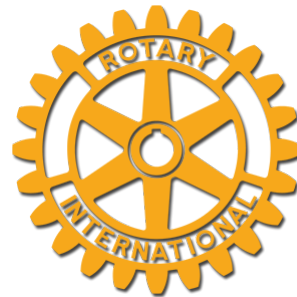




Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



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By Larry Riley

NEXT MEETING August 12, 2022

Program: TBD

Presided.....**PRESIDENT CANDACE GODWIN**

Invocation.....**KAY NELSON**

Greeter.....**IAN HICKS**

Sergeant at Arms.....**CHRIS CHEELEY**

WANDA QUINN led Club in the Pledge of Allegiance, while **CANDACE** followed with the Four Way Test.

KAY NELSON gave the invocation and linked it to the Four Way Test and the 1st test: Is it the Truth? He gave a short history of the Test by creator Herbert Taylor in 1932 and how it was later adapted by Rotary International in 1942. He closed prayer by saying, "Truth should be foundational in all we do."

GUESTS

CANDACE GODWIN introduced her husband, Hal Godwin.

DAVID WOLD introduced the new NIC President, Dr. Nick Swayne.

WANDA QUINN introduced Coeur d'Alene City Councilwoman, Christie Wood.

SUE THILO introduced former Idaho State Senator and NIC Trustee, John Goedde. **SUE** also introduced Cara Nielsen, Kootenai Health Foundation's new Executive Director.

CHRISTA HAZEL introduced NIC Trustee, Pete Broschet. **CHRISTA** also introduced Dr. Jerry Gee, former NIC VP overseeing construction.

MAREN MAIER introduced Greta Gissel, the new CDA2030 Executive Director.

KIM EDMONDSON introduced Phil Ward, CDA Planning Commission.

NAOMI BOUTZ introduced Patty Ransom, a valued Vine and Olive Eatery associate.

LARRY STAUFFER introduced educators Suzie Long and Bobbi Hughes.

BOB BURTON introduced Patrici Lewis.

SCOTT CARLSON introduced Allie Lee.

BARBARA ANN MAY introduced NIC Student, Alex Elliott.

STEVE MEYER introduced his wife and NIC Trustee Emeritus, Judy Meyer.

JODY AZEVEDO introduced past NIC Trustee, Dr. Joe Dunlap and then her husband, Mike White.

LUKE RUSSELL introduced his wife, Deb Russell.

SANDY PATANO introduced Whitman Lumber president and former Fish & Game Commissioner,

Speakers

August 05, 2022

[Dr. Nick Swayne, President, North Idaho College](#)

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August 19, 2022

[Jon Ness, CEO, Kootenai Health](#)

August 26, 2022

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SERGEANT AT ARMS

Having an affinity and reputation for boating, **CHRIS CHEELEY** guided the Club through interesting boating stats with a typical Cheeley flair! So he piqued interest by talking about 2022 Boating Accidents. Did you know that 8 out of 10 accidents occur in boats less than 21 feet? There are 80,000 boats registered in Idaho, with 25% registered in Kootenai County. According to 2020 reports, there were 761 drownings in the U.S., and to everyone's surprise, or not, 86% occurred without life jackets. And what are the two leading factors to boating accidents? 1) Inattention and 2) Inexperience. So, after < 21' boats, the next type of watercraft with the most accidents? Canoes and kayaks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Look for emails from **CHRIS CHEELEY** describing The Legacy Society; naming the Cd'A Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary in your estate plan, named donors and more about a recognition party to be held on August 18th.

While acknowledging the sizeable number of guests in attendance, **CANDACE** said, "Be sure to check out our Club!"

BIRTHDAYS

8/6 Aimee Tannaberger
8/9 Rebecca Eyeman
8/10 Caryl Johnston

PROGRAM

New NIC president, Nick Swayne, Ph.D., was introduced by **DAVID WOLD**. Dr. Swayne came to North Idaho College after serving as the Executive Director of *4-Virginia*, a collaborative partnership between eight universities in the state of Virginia. He is also the founder of a comprehensive academic innovation ecosystem at *James Madison University*.

