



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



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NEXT MEETING September 15, 2023

Meet Our Member (MOM) talks

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Presided.....PRESIDENT DOUG RUPIPER

Invocation.....DON DUFFY

Greeter.....CANDACE GODWIN

Sergeant at Arms.....STEVE ROBERGE

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

- Janice and Brad Baldwin, hosted by Greg Helbling
- Don Jacklin and Tom Stoesser, hosted by Tom Thilo
- Susan Jacklin, hosted by Sue Thilo
- Lindsey Lewis, hosted by Jim Faucher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medical Lake Fire update: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We would love to see 10 people per shift so if you can spare a couple of hours tomorrow, please add yourself to the schedule.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s9B_kKC7GDtQ0A-Pq8K04fkDNiwBCzuX-3WrdX8TcA/edit?usp=sharing

We are taking Sunday off to rest and then back at it Monday. The schedule goes through September 23rd so pick your times, I would love to each one of you take a shift, I promise you won't regret helping these families.

Details for the Saturday and Monday work crews:

Speakers

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New location!!! 11120 S Welcome Road Medical Lake. Pack your own lunches or snacks, water and Gatorade will be provided.

(FYI) We will not have a porta potty on site until Monday but there is always the woods or you can drive to a different site if need be.

Questions, contact Christina Petit at 208-512-1703.

BIRTHDAYS

9/08 Marie Nail

9/11 Jim Pierce

9/13 Larry Riley

HAPPY DOLLARS

JUDY DRAKE gave \$60 in celebration of BILL's and her 60th wedding anniversary!

KIM EDMONDSON gave \$1 because she was happy to see KIMBER GATES back at Rotary today.

RYAN JOHNSON gave \$3 to celebrate the efforts by VANESSA MOOS, MIKE ARMON and himself to plan the now sold out CDA Regional Chamber of Commerce golf tournament.

CLAUDIA BRENNAN gave money (?) to celebrate 14 Rotary Youth Exchange students from 14 different countries spending time at Lutherhaven Ministries this weekend.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS

Bret Dirks PHF, Society Joe Righello +2, Society

Wanda Quinn +2 Kim Edmondson +3

Heidi Rogers +4 Kimber Gates +5

Claudia Brennan +5, Society Bev Lingle +6

Mic Armon +6 Bob Burton +7

Joe Morris +8 Mary Sanderson +8

HANK MARTIN said he will offer up a Paul Harris Fellow (worth \$1,000) to any member who joins Rotary Direct and has their \$20/month donation automated to donate to the International Rotary Foundation.

PROGRAM

TOM THILO introduced Doyle and Tag Jacklin to speak about the Jacklin family business activities in North Idaho, past and present. The three Jacklin brothers, Duane, Don, and Doyle came from farming roots in Eastern Washington and began an international agribusiness. From a long family line of Washing State University graduates, for over 50 years the Jacklins have enriched our North Idaho community through socioeconomic, educational and cultural contributions.

They have built a business that has left a footprint that includes a University of Idaho Research Park, North Idaho College Workforce Development Center, Kootenai County Fairgrounds multi-purpose building, land for the Idaho State Veterans home, the Jacklin Arts and Cultural Center (JACC), a partnership with the University of Idaho on the world's first equine clone ([Idaho Gem mule](#)), as well as founding members of the economic development corporation, Jobs Plus (now the [CDAEDC](#)).

Doyle spoke of the company's past beginning with his grandfather who was a plant breeder specializing in sweet peas and beans. In 1936 he moved from Bonners Ferry to Dishman, WA and with his three sons and a few brothers they formed the Jacklin Seed Company. They farmed beans and peas in the Eastern Washington palouse. The beans and peas were canned and sold throughout North America. In the 1940s when people wanted lush green lawns for their homes. Through the Jacklin Seed Company, the Jacklins experimented with Kentucky Bluegrass and Fescue grass production. Doyle's father was a specialist in erosion control grasses so he knew what grass was all about. They got into the Kentucky Bluegrass production and had 100,000 acres of seed fields in North Idaho, 8,000 acres they farmed on their own and the rest were independent growers. At the peak, 48% of the total seed business was sold to international buyers.

From the 1950-1980s grass growing was at its peak on the Rathdrum Prairie and around Liberty Lake. It was discovered that if the grass fields were burned, their seed yields would be 2-3 times higher. The seasonal burning would continue for three weeks every August on the Rathdrum Prairie through the 1990s until it was moved to Washington's Columbia Basin due to the negative reception



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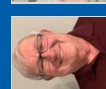
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by locals and tourists due to the large amounts of smoke in the air. In 1997 Jacklin Seed was sold to the Simplot company in Southern Idaho.

Tag took over and spoke of the present and fourth generation of family members working with the company. A new venture beyond grass growing was land development. In 1981 the Riverbend Commerce Park began near the stateline in Post Falls to form commercial industrial buildings to recruit companies for industry. In 1987 the economy was not great in Northern Idaho with the decrease in timber and so the Jacklins worked with Bob Potter and other founding members and formed Jobs Plus, the economic development corporation. Agricultural and commercial business in the Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Rathdrum areas. In 2004 the NIC Workforce Development Center and University of Idaho Research Park were formed in the commerce park. As of 2023, there are 60 companies in the Riverbend Commerce Park.

Today the Jacklins are diversifying their portfolio through angel investing. Founded in 2001, Bighorn Ventures provides capital to early stage companies in the Inland Northwest and have 34 investments across two funds.. The Jacklins are also working on the Prairie Properties and the 87 acre commercial subdivision, Haycrop Commercial Park off of Highway 41 in Post Fall and Rathdrum. There also has been a land swap with the City of Post Falls to help with land for the wastewater department to irrigate farm fields rather than put treated water into the Spokane River. This method will help to decrease the phosphorus levels in the water to help meet more stringent EPA standards. ???????

PROGRAMS: SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER

9/22 Jenny Andrews, Malaria Partners Int'l.

9/29 US Forest Service - Forest Fires

10/6 Meteorologist Kris Krockner

10/13 Sunshine Mine COO, Tom Henderson - Mining in North Idaho

10/20 Meet Our Member (MOM) talks

10/27 Atlas Free - Laura Equivel & Caitlin O'Brien - Human Trafficking

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY