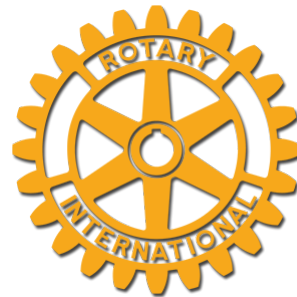




Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



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By Britt Towery on Tuesday, July 19, 2022

NEXT MEETING July 22, 2022

Dr. Roland Kent, Northwest Specialty Hospital- Robotic Surgery

Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting virtually via Zoom

Presided.....PRESIDENT-ELECT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation.....ANN JOHNSON

Greeter.....DEAN HAAGENSON

Sergeant at Arms.....CHRIS CHEELEY

GUESTS

BILL MUCK introduced Brandon Rector

CLAUDIA BRENNAN introduced Priscilla Bell

JIM FAUCHER introduced Mark Paulson

JOE RIGHELLO introduced his kids Nick, Joey, Bella

MIKE MAKSIMOWICZ introduced Michael Christiansen

STEVE MEYER introduced his wife Judy Meyer and Sue Tannehill

KATHY LARSON introduced Monica Mohn

PATTY SHEA introduced Carol Landa-McVicker

BIRTHDAYS

7/17 Steve Roberge

7/19 Bob McFarland

Speakers

July 29, 2022

[Joni Kindwall-Moore](#)

Healthy Food/Healthy Planet:
Renewable Agriculture

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7/20 David Robinson

HAPPY DOLLARS

HEIDI ROGERS gave in celebration of a wonderfully successful night raising funds at the Children's Village annual event.

JULIE HOLT gave in celebration of her retirement last week after 45 years of working!

PROGRAM

PATTY SHEA introduced Ambassador Ryan Crocker, a true original from Spokane. Crocker served as United States Ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait and Lebanon, all spanning over a quarter century of service. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, he worked to build a worldwide coalition to combat terrorism and help millions of oppressed people travel the path to liberty and democracy. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush on January 15, 2009 for cultivating and enhancing relations with pivotal nations.

Ambassador Crocker explained his role in foreign service: "Each administration has its own priorities and style. The career Foreign Service officer's job is to offer the best advice as policy is formulated and then to implement that policy. Our elected leaders need to have confidence that we will carry out policies to the best of our ability."

Currently Crocker believes that the United States is on the "hinge of history", which he explained as an established order giving way to something new. Looking back at WWI, this was hugely consequential for the United States on a global stage. Only 20 years later, WWII made way for the [San Francisco Conference](#), which led to the United Nations and eventually NATO.

Ambassador Crocker explained that from 1945 and on the United States was guiding the world and policy for both the Democrats and Republicans. This began to unravel under the Obama Administration during the Syrian Refugee Crisis when the U.S. backed away from an area where there was typically control held. Russia saw right through this made note of what could be coming in the future. Additionally, the Trump Administration pulled the U.S. out of many world political agreements. In response the Biden Administration said "America is Back" to control the world stage. When the U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan it was seen as "a general retraction of pulling out of the world." As a result, one of Putin's assumptions could be that the era of the United States' ascension is over.

Looking to today's world events, Crocker stated that the U.S. is "on the hinge of history." Crocker believes that President Biden is getting it "fairly right" in the Ukraine events, and noted that 1945-46 was similar to this situation. There will be a required persistent effort to keep Europe together in the wake of the Russian expansion. The Germans and French are taking center focus. NATO is stronger than ever with the application of Sweden and Finland.

There are a lot of unknowns, but he is hopeful in seeing a world that is banding together for outrageous invasions of countries.

Crocker explained that impatience built the United States. We need to be patient on today's issues. He believes this will take persistence for a long, hard, slog to assert power of a United States led international ascendancy. Yet, America is not done yet.

What is the new world order? International balance of power does not work. History proves that it brought us two world wars, and who knows what in the future. In contrast, foreign diplomacy and military strength is the key. International leadership works with coalitions. Moving forward, Russia's weakest spot is its economy. Post world war Russia has a lot of nuclear weapons and if used tactically, could annihilate the entire world. The only way America can be defeated is if America defeats itself.

PROGRAMS FOR JULY

7/29 Joni Kindwall-Moore - Healthy Food /Healthy Planet - Renewable Agriculture

In Service,

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