Swayne earned his bachelor's degree from the *University of Idaho*, a master's in public administration from *Northeastern University* and a doctorate in postsecondary strategic leadership from *James Madison University*. Nick and his wife Nicky have two grown children and a lab named Stout! [As an aside – Nick and Nicky. How cool is that!]

Nick began his talk by telling Rotarians how happy he was to receive such a nice reception for being a *University of Idaho* graduate. Something he wasn't accustomed to experiencing on the east coast. He also told the Club that he's not angry and is not a yeller, but as a second lieutenant and artillery officer in the *U.S. Army*, they didn't figure out the need to wear hearing protection until years later, "So I have a bit of hearing loss. Know that I'm not angry, nor am I yelling at you." Nick served in Iraq, Bosnia and Saudi Arabia.

What does he like doing most? "Building partnerships with big groups." His military experience included workgroups of +600 people and multimillion dollar budgets. "Notice, it's the military, guys."

Nick encouraged members to check out *JMU X-Labs*, something reminiscent of *Gizmo-CdA*, found on NIC's campus. He described both makerspaces in complimentary ways, yet *Gizmo* is about twice the size and both are "partners that make the magic." He also talked about *First Lego League of Virginia* as a way to attract and inspire 4th and 5th graders. "Younger people need to see potential at an early age is critical."

So why did I come to NIC? "There's nothing wrong with 4-year institutions, yet they deal in a lot of theory, whereas 2-year programs deal in practice-based applied learning. Whether NIC students choose to go on to a 4-year institution, or not, the one thing they want to do is 'upscale. Grow from their 2-year experience."

"We teach to problem solve, innovate and start from a hypothesis. It's okay to test and pivot while making small changes to improve."

What are my four goals: 1) Students, 2) Faculty, 3) Staff and 4) Community. "We need to fix accreditation issues," which Nick emphasized as "governance," not "academics." "Academics are sound."

Some of our challenges? "Maintaining an important culture as we face faculty retirements. Rebuilding trust while communicating, sharing and being transparent. We need to focus on the front window, not the rearview mirror."



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"And we're going to have fun! Education should be fun. Students should love to learn and we should love to be there. It's nice to practice having fun. You can't force fun (to a round of laughs). Sure, we need to challenge the students, yet they need to enjoy the challenge and look forward to their journey."

Questions?

How's the insurance challenge coming along at NIC? "We're working through it. We'll reevaluate and move forward. We'll figure it out."

How's fall enrollment looking? "It's not where I'd like it to be. Enrollment is falling elsewhere, but in a growing community like ours? We need to figure out why? Is there a COVID effect? A 3-year break in the cycle? Maybe students see that wages are up and they don't need to continue with school? We need to change that mindset. Wages might be \$20 an hour, but you're not going to buy a house for \$20 an hour. Through education, they need to strive for much higher wages."

What are the top three things you're tackling? "Accreditation, board governance and how we replace senior leadership."

What's your vision for connecting with the community? "You have to get out and be in the community. Me! I need to be out there meeting with guidance counselors and principals. Meeting them personally!"

What about Theater? "I'm a fan of theater. Theater and the arts inspire us!"

How about veterans? "Veterans are a disciplined group, and in my whole 5-days on the job, I've learned that we have a veterans program. I'm a veteran and I'm going to learn from our veteran's affairs leader. We have good programs for veterans and we're going to be there for them."

What do you tell the youth, the kiddos? "Community Colleges are the democracy of socio economic status. Where else can you get secondary education for \$1,900 a year, and for many, get it paid through grants? We need to show our youth what's possible. Have them think about what's possible and work toward that."

Coeur d'Alene? "I see it's a warm community and I can feel how much you value NIC!"

PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST

8/19 Jon Ness, Kootenai Health CEO

8/26 Roger Powell, Jr., Gonzaga Men's Basketball Assistant Coach

In Service,
LARRY RILEY



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