village Family Support Center.
- Sticking with the Family Support Center celebration, **RYAN JOHNSON** tossed in some cash for "redoing the center's drawings."
- **WANDA QUINN** was "thrilled" to throw in \$5 and announce closing on a 2<sup>nd</sup> home condo purchase in Hawaii; offer, acceptance, and insurance were no easy feat.

#### PROGRAM

**JOE DUNCAN** opened the program by saying, "Sputnik changed our whole outlook on the world scientifically." He mentioned outsourced industries and how our area is a part of the aerospace tech hub of the Northwest.

He then introduced Nick Roach, Marketing Director for Lakeside Companies "Aerospace Leaders.

Nick opened his remarks with two priorities and one remark:

1. Landing the Tech Hub Grant
2. Getting married in the spring

"and having a connection with Kiwanis (his dad?) and being familiar with Rotary!"

With a background in marketing and former experience in clothing and cowboy boots, he talked about outsourcing and that 51% is the threshold if you want to claim being "sourced" and/or "manufactured" in America. Aerospace? The "architecture of this process in America equals risks. We've faced a huge chip shortage that is being addressed by the Chips & Science Act. Goods not readily available."

Our area has received Tech Hub designation "an academic hub and economic development. We pursued designated Round One funding last October and February 25<sup>th</sup> is our Round Two \$45-75 MM grant, with a focus on building the next generation of aerospace parts. And aerospace parts are all about "weight" and centering on domestic supply chains. Trades and factories have to be rebuilt while creating employment opportunities "driving the economy and increasing wages.

FLINT ROAD BUILDING, circ 1960s is a 250K SF building We've acquired an existing facility that has been modified for aerospace manufacturing intended to buttress the local area. Do you know that there are 150 aerospace manufacturers within 100 miles of Spokane? There are 900 suppliers along I90 between Spokane and Montana!

Demand for thermos-plastic components for planes is going to grow; 80 planes per month from Boeing.

There are large barriers to entry in aerospace and the costs can be exorbitant. We've never offshored aerospace. We're working on scalability and the workforce proving that parts can be built here and elsewhere in the U.S. Speed is important and is not conducive for foreign suppliers. "Own your own information and abilities, which is a priority for the U.S. government."

#### QUESTIONS?

- What are your odds of getting the grant? A: We really don't know, but are well positioned.
- How about salaries? A: We want to be educated experts with a trade-focused workforce highly trained in acute functions. The positions will be well paid.
- What can the community do? A: Talk about it, write letters of support. We're 48-days to decision. A \$45-75 MM grant is not enough. There are other grants that we will pursue.
- How will you spend the money? A: The board of directors will allocate the money and there's a process.
- How do you build the foundation to run this thing? A: The first thing you need to do is build out the structure.
- What collaboration is being done with other Tech Hubs (across the U.S.)? A: Right now? None. North Carolina? There's a lot of competition for money!

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS



[Britt Towery](#)  
Bulletin Editor  
Club Director



[Chris L. Cheeley](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Chair



[Alex Stanton](#)  
International Service  
Chair



[Candace Louise Godwin](#)  
Past President

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

01/26 TBD

02/02 PHD - Silver Valley Lead abatement

02/16 Robert Williams, Ph.D., Exec. Director American Wagyu Association

02/23 Tom Mueller - Owner of Impulse Propulsion

In Service,

**LARRY RILEY**

