



# Rotary

## Club of Coeur d'Alene



### BULLETIN 07/21/2023

By Larry Riley

**NEXT MEETING July 28, 2023**

ALICE Report (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) – Mark Tucker, United Way

Presided **DOUG RUIPIPER**

Invocation **CHRIS CHEELEY**

Greeter **MARK OLSON**

Sergeant at Arms **RICK RASMUSSEN**

**DOUG RUIPIPER** called the meeting to order and invited “the Gorilla” to lead Club in the Pledge; visiting President of Rotary on the Rocks, Madison Tebow and (I think) Jessica Hallberg (aka the Gorilla)? Doug followed with the Four Way Test and then asked members what they might have done last week, taking Action or Purpose?

**DAN CRAWFORD** talked about how he and **STEVE CHILDERS** visited the Lowe’s Home Improvement store in the hopes of outfitting the Emergency Response Trailer. To their surprise, the manager granted them an \$800 shopping spree and even committed to the possibility of adding a generator! Trailer training happens on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 2 PM. So far, thirty-four have signed up as volunteers.

DOUG also mentioned “online” causes that Rotarians can join. A new Mental Health Awareness Cause was established in SoCal. It’s the first cause-based-club bringing awareness to mental health.

**CHRIS CHEELEY** then led the club in prayer, with mention of his family visiting from Minnesota, who noted how nice it was to have open windows without screens and no humidity. “It’s the little things in life that we should appreciate and often take for granted.”

#### GUESTS

Greeter, **MARK OLSON**, recognized four visiting Rotarians – Clancy, Cal, Jessica, and Maddison.

- **FAITH VALENTINE** introduced Max Mendez
- **MARK NAIL** introduced his youngest son, Ely

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

**RICK RASMUSSEN** opened by acknowledging the successful “Hagadone Gardens at Casco Bay” fundraiser, which generated \$300,000 for the new Humane Society. Costs have grown from \$6M to

#### Speakers

#### Club Leaders



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\$8.2M.

Rick then began talking about the weather:

- So, when and what were CDA's record high and low temps? 109°F in Aug 1961 and -30°F in Jan 1950.
- And the earliest and latest lake freeze? Aug 25, 1910 and Jun 18, 1949
- What year had the most days above 80°F? 1967 with 101 days
- And what year had the most days below freezing? 1929 with 43 days

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DOUG** reported the following:???????

- The Rotary Park Water Feature is now complete (showed video).
- **STEVE** and **DANA WETZEL** Resignations; a lot going on in their lives.
- Mentioned three new club members were in the pipeline.
- **DAN SCHREIBER** completed twenty-years serving as Club Secretary (to a standing ovation!) and that **REBECCA EYMAN** was stepping into her "first year of twenty" as Secretary.
- Sent to the Foundation their \$50K budget for Community and Youth Grants this year, "So let's get out there and fundraise!"
- Kristina Lallitin has taken over from Nora Pierce as our Club and Foundation bookkeeper.
- We're updating our Website through DACdb.
- There are a few new committee liaisons.
- Club is endorsing **STEVE ROBERGE** for District Governor in 2026-2027.
- **LARRY RILEY** is at home recovering from surgery, as planned. "Doing BULLETIN from Zoom. Can't keep him down."
- Rotary on the Rocks President, Maddison Tebow, talked about their Aug 6<sup>th</sup> fundraiser, Brewery & Root Beer Olympics. There will be eight games and eight sponsorship opportunities. Early-bird adult tickets are \$25, kids \$15. Day-off is \$30 and \$20. "Come out for this community project fundraiser where you'll have fun and enjoy live music!"

#### BIRTHDAYS

- **STEVE ROLLAND** on Mon 7/24
- **DOUG RUIPIER** on Tue 7/25

#### HAPPY DOLLARS

- **KATIE HUNT** threw in \$2 to celebrate her daughter's trip to the Softball Nationals.
- **CHRIS CHELLEY** tossed in 4 bucks to celebrate his new asphalt driveway!
- **CHRISTA HAZEL** threw in \$10 while recognizing three family members who did the Seattle to Portland ride in two days! And then she threw in another 10 bucks, celebrating the fact that she didn't have to "do that ride!"

#### PROGRAM

"**Me and My Exchange Year**" – **MIKE ARMON** introduced our club exchange student, Izzy Brinson, who will be traveling soon to Thailand for nine-months of study. Izzy loves to play musical instruments and looks forward to learning how to play instruments native to Thailand.

Izzy then rolled into her background, giving thanks to her family, who like to play games; Uno, Catan, Mariokart and especially Mario Bros. Mom runs an ice cream truck and dad does online auctions.

