



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## BULLETIN 12/08/2023

By Larry Riley

**NEXT MEETING November 15, 2023**  
**CDA Regional Chamber of Commerce**

Presided **DOUG RUIPER**  
 Invocation **SAM HUNTER**  
 Greeter **RYAN JOHNSON**  
 Sergeant at Arms **JIM PRUSSACK**

**DOUG** kicked off the meeting by welcoming **MADISON TEBOW**, President of the Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene Evening. He also thanked the large group in attendance, yet kinda chastised us by saying, "Let us know! That's why a lot of ya' got salads because we didn't know you were coming." Madison then led club in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by membership reciting the Four Way Test.

**SAM HUNTER'S** Invocation touched on the story of Creation, free will, choice, and damage done. "It's important to dive into the story and understand the importance of Christmas."

**RYAN JOHNSON** followed as Greeter and opened by thanking Sam for, "Getting prayer outa' the way!" Did I hear someone say from the floor, "Bad Santa!"

### GUESTS

- Madison Tebow from Rotary on the Rocks
- Frank Geisler from Sandpoint Rotary
- Don Duffy introduced Christine Crummer
- Kim Edmondson introduced Jennifer Everett
- Scott Carlson introduced Jeff Logar

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

**JIM PRUSSACK** thanked everyone for the large turnout last Friday at the CDA Eagles to raise money for **BARB SMALLEY**, who continues to fight the valiant fight against cancer in Seattle. "It was incredibly successful and raised \$10,000."

So, Jim threw trivia our way and asked:

1. North Idaho is home to the smallest city in the state. What is it? A: Huetter. Okay, so how many people? A: between 99.5 and 100. And how many square miles is it? A: .04
2. So as a snowy area, North Idaho holds the world record for what? A: A single stage gondola. Okay, how long is it? A: 3.1 miles
3. We're also known for the longest? A: Boardwalk. At how many feet? A: 3,300. And when was it built? A: 1985.
4. What river is the highest navigable river in the world? A: The St. Joe River at 2,129 feet. And how long is it? A: 144 miles

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**SHON HOCKER** introduced Avery Breaux, who is a student at Coeur d'Alene High. Avery is a highly ambitious student who constantly strives to improve themselves and others. They embrace change, thrive off challenges and do not falter in the face of adversity. Avery has grown academically, professionally, and personally. Since first grade, Avery has always been in honors, ALP, or gifted programs and classes. They currently take 7 AP classes both in-school and online and are ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of their class of over 300 students. Avery works at Albertson's, is interested in civic activism, volunteering, outdoors and nature, making art and innovating. They plan on attending the University of Washington pursuing neural engineering and computer science.

### Speakers

#### Club Leaders



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**JULIE AMADOR** introduced Emma Raymond, who is a senior at Lake City High School. Emma holds a cumulative 4.25 GPA, having taken multiple AP, honors, and dual enrollment classes. She has been a part of Sideline and Competition Cheerleading at Lake City for the past four years. She is President of the Family Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club, and has been a part of FCCLA for the past 2 years. After being a part of the National Honors Society for the past 3 years, this year she was elected Secretary. As an Idaho Top Scholar, Emma enjoys volunteering at local events such as the Ironman, the County Fair and the Jen McKenna Paddle Run race. She plans to attend NIC on a full academic scholarship and finish her degree at the University of Idaho in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Family and Consumer Sciences.

#### ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

A member since 2018, our Rotarian of the Month is so much more! **MAREN MAIER** has led several programs for the club, and has been a co-chair on committees such as Membership, Programs, and Social. Rotarians who work alongside Maren describe her as passionate, invaluable, always-in, and strongly committed to community. Outside of Rotary, Maren works in Community Outreach for her company and is a board member for many organizations. Thanks for all you do, Maren. You make us proud!

#### Announcements

**MADISON TEBOW** thanked the club for supporting the Festival of Trees, where the Gone Fishing, handcrafted 17' canoe sold for \$3,000. She said, "Thanks for your support. We could not have done this without your donation!"

