



Rotary

Club of Coeur d'Alene



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NEXT MEETING August 4, 2023

Club Member Ian Hicks - Botswana

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Presided.....**PRESIDENT DOUG RUIPIER**

Invocation.....**CHRIS CHEELEY**

Greeter.....**JOE SKROPUSKI**

Sergeant at Arms.....**RICK RASMUSSEN**

At today's Rotary meeting, we had the following guests:

- Honored Guest Judith Pinkerton, hosted by Claudia Brennan
- Leslie Duncan, hosted by Don Duffy
- Blaine Holt, hosted by Alan Golub

We had 2 visiting Rotarians:

- Clancey and Diane Hughes from Homer, Alaska

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The Membership Committee met and has advanced 3 new applicants for membership review. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ann Thomas, Membership Chair at AThomas@mountainwestbank.com.

- Harold Nabors, sponsored by Scott Carlson
- Paul Bedford, sponsored by Naomi Boutz
- Judith Pinkerton, sponsored by Lora Whalen

Speakers

Club Leaders



[Doug Rupiper](#)
President



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Member



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Treasurer



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Club Director



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Club Director

[Rebecca Eyman](#)
Secretary
Director
Membership Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIS CHEELEY announced the CDA Rotary Foundation (our club's foundation) will be hosting the annual Legacy Society party in August. Join the 22 members of our club who have named the foundation in their estate plans. BRET AND MICHELLE DIRKS will be hosting the event at their home. No minimum gift is required to be a part of the Legacy Society. Contact Chris at chrischeeley@gmail.com or President Doug for further details.

DAN CRAWFORD was happy to announce that 42 Rotarians and friends from all over the district have registered for the disaster training hosted on Saturday, August 5th in Hayden. And the Rotary disaster trailer is almost filled with needed equipment!

DON DUFFY announced the Panhandle Health Suicide Prevention (SPAN) walk on September 9th at Riverstone. Last year's \$10,000 proceeds supported the Veterans Outreach Center in Saint Maries.

PRESIDENT DOUG announced that the Thursday Rotary on the Rocks club will be hosting the Brewery Olympics on August 5th. See him for more details.

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

The Rotarian of the Month is RYAN JOHNSON. He is a native Idahoan, born in Grangeville, ID and is married to Michelle and dad to Josh, Kennedy and Reece. Ryan is an avid outdoorsman, including mountain bike riding, bird hunting, shooting sporting clays, golfing, snow skiing and more. He loves design and the built environment and shares that passion in his work as an architect. Ryan is a strong supporter of local public schools and enjoys supporting the community through her service with and serving on boards of local nonprofits including Children's Village, EXCEL Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of CDA Chamber Leadership Coeur d'Alene. He often helps plan, attend and support local nonprofit galas and fundraising events. Ryan and his family are also the first family to host the incoming Rotary exchange student. And he is an IDAHO VANDAL graduate!

BIRTHDAYS

07/29 Steve Childers

08/01 Kirby Phillips

08/03 Clint Schroeder

HAPPY DOLLARS

STEVE ROBERGE gave \$5 to celebrate the historic Playland Pier that Sergeant Rick Rasmussen talked about today.

CLAUDIA BRENNAN gave \$51 to celebrate 51 years of wedded bliss with Jim!

KIKI MILLER gave \$1 to announce her son Oskar playing the lead in Escape to Margaritaville in Spokane beginning August 4th.

PAT WHALEN gave money to celebrate that 12 Australian Rotarians will finally make their Rotary Friendship Exchange to the US in September of 2024.

NICKY SWAIN gave \$5 to invite anyone to take her hubby NICK SWAIN hunting as he has a full envelope of Idaho hunting licenses!

PROGRAM

JIM FAUCHER introduced club member MARK TUCKER who is the Executive Director of



[Ashley Lenz](#)
Club Director



[Emily Moses](#)
Club Director
Community Service
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Club Director



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Community Service
Chair



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II](#)
Community Service
Chair



[Ian Hicks](#)
International Service
Chair



[Alex Stanton](#)
International Service
Chair



[Candace Louise
Godwin](#)
iPast President



United Way of North Idaho. He began that position in June of 2014 and joined our club in 2015. Mark grew up in Western Washington, is a graduate of Washington State University, has a Master in Nonprofit Management, is married to his lovely wife Lisa and is an empty nester.

Mark talked to the club about the ALICE population and the grassroots movement, United for Alice. Not able to qualify for welfare as the workers make too much money and are above the federal poverty line threshold, the ALICE population is struggling to make it financially on a month to month basis.

According to the website, United?For?ALICE is a driver of innovation, research, and action to improve life across the country for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) and for all. Through the development of the ALICE measurements, a comprehensive, unbiased picture of financial hardship has emerged. The ALICE research quantifies and describes the number of households that are struggling financially. This project raises awareness about a huge but hidden segment of our community that is struggling to afford basic necessities. The success of a community is directly related to the financial stability of its members.

The most recent ALICE report came out in the past few months with updates on 2021 data. This unique study uses federal census data, but includes local cost of living, unique to each geographic community. Spearheaded by United Way, the first Pacific Northwest (WA, OR, ID) report came out in 2016 to shed light on the financial hardships for members of our community and region.

Our community is loaded with nonprofits and the data in this report has been instrumental in helping other nonprofit agencies in their grant funding applications, as well as employment challenges. This report also helps employers to get a better snapshot to understand their employees and their financial challenges even more.

A big target to assist our local ALICE population is with child care assistance. For those ALICE individuals and families, they average 27% of their income going to childcare. And 70% of those do not qualify for state Health and Welfare, Idaho State Child Care Program (ICCP) funding. United Way works directly with child care providers to pay scholarships for families. United Way will also partner with businesses to administer the program if the business wants to help supplement the child care costs for their employees.

To learn more visit www.UnitedforAlice.org. You can also view the slides [here](#).

PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST

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