



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 01/19/23

NEXT MEETING January 26, 2024

Dave Eubanks - presentation on The Big Burn and Pulaski Trail

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Presided.....PRESIDENT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation.....CHRIS CHEELEY

Greeter.....KRISTI SCOTT

Sergeant at Arms.....JIM PIERCE

### GUESTS

Daphne Henning, Damen Julian, guest and son of Naomi Boutz

Michael Ashley, guest of Michael Christiansen

Rorty Van Poucke, guest of Jack Riggs

Paul Amador, husband of Julie Amador

Stephen Buckner, guest of Linda Coppess

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January Rotarian of the Month is JULIE AMADOR. Julie has been involved in many capacities with the club, currently serving on the board of directors and youth guests (student of the month) committee. She also participated with Rotary's Guatemala Literacy Project last summer visiting and serving the Guatemalan communities and people. Congratulations Julie!

### NEW MEMBER

Julie Amador announced new member ANDREW FIELDS. [Dr. Andy Fields is the CEO of the University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene Center](#). He has 25 years' experience in higher education leadership experience in academics, administrative services and student services. He is married to an "Idaho girl", a Physician's Assistant at Kootenai Health and together they have three kids ages 10, 7, and 4. He has deep roots in the McCall area and loves any outdoor activities, to cook and bake.

### BIRTHDAYS

01/21 Ryan Davis

01/23 Linda Coppess

01/24 Jody Azevedo

### PROGRAM

The program had two club members presenting.

NAOMI BOUTZ presented her Meet Our Member story. Naomi's family has roots in the Silver Valley where her grandpa, Hollis William Wilcott, who served in WWII, worked in the mines in Osburn and was killed in a mining accident in 1964. There was a book, "From Hell to Heaven" written about the accident. Her dad enlisted in the Navy and served in Vietnam and two of her

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



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written about the accident. Her dad enlisted in the Navy and served in Vietnam and two of her uncles served as fighter pilots on D-Day. Her mother has two degrees from Montana State University in Chemistry.

Naomi was born in Ontario, OR and is the second oldest of four children. Her family moved to St. Maries when she was two years old where she was raised. She was involved with everything growing up including volleyball, softball, ASB president, and her senior year of high school she served as a page in Boise and also at a law firm in Washington DC. She had dreams of living on the east coast and going to college, but in March 1996 there was a big flood in St. Maries and two of Naomi's classmates were killed. This was the timing when college decisions were being made and she was affected deeply by the loss.

She chose to stay close to home for college and went to the University of Idaho, but found it to be a tough fit at that time in her life. Instead, she moved to Coeur d'Alene and became a young, single mom to Braden (24) and Damon (younger). She has always been one to figure things out and enrolled in the NIC paralegal program.

In 2006, she was the last server Jim Duncan hired at the Wine Cellar. Her boys would come to work with her in the morning while she did the books for the restaurant and then she would take them to school and go back to work. In 2009, she graduated from Lewis Clark State College (LCSC) with a business degree, while she was serving as the General Manager of The Cellar. In 2010, she married Sean, a WSU Cougar and Gonzaga University law grad and partner in a law firm in Spokane. In January 2017, The Cellar closed for good and Naomi says it forced her to get over her fear of failure. In 2017, she opened Vine & Olive and in 2019, she opened Vicino Pizza around the corner to help diversify income for her restaurant as pizza is recession-proof!

Naomi loves to travel, studied wine for 10 years, reads a lot of WWII books, and loves to cook. She is a big believer in checking off "bucket list" items and did just that when she hiked by herself and had a drink and meal in every village in Cinque Terre, Italy. She has drunk rose in Provence by herself, and in 2025, her bucket list is to walk the Camino de Santiago.

SAM HUNTER spoke to us about his MY ROTARY STORY. Sam's dad was a clergyman and a "service club guy". In high school, Sam received a Rotary scholarship and in college he was invited to a Rotary meeting. He lived in Kansas City for 10 years and in 1985, the Rotary International Convention was held there where he was exposed to the people and work of Rotary.

When he moved to Coeur d'Alene he was invited to our club's meeting and later joined. In 2000ish he was elected to serve on the board of directors of the club. His involvement in the club has been vast including hosting a Nicaraguan Rotary group, chairing the Youth Grants committee, serving on the Rose Sale, Invocation, and Scholarship committees. During his presidency, Bob Burton asked Sam to coordinate all the back end work on the community grants, which is a lot of work behind the scenes.

For Sam, Rotary is a chance to learn about our community and a place to bring his kids and wife. In 2018, he visited a club in Bolivia and also many clubs around the United States. He likes being around people who get stuff done and Rotary seems to be a great fit for that! In this season of life he serves our club often and well, while also substitute teaching a good amount of time with the Coeur d'Alene School District.

#### PROGRAMS for JANUARY

More to come

In Service,

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