



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



Rotary Bulletin 07/14/23

By Britt Towery on Friday, July 14, 2023

NEXT MEETING July 21, 2023

Meet Our Member and our foreign exchange student Izzy Brinson

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Presided.....PRESIDENT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation.....RYAN DAVIS

Greeter.....RYAN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....RICK RASMUSSEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASHLEY LENZ announced that the team going to Guatemala is leaving tomorrow!

Tom Cronin, Julie Amador, Luke & Deb Russell, Carla Cicero and Ashley Lenz will be spending time at the primary school outside of Antigua, Guatemala. Look forward to a program in August to tell you about their trip!

Our friend and former club member, Barb Smalley, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in June of 2022. Since her diagnosis, she has experienced numerous rounds of aggressive chemotherapy, severe COVID pneumonia, and growth of a brain tumor requiring surgical removal. The last big adventure involves a four-month stay in Seattle for a stem cell transplant at the Fred Hutch Cancer Center starting July 18, 2023. If you would like to support Barb via GoFundMe, you can access that at <https://gofund.me/6791fb21>.

REBECCA EYMAN announced that the membership committee was meeting after the luncheon.

PRESIDENT DOUG updated his cell phone number in DACDB if you need to get ahold of him.

If you are currently holding any Rotary items or materials that you would like to offload, PRESIDENT

Speakers

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Membership Chair

DOUG has a 5x6 storage unit in his building on 2115 East Sherman that is available to accept items.

LINDA BAUER sent an email on July 9th regarding Disaster Aid training on August 5th from 10am-2pm in Hayden. Contact DAN CRAWFORD to learn more.

BIRTHDAYS

07/17 Steve Roberge

07/19 Bob McFarland

07/20 David Robinson and Mike Christiansen

HAPPY DOLLARS

STEVE ROBERGE gave \$5 for the celebration of the Rotarians headed to Guatemala!

RYAN JOHNSON gave \$1 because this afternoon his family gets to virtually meet their incoming Rotary exchange student.

CLAUDIA BRENNAN gave \$2 to ask families to host the club's exchange student.

MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN gave \$5 to celebrate the Tour the Universe Astronomy Presentation he recently gave that 40 kids and 20 adults attended.

VANESSA MOOS gave \$20 thanking fellow Rotarians for supporting the Children's Village fundraiser last night.

WANDA QUINN gave \$1 as the University of Idaho doing a research project on wake effects on CDA Lake shoreline. They are in need of a wake/surf boat on August 9th to conduct research from 5am-2pm. They are looking at three surfaces and do runs from shoreline and then data collection. Contact Wanda for more details.

KIM EDMONDSON gave \$4 for her family's Certificate of Occupancy for her house.

SAN HUNTER went to his 50th high school reunion in Burley, ID and over 100 people of the 200 graduating class showed up!

JIM PRUSSACK had the opportunity to help with a boating situation of a kid in distress in a kayak struggling. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help!

DOUG RUPIPER gave \$20 for making it through his first week of being president of the club!

PROGRAM

KIM EDMONDSON introduced Brandy Tarala, United We Rescue nonprofit. Brandy and Kim went to high school together in Spokane. Brandy has been a paramedic for 22 years. She moved to Spokane in 1980, then traveled the country and lived on Cape Cod for 20+ years, then returned back to Spokane in the past few years.

The organization is raising money for mental health for first responders, including military, fire, EMS, law enforcement, dispatch, and medical members. The goal is to financially support first responders impacted by critical incidents. The organization's mission is that no one fights alone.

The organization wants to be a supporter of North Idaho, Kootenai County, Spokane. Goals are to offer a safe space for first responders to decompress and be connected to mental health resources. Provide certified Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) services as an additional resource for those who have been involved in critical and traumatic incidents. The Critical Incident Manager is located in Post Falls. There is a chaplaincy and peer support team to assist first responders with their challenges. Currently, there are nine certified first responders representing the organization.

Some statistics:

- 87% of first responders believe they could use mental health assistance
- 57% believe there will be repercussions if they seek help
- 30% of first responders have PTSD, abuse alcohol, drugs, etc. to try and "help" with their symptoms
- 7 of 10 do not access the services that are available to them due to the fact that they do not trust who is on the other end of the phone

There are major issues and much of how the stigma begins is that if first responders seek help, then they may be taken out of their line of work, which is devastating physically, mentally and financially. Police want to be tough as they do not want to lose their badge or gun due to mental health challenges. To compound the issue, 69% of firefighters are volunteers and do not have the same access to mental health services that paid first responders do. Often, they cannot afford the



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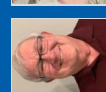
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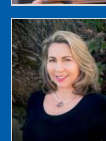
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services or choose not to seek any services.

To learn more, contact Brandy at brandyt@unitedwerescue.org or 508-737-4852 or click [here](#). There are events that are available to be involved with.

PROGRAMS FOR JULY & AUGUST

7/28 United Way of N. ID - New ALICE Study

8/4 Ian Hicks - Botswana

8/11 Aaron Mintz - Sports Agent

8/18 Rotary Guatemala Trip highlights

8/25 Idaho WWAMI Program and how it influences healthcare in North Idaho

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

