



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 02/09/24

NEXT MEETING February 16, 2024

Robert Williams, Ph.D., Exec. Director American Waygu Association

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

Presided.....PRESIDENT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation.....BILL MUCK

Greeter.....LARRY STAUFFER

Sergeant at Arms.....DEAN HAAGENSON

**GUESTS**

Jeff Ottmar, guest of Linda Coppess

Mike Crawford, son of Dan Crawford

Joel Akins, guest of Amy Voeller

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Former club member BILL WATT passed away and the club has sent flowers to his family.

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!**

Our club's Interact Club (youth 12-18 years) is hosting an event "Coping with Creativity" on Thursday, February 15th from 5-8 pm at the KROC Center. It is a mental health event designed to explore artistic expression and emotional well-being. Through workshops, discussions, and interactive sessions, join to learn about coping strategies through creativity. Guest speaker is Tyson Durbin, KROC licensed counselor and KROC staff member. Learn more and follow Interact on Instagram @cdainteract.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

Volunteers are needed to paint a few rooms at Orchard Ridge Senior Living next Friday, February 16 after the Rotary meeting. Contact LARRY GILL at 206-949-3517 to sign up!

Volunteers are also needed for Coeur d'Alene Irish. To sign up, click [here](#). You'll be glad you did!

Today is the final day to RSVP for the 2/23 Tom Mueller program. Tom will be speaking about his career going from a kid in St. Maries to co-founder of SpaceX, and now his new company Impulse.

Coeur d'Alene Irish is back on March 16th from 6-10pm at the CDA Resort. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for kids and can be purchased on our website [here](#) or on Eventbrite (there will be a fee). There will be a DJ and entertainment, Irish food and games. Sponsorships from \$500-\$5,000 are available. Contact PRESIDENT DOUG at [sodakhawk@gmail.com](mailto:sodakhawk@gmail.com) or HEIDI ROGERS or MICHELLE DIRKS for sponsorship.

**BIRTHDAYS**

02/10 Kiki Miller

02/12 Kim Edmondson, Gynii Gilliam, Faith Valente, Beck Roan

02/13 Jim Prussack

02/14 Connie Draeger

**Speakers**

**Club Leaders**



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02/15 Michelle Dirks

PROGRAM

MARIE PRICE introduced [Dr. Dennis Becker](#), Dean of the University of Idaho [College of Natural Resources](#) and Professor of Natural Resource Policy. A self proclaimed Kansas farm boy, Becker attended school in Kansas, Michigan, Moscow, ID and was a Fullbright Fellow in Norway where he was first exposed to Rotary.

Becker explained the University of Idaho (UI) was founded in 1889 as part of the land grant system, even before Idaho became a state. The purpose of the UI is to train individuals to better society. The College of Natural Resources was founded in 1908, to provide hands-on experiential education and work with communities and support industry. The UI owns thousands of acres throughout the state used as an outdoor classroom and research centers.

Currently, the face of higher education and students are changing. National Resource student demographics used to look like a young, rural, white student. Today, students are coming from all walks of life into the college and doing amazing work! They have a passion to do something better for the world and keep sustainability and the environment at the forefront. There are approximately 1,100 students in the college and one-third are online learners, yet still desire a hands-on approach to learning. Ultimately, the goal is to teach the science of how you do natural resource management while evolving with changing populations, and also continue to serve what industry needs while remaining responsive to local and regional needs.

There is a desire to help students understand policy and incentives to change behavior in order to effect and benefit the natural resources of the world. Students are trained in how natural resource systems work and how to manage the environment, while not leaving the human side out of the equation. Currently Becker and the College of Natural Resources are working in the "triangle region" of Sandpoint, Coeur d'Alene, Spokane and Tri Cities to provide the programs needed to have career-ready students and training beyond high school.

PROGRAMS for FEBRUARY

02/23/2024 Tom Mueller - Founder of Impulse Space /Formerly founding employee of SpaceX

In Service,

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