

# Rotary

## Club of Coeur d'Alene

### Rotary Bulletin 08/04/23

NEXT MEETING August 11, 2023

Aaron Mintz - Sports Agent

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Presided.....PRESIDENT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation.....SKIP PRIEST

Greeter.....ANN THOMAS

Sergeant at Arms.....KIM EDMONDSON

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

- Russ Woodward, hosted by Ian Hicks
- Rev. Dr. David Owren, hosted by Ian Hicks
- JoAnn Nelson, hosted by Kay Nelson
- Dan Lenz and Kate Lenz, hosted by Ashley Lenz
- Mike Gridley, hosted by Carla Cicero
- Larry Agee, hosted by Dan Crawford
- Max Mendez, hosted by Faith Valente

The Visiting Rotarians are:

- Clancey Hughs from Homer, Alaska
- Linda and Jim Bauer from Richland, Washington

#### 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](mailto:AThomas@mountainwestbank.com).

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

#### 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](mailto: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. Special thanks to CLAUDIA BRENNAN for providing lunch for everyone at the training!

LARRY GILL announced the Local Community Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, AUGUST 9th at 6:30 pm at the North Idaho Building and Contractors Association (NIBCA) building. PLEASE RSVP to Larry at [larry@evergreensuccess.com](mailto:larry@evergreensuccess.com).

LES ATCHLEY announced that next week's speaker, Aaron Mintz, is the son of he and Janet, and Aimee Tannaberger's brother. Please come listen to his fascinating stories as an NBA agent.

#### NEW MEMBER

LORA WHALEN announced new member [JUDITH PINKERTON](#). Judith is a violinist and her passion is music therapy and also using it for suicide prevention. She created [Music for Life](#), is an author,

#### Speakers

#### Club Leaders

	<a href="#">Doug Rupiper</a> President
	<a href="#">Ashley Lenz</a> President - Elect
	<a href="#">Michael Nail</a> Treasurer
	<a href="#">Julie Amador</a> Club Director
	<a href="#">Kim Jane Edmondson</a> Club Director
	<a href="#">Rebecca Eyman</a> Secretary Director Membership Chair
	<a href="#">Emily Moses</a> Club Director Community Service Chair
	<a href="#">Mark Olson</a> Club Director
	<a href="#">Larry Riley</a> Public Relations Chair Club Director
	<a href="#">Ann Thomas</a> Club Director Membership Chair
	<a href="#">Britt Towery</a> Bulletin Editor Club Director
	<a href="#">Chris L. Cheeley</a> Sergeant-at-Arms
	<a href="#">Hank Martin</a> Rotary Foundation Chair
	<a href="#">Larry Gill</a> Community Service Chair
	<a href="#">Robert William Smee II</a> Community Service Chair
	<a href="#">Ian Hicks</a> International Service Chair
	<a href="#">Alex Stanton</a> International Service Chair
	<a href="#">Candace Louise Godwin</a> iPast President
	<a href="#">Steven Roberge</a> Assistant Governor

clinician, speaker and more!

## ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

The Rotarian of the Month for August is ASHLEY LENZ. Ashley serves on the North Idaho College Foundation Board of Directors and is currently Board Secretary. She is a Member of the Women's Gift Alliance and on the Board of Directors for our Rotary Club. As you likely know, she is currently President-Elect. Recently, she has championed efforts with the Rotary Finance committee, taking on the task of securing and establishing a process for credit card processing at our meetings and events. She has spent hours over the last few months working through the Accounts Receivables for both the Club and the Foundation, with the goal of ensuring financial accountability and establishing effective systems for timely payments.

Recently Ashley joined other Rotarians and spent a week serving children in Guatemala through the Cooperative for Education where she painted a school and supported children with literacy to break the cycle of poverty through education. coordinated with the co-op about trip logistics and ensured that everyone was prepared for the trip.

## BIRTHDAYS

08/06 Aimee Tannaberger

08/09 Rebecca Eyman

08/10 Caryl Johnston

## HAPPY DOLLARS

DAN SCHREIBER gave \$10 sad/happy dollars as he is no longer single, but proudly engaged to fellow club member KATIE HUNT!

STEVE ROBERGE gave \$5 to celebrate Dan and Katie's engagement.

JOHN MAHER gave \$60 to celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary!

FAITH VALENTE gave \$2 to celebrate her daughter's graduation from the University of Washington with a Master in Public Health and her son passing his comps for a PhD in Finance from Washington State University.

PRESIDENT DOUG gave \$1 to celebrate the great Inland Northwest Opera fundraiser last week.

KAY NELSON gave \$5 to celebrate his great granddaughter coming to visit.

IAN HICKS gave \$20 to celebrate his 8 and 6 year old grandkids coming to visit.

## PROGRAM

Club member IAN HICKS presented our program. Ian was born in the U.K. and moved to South Africa at the age of three where he developed an African wildlife and photography passion. He met his wife Janet at the University of Johannesburg through her father who was Ian's zoology professor! In 1983 he moved to the United States to escape the apartheid. He has been a member of ROTary for many years, having served as President and District Governor in Orange County, CA.

Throughout his life, Ian has visited game parks over 120 times. He spoke to the club about being on safari and also how to manage wildlife in Botswana. The economy of the country is dependent on mining and 50% of the government revenue comes from diamond mining. With a population of 2.5 million, Botswana has been noted as the least corrupt country in Africa.

Botswana is in the Kalahari Desert which includes sand up to 500 feet deep! Much of the wildlife and safari areas are in the Okavango Delta where you will find lion, buffalo, wild dogs, vultures, giraffe, impala, zebra, elephant, rhinos, baboons, striped mongoose, and more. Ian enjoys the vast bird life and believes it a joy to photograph. The rainy months in this region are Nov, Dec and Jan.

The guides in Botswana are not armed as they have grown up in the Delta and know how to survive. If you have not seen the film Ian recommends "A United Kingdom " as a good film to watch to understand the intercultural and interracial dynamics in the country. To learn more about the country click [here](#).

You can access Ian's beautiful slideshow of photographs [here](#).

## PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST

8/18 Rotary Guatemala Trip highlights

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

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