**DOUG RUPIPER** drew attention to an email Jotform survey regarding Rotary International and club member contributions.

#### BIRTHDAYS

DOUG also mentioned that **MARY SANDERSON** was the only person having a birthday this upcoming week, on Tuesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### HAPPY DOLLARS

**VALLETA O'NEIL** announced that she is officially retired! Her goal is to visit every National Park. She also talked about **BARB SMALLEY** being a dear friend and a person who, "you could always rely on to donate to causes!" And with that, Valleta donated \$1,000 toward Barb's treatments.

**KIKI MILLER** threw in \$30 celebrating dissolving her marketing company this month while saying, "I'm going to practice being retired, will remain on the Idaho Association of Cities and the Rotary boards. Thank you for 30-years!"

**LARRY GILL** threw in \$5 to celebrate, "No more medical excesses. Life is great! (A nod to his wife, Marishka)"

**KIM EDMONDSON** dropped 20 bucks while talking about her granddaughter who earned her first medal as a wrestler, and being able to hold Gold Medal Olympian wrestler, Rulon Gardner's gold medal while saying, "It's heavier than I thought!"

**HANK MARTIN** threw in \$20 welcoming Sue and/or Russ "I didn't quite get all that! Yet, let the record show that Hank tossed in 20 bucks! Doing BULLETIN is harder than you think ??."

**MICHELLE DIRKS** was happy to throw in for Lake City Church gingerbread houses.

**PATTIE STRUB** was happy to toss in a "grumpy one dollar because so many people didn't RSVP and I had to eat a salad!"

**JULIE AMADOR** proudly tossed in 3 bucks in recognition of her son, Simon, who has steadfastly overcome medical issues. "Thank you, Rotarians!"

#### PROGRAM

**JIM FAUCHER** introduced the Hospice of North Idaho program and Executive Director, Eric Ladwig, along with Dr. Leah Jones MD, Medical Director.

Eric kicked off the presentation, acknowledging several people in-the-room, from BOD members, to Veterans support and builders. Hospice of North Idaho is the only nonprofit hospice in North Idaho and is the largest hospice in the state. He said, "None of this would be possible without a supportive community!"

He then went into "talking the language of grief" and the "powerful work." Their Mission is, "With open hearts and expertise, we serve the seriously ill and those touched by loss, and with a Vision of, "Together, we create a community where all people can live fully and die with dignity."

Eric made it a point to emphasize that we help the patient achieve their goals to "live fully." He added, "Hospice is about support, a companion piece. We help people live fully, and it's not all about death, it's 100% about life - compassion, care, and comfort."

Dr. Jones followed Eric by explaining how "Palliative is misunderstood. With palliative, there's an extra layer of support, setting goals and focusing on the quality of life." She added, "Hospice is derived from the word, hospitality. A place of rest and a program where life may be less than 6-months?"

"We look at a disease trajectory and early intervention is key. We like to have early referrals, and for some reason, late referrals are common and somewhat unique, here (in North Idaho). Please let us know sooner, earlier than two weeks out (from expected death?)." She added, "There are always family dynamics in play, which makes things complicated and messy."

Dr. Jones made reference to the "windle" trajectory. "We want to dispel that we're not taking away. We're managing symptoms, not just masking. We'll maintain meds and



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not taking away. we're managing symptoms, not just morphine. we'll maintain meds and focus on quality of life. Dr. Jones was quick to recognize the staff and said, "CNAs are the most important part of our team. We also focus on spiritual care and have three NPS and one doctor."

Eric followed Dr. Jones and pointed out that, "We love our people. They're like family, not just coworkers. And the Schneidmiller House is the #1 reason why we're successful. It's our community, and why other hospice programs are for profit. For example, the Hospice House of Spokane closed with 12-beds. We have 21 and view the Schneidmiller House as an incredible resource. We manage a tight and close atmosphere with a goal to get you (members) back home, or give family members a break! Let supporters get support!"

"We provide grief support and teach the language of grief." Eric then described the PLATE SMASH, where kids vent powerful emotions by throwing plates "down with all the emotion." They feel good when it's over. It's a great way for them to release.

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#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

12/22 Christmas Program

12/29 One Small Step " club camaraderie

In Service,

**LARRY RILEY**