Courses of her study include music, jazz, AP computer science, Western Civilization, Biology, Literature and Spanish. School activities include the Academic Team, Theater, Model UN, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl...and playing the Violin! Hobbies include playing the violin, guitar, banjo, ukulele, and piano. "Plus, I like reading – especially Harry Potter! I'm a big fan of Jane Austen too – I got hooked on Pride and Prejudice. I like to hang out with friends, and I'm now up to +14 doing Lego's!"

"I'm looking forward to traveling to Khon Kaen, Thailand and learning their language. They use a different alphabet. I really want to learn their culture, see how they live, meet people, and understand their musical instruments."

Questions?

1. Were you surprised by Thailand? Why Thailand? A: The application process required we apply to fifteen countries and at least two per continent, and then you pick your top five.
2. How did you become aware of being an exchange student? A: My mom was an exchange student to Columbia. We were just sitting in her ice cream truck and stared talking about it,



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- and now I'm going to Thailand.
3. What do you know about your host family? A: Dad is a college professor and mom is a business owner. They have an 18-year-old daughter who is living in Spain.
  4. What is your expectation of people knowing English? A: I hope they don't. That way it'll be easier to learn Thai. Thailand is a tourist country, yet I'll be a little farther away from the tourist areas.
  5. How about school? Is English spoken there? What do you expect? A: "I'ma wing it! I'm not sure yet. Their website is in Thai.

DOUG thanked Izzy for being a part of the program and asked her to return and share her experience – and join the Interact Club too! [Izzy noted that she was a part of the group who brought the Phelps' Swimming Against Stigma program to CDA]

**MEET OUR MEMBER** – just so happened to be our new president, **DOUG RUPIPER!**

Doug has traced his roots back to Rupiper and the streets of Belgium in the 1600s. He also traces back to the German, Von Rupiper's.

In the U.S., my family were South Dakota farmers. You don't find many Rupiper's here, but there are a ton in Carroll, Iowa and Youngstown, South Dakota. I'm one of two brothers who worked hard on the farm. My parents then bought into a Travel Agency that focused on world group touring and did that for 25-years.

In college, I wanted to be a doc, or at least that's where I was headed, because it took me 7-years to finish a 4-year degree, 😊. I started college in Mankato, MN, studying business admin and finance, but then I moved to California, finishing my degree at Cal State Long Beach.

In California, I had fun. Would travel to Catalina Island out of the Dana Point harbor to golf and drink. I lived in a cool bungalow in Laguna Beach for a while. The movie "Wall Street" bit me. That's when I decided to become a financial advisor – it looked exciting and fun!

I worked for a firm that had offices in Beverly Hills and Laguna Hills, got married and then had my daughter, who you've met before, Isabella, born on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2001. Doug got kinda' choked up talking about Isabella, said he wasn't gonna be a Claudia, quickly recaptured himself and then talked about moving to South Dakota.

It's in South Dakota that he got involved in Rotary. I wanted to give back. My dad was in the Sertoma Club, and our Yankton, South Dakota Rotary club had about 30 members.

Moved again. Have any of you heard of The Green Tortoise? It's a hippy bus trip that goes from SoCal up to Seattle. I made that trip, and it introduced me to Seattle. I moved from South Dakota to Seattle where I was in financial services for 10-years, mostly working as an advisor versus working with individual clients. In 2014, I moved to Spokane because I wanted more sunshine, and one way or another, I was going to retire in CDA.

In August of 2016, I took over the Edward-Jones office in CDA and wanted to join Rotary. A friend told me about the Friday Club, but said it was full of "old white guys." **HEIDI ROGERS** was president at the time and she had me sitting next to **TOM THILO**. The CDA Club gave me a sense of community, giving back and meeting people.

This is my 29<sup>th</sup> year with a securities license. My daughter is now living in Spokane and I became engaged to Sarah Day in 2022. And everyone keeps asking – have you set a date? NO!!! And feel free not to ask me again!!! Maybe we'll surprise you and get married on New Years?

Hobbies? I bought a boat, like to play tennis and hiking.

"I've cochaired the Rose Committee and been on the Board...and now I'm President. I didn't want to be President. I wanted to be Past-President! It's a mystery club – the Apostles? What's that all about? What do they do? The only way to find out...er, well..."

Giving back is contagious. Thank you for the opportunity to be your President!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

7/28 United Way of North Idaho – New ALICE Study  
8/4 Ian Hicks – Botswana  
8/11 Aaron Mintz – Sports Agent

In Service,  
**LARRY RILEY**