



# Rotary

## Club of Coeur d'Alene



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By Larry Riley

**NEXT MEETING July 14, 2023**

United We Rescue – First Responders, Military Support Organizations

Presided **DOUG RUIPIPER**

Invocation **CHRIS CHEELEY**

Greeter **DEAN HAAGENSON**

Sergeant at Arms **RICK RASMUSSEN**

**DOUG RUIPIPER** called his first meeting to order as Club President and then asked a few children in the audience to lead Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Doug followed these hearty young voices by leading Club in the Rotary Four Way Test. Still getting used to the drill, **CHRIS CHEELEY** asked Doug if he would invite everyone to sit before giving the invocation. Chris noted that Rotary is not a Christian organization, yet those same thankful attributes bring us together. "It's what binds us together – giving thanks!"

And this humble scribe owes **MIKE MAKSIMOWICZ** an apology for recognizing a different MIKE last week for the Invocation.

#### GUESTS

Greeter **DEAN HAAGENSON** kicked off this segment by recognizing visiting Rotarians from last week too, Diane and Clancy Hughes, who were visiting from Alaska.

- **SANDY PATANO** introduced Krista and AJ Ridge, visiting for their second week
- **SUE THILO** and **TOM THILO** introduced family members Sarah and Paul Brehm and grandchildren Hannah, Henry, Charlie and Olivia. They also introduced Barbara Mueller.
- **NAOMI BOUTZ** introduced Paul Bedford
- **MIRANDA HAMILTON** introduced Debbie Heiser
- **LARRY RILEY** introduced Judith Pinkerton on behalf of **CLAUDIA BRENNAN**
- **LUKE RUSSELL** introduced Brad and Janice Baldwin
- **HEIDI ROGERS** introduced Bobby Myers, Wyatt Jenson and Lola Hagadone
- **SCOTT CARLSON** introduced Susan Engebretson and Harry Nabors
- **DOUG RUIPIPER** introduced his fiancé, Sarah Day, daughter Isabella and then Josa Snow
- **NANCY SUE WALLACE** introduced Noellet Siena Wallace
- **LINDA COPPESS** introduced brother, Mark Coppess
- **VANESSA MOOS** introduced her husband, Eric
- **JOHN HIPPLER** introduced his wife, Cyndi

#### Speakers

#### Club Leaders



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- **RYAN JOHNSON** introduced his youngest daughter, Reese
- **KAY NELSON** introduced his wife, Joann, and then threw in \$60 Anniversary Happy Dollars!
- **GARY ULVAN** introduced student, Alex Knoll, who thanked Rotary for a scholarship!
- **EMILY MOSES** introduced Jonathon Gale (aka her dad!)

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

**RICK RASMUSSEN** began his room control by fining **LUKE RUSSELL** for, "Not being here in time to greet your guests." Rick then talked about celebrations this Independence Day week.

- In rapid fire, he shared that \$9.5B was spent on food, \$1.6B on beer and wine, there were 2.3M fireworks displays, 150M hotdogs consumed and 5% of annual beer consumption is on July 4<sup>th</sup>!
- So he asked the room how many U.S. Flag changes occurred between 1777 – 1960? Answer: 27. And the last flag added? Hawaii
- And the longest running parade? Bristol, New Hampshire – 1785
- The Declaration of Independence was voted for on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and signed on August 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ASHLEY LENZ** had a housekeeping item to share, "If you're 90-days past due, please pay your invoice. I'm able to process credit cards on-the-spot.
- **DAN CRAWFORD** was inspired by the movie, *Sound of Freedom*, a film about child trafficking. Be sure to see it! You'll be glad you did.

#### BIRTHDAYS

DOUG recognized:

- **JULIE HOLT**, today!
- **PAT WHALEN**, Sun July 9
- **HEATHER WICHMAN**, Mon July 10

#### PROGRAM

**SUE THILO** introduced today's guest speaker, Colonel Sarah J. Brehm, USAF – also Sue and **TOM THILO'S** daughter. As Sarah took the podium to a standing ovation, she thanked her mom for setting the example. Talk about "people of action- thanks!"

Colonel Brehm then spoke about the Air Force and Rotary having similar values. Values that include women in leadership. "Women have long contributed to military operations – Spies, Nursing, Translators, Flying Planes, Rangers, Combat Pilots, and Intelligence. There are 700,000 women in the military today and this year we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Integration Act."

A graduate of the Air Force Academy, she noted that service Academies began accepting women in 1976. "Today 33% of cadets are female. Women can excel at the academies. Me? Being a pilot in the United States Air Force has given me an opportunity to fly and confidence, especially after survival training! I've flown the T6 Texan and Heavy C21 and the U28 – manned intel-recon."

Col Brehm talked about dark night landings and takeoffs in Djibouti, Africa, for example – no real runway and giraffe crossing. "The U28 isn't capable of inflight refueling, so we stay on target as long as we can until Bingo, and for the pilots in the room they'll know what I'm talking about, you're outa' gas and must go home. I've been on dozens of deployments like this. Women can do it and are quite capable. It has been most rewarding as a Squadron Commander for the 34<sup>th</sup> Special Ops."

Serving her country? "Service was instilled in me at an early age and I'm now paying it forward. In command, you learn to take care of people, and when you do, they take care of the mission. It comes down to the people, who are the heart of any service organization. A can-do attitude, just like Rotary."

Col Brehm closed by saying she was proud to have grown up in Coeur d'Alene, supporting youth, being in the military and particularly the Air Force. "My husband, Paul, flies the F16. The military really takes care of married couples. I will continue to serve and, for the next two years, I will be with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States Pentagon."

As the program concluded, and in full dress uniform, Sarah became "mom" and "daughter" as she acknowledged the crowd and turned to the open arms of her children. A moment to be cherished.

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

7/21 MOM Talks  
7/28 United Way of North Idaho – New ALICE Study



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8/4 Ian Hicks – Botswana  
8/11 Aaron Mintz – Sports Agent

In Service,  
**LARRY RILEY**

