



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



Rotary Bulletin 01/10/25

NEXT MEETING January 17, 2025

Jeanette Laster - Human Rights Education Institute (HREI) / MLK Day

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....CHRIS CHEELEY

Greeter.....RYAN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....REBECCA EYMAN

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

- Eric Ladwig, hosted by Ryan Johnson
- Ben Elias, hosted by Steve Roberge
- Johanna Brown (honored guest), hosted by Kate Coyle
- John Clary, hosted by Kate Coyle
- Melanie Lewis, hosted by Michele Dirks
- Myah Rietze, hosted by Kristi Rietze

BIRTHDAYS

January 11 Susana Rosen

January 12 Mike Baker

January 12 Dan Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The International Services committee will be meeting directly after next week's meeting on January 17.

Speakers

Club Leaders



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Disaster Aid USA- Look for the email from District Governor Lorne Westnedge on Wednesday, January 8. It has details on how you can join Rotary in supporting those affected by the Los Angeles area wildfires.

Club member EMILY MOSES has been out since this summer with a very challenging pregnancy. In true Rotarian form (everything great happens on a Friday), Kellan James Moses was born at 4:58pm on Friday, December 13. Weighing 6 lbs. and 3 ozs., Emily said she and Kellen are doing really well! The club put together a Meal Train delivery of dinners that began in August to support her family. Since then our club has provided home cooked meals and gift cards for takeout, prayers and well wishes. Emily is eternally grateful for our support. Her pregnancy journey wasn't an easy one but she said the community of support helped to get her through. She plans to join us again in the coming weeks so when you see her, please give her a warm welcome!

SPECIAL AWARD

JOE DEACON and JIM FAUCHER gave a special presentation of the STAR AWARD on behalf of the Veterans Committee. Club member, BOB SMEE, was a smoke jumper and ROTC student at Gonzaga University. He graduated from GU and was commissioned as an officer in the US Army. He had a 20+ year military career, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Bob is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in the Dakotas. Every five years he and his wife visit the tribe to assist with matters and serve tribal members to help work to solve tribal issues. Bob has co-chaired the Honor Flight, chaired the Veterans Committee for our club, is a weekly volunteer at the Post Falls Veterans Home and provides honor presentations and plaques to fellow veterans being served by Hospice of North Idaho.

COEUR D'IRISH

Time for all hands on deck for our club's second-largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds support our local community service grants and high school/college scholarships.

Call for Sponsors! Contact JOHN BEUTLER at 208-661-2989 for sponsor details.

Sponsorships:

Trip raffle: \$5,000

Band: \$5,000 (SOLD)

Dancers and bagpipers: \$3,500

Bar: \$2,500 (SOLD)

Guinness: \$2,500

Food: \$2,500

Photo booth: \$1,000

Costume contest: \$1,000

Other (for individuals – includes some perks):

Irish Friends: \$1,000 – goal of 10

Limerick: \$500 – goal of 10

Total sponsorship goal: \$38,000

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

NICKY SWAIN introduced Dr. Scott Ferguson, the new Executive Director with St. Vincent de Paul. Scott is formerly the Associate Director of Grant with the Innovia Foundation (and SVDP stole him!). He is married to Lisa and has two kids that are ages 13 and 10, and a family favorite pooch that you'll have to ask him about!

HAPPY DOLLARS

DICK BARCLAY shared a classic story/joke, as he often does!

KRISTI RIETZE gave to cheer on Coeur d'Alene High School in the Fight for the Fish basketball game and spirit contest between rivals CHS and Lake City High School.

PROGRAM

WANDA QUINN introduced Bryce Ellsworth, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Idaho, who spoke about Fentanyl trends both locally and nationally. This presentation is often given in conjunction with the Idaho State Police to students in schools throughout the region.

Ellsworth's background is prosecuting Large Scale Drug Trafficking, Firearm, Tribal, and White-Collar



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Cases in North Idaho. He is a former Ada County Deputy Prosecutor and high school political science teacher. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law.

The issues with Fentanyl are many, and most affect our youth. Trying this drug even one time can be a risk to your life. Typically a little blue circular pill, there is an "M" on one side and "30" on the other. The drug can also be distributed in blue powder form, rainbow colored powder, or even pastel colored pills so as to attract a younger age crowd with the drugs looking like candy.

The rise of Fentanyl happened as the result of the changes in opioid dispensing in 2015-17, when addiction was on the rise. The Mexican cartels began to repackage the opioid drugs by making synthetic drugs manufactured in "labs". The labs are really home made batches in buckets with unclean sanitation and no regulation. In the United States, we are familiar with pharmaceutical regulations with precise amounts of medication in each pill. One of the main problems with Fentanyl is that the drug is not equally distributed in each pill. This unregulated drug, in contrast, is 50 times more potent than heroin.

Trafficked through social media on SnapChat, TikTok, and other platforms, the target population is young teens. Most money transactions for the drugs are through online money cash apps that are encrypted so there is no "following the money". The drugs can be delivered straight to your door with drug dealers posing as DoorDash drivers.

Xanax and Adderall pills are being masked as Fentanyl and Meth. Fentanyl is also showing up as being laced into cocaine, heroin and sometimes marijuana as well. This is purposeful so drug dealers can make their product more powerful and addictive, which creates a better return rate for users. The drug is a "downer" that makes your body feel relaxed. But when the drug wears off or the person's tolerance rises, there are horrible side effects and withdrawal symptoms.

To learn more go to info@idahofentanyleducation.com or www.naturalhigh.org.

Ellsworth also recommended watching [Dead On Arrival](#), a short YouTube video that explains the deadly effects of Fentanyl use.

JANUARY PROGRAMS

1/24 Katie Cox - Kaniksu Land Trust

1/31 Chuck Ethridge - CDA Summer Theater

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY