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# Rotary Club of Sandpoint

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*In a quest to maximize life's experiences, Author and Adventurer, Jim Payne works a slide projector while presenting to Rotarians at last week's luncheon about the risks, humor and fascinations of kayaking America's primary rivers--waters you might wonder about, but never dare float.*

### Member Spotlight

**Colleen Spickelmire** was born in Ogden, Utah and moved to Sandpoint in 1981 with her husband Chuck when he was offered a job with the Idaho Department of Transportation. Colleen and Chuck have one son Aaron who is 28 years old. She attended school in Roy, Utah and Utah State University. Colleen works at Panhandle State Bank as a Relations Services Officer and is very visible in the community in her roles with the Chamber of Commerce and other non-profit projects. She has been one of the Rotary Club of Sandpoint's most active members in her fourteen years as a member serving in nearly every capacity including President of the Club and providing valuable assistance at the District level. In her spare time Colleen likes to crochet, sew, and spend time outside.

~ Tim Cochran

### Getting the Most out of Life

A retired academic, Lytton Publishing Company owner, Jim Payne of Sandpoint decided life had more to offer than an attic full of remaindered political science books. Refusing disenchantment, he turned to the remembered enthusiasm of his youth taking a fold-up kayak to the waterways of America, going where few men would.

One Inch above the Water (ISBN 978-0-915728-19-0) cleverly narrates his adventures on the Columbia River, the St. Lawrence, the Potomac, and the wild Mississippi, garnished nicely with a testy crossing of the Florida Keys.

For anyone experiencing the minor despair and doldrums of aging, Payne's tale is a worthy, challenging read.

"Hungry for the deeper draught of life," Payne takes you on clearly written, often humorous, sometimes dangerous float trips down the most unlikely waters. As he did when he spoke, he'll spark you with his tale.

I bought the book and read most of it the first night, looking now and then out the window for the early light of dawn. How long would I sit behind my computer before once again taking adventure into my own hands? His inspiring telling had me behind the paddle. I can hardly wait for spring.

This kind of presentation exemplifies one of the finer points of Rotary luncheons in that we get to experience much more than the world of business. ~ Dwayne K Parsons

### This Week

Donna Parrish, the owner and publisher of *Multilingual Computing* talks about her magazine and the seminars her company provides for international business and translators alike.

### Next Week

Karl Dye, the current executive director of the Bonner County Economic Development Corporation. Karl will discuss the BCEDC's direction in light of the current economic conditions. ~Toby McLaughlin

*"Is this how youth is lost, through too much experience taking away the surprise and fear...the soul of adventure?"*  
 ~ Jim Payne, One Inch above the Water

"Choose well." ~ Homer, Esoterica

**Through Other Parts of the World**

I spent most of October, 2008, in Southeast Asia, with a friend from Livermore, California. We flew into Lhasa (12,000 feet), capital of Tibet. Toured Lhasa for four days before boarding the highest train in the world (called 'Roof of the World'), from Lhasa to Golmud, a 14 hour journey, cresting the 16,640 foot Tangula Pass. Oxygen is pumped through the ventilation system.

Spent time in Xian visiting the world Famous Terracotta Warriors, discovered by a farmer 30 years ago. The 6,000 Terracotta figures (all life size and all different faces) and their horses, buried with the first emperor of Qin in the year 210 BC, is one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

In Luoyang, we visited the Longman Caves. This amazing network of 1,350 caves contains over 110,000 Buddhist statues. In Beijing, we visited Tiananmen Square (the largest in the world), the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall of China, one of the few man-made structures visible from outer space.

From Beijing, we flew into Katmandu, Nepal and spent four nights. Katmandu is the jumping off point for those parties climbing Mount Everest. One of the highlights was a flight to Mount Everest in a small 19 passenger plane.

From Katmandu, we flew to Bangkok, Thailand and on to Chiang Mai and the Golden Triangle area in Northwest Thailand for three days. Took an overnight bus back to Bangkok and spent four nights there. Did get to ride an elephant.

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and plan to take my wife, Barbara, back to see that area. I have a different perspective of China—a very progressive country in many ways. Food was great, even if I didn't know what I was eating most of the time.

~ Serve Wilson

**If You Travel...**

Let me know. Your fellow Rotarians would like to learn about some of what you saw and experienced.

~ Dwayne K Parsons 290-2300



**Events Calendar**

*If you become aware of upcoming events, be sure to let Jerri know. Her cell phone is 597-1969.*

**Club**

- Apr 25 Rotarians at Work Day Service Project
- July 31-Aug 1 Rotary Garage Sale

**Community**

- Apr 11 Sandpoint Senior Center Fundraiser Dinner for the Day Break Center & Bull Dog Bench
- Apr 16 Scout Fundraiser Pig Roast
- Apr 18-19 PBCA Home & Garden Show
- Apr 20 Earth Day
- Apr 24 Festival@Sdpt Wine Tasting, Dinner & Auction

~ Jerri Anderson

*"Choice by choice, moment by moment, I build the necklace of my day, stringing together the choices that form artful living."*

~ Julia Cameron, Artist

**Duty Roster**

	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>RAFFLE</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
April 8	Mike Craven	Kris Contor	Tim Cochran
April 15	Dick Creed	Mike Craven	Dale Coffelt
April 22	Dick Cvitanich	Dick Creed	Mike Craven
April 29	Dave Eacret	Dick Cvitanich	Dick Creed
May 6	Bob Farmin	Dave Eacret	Tom Harvill