



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



BULLETIN 01/16/2026

NEXT MEETING January 23, 2026

Lung Cancer Research - Dr. Todd Hoopman

PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

Presided.....PRESIDENT JOHN YOUNG

Invocation.....BARRY MCHUGH

Greeter.....JOHANNA BROWN

Sergeant at Arms.....SANDY PATANO

GUESTS

We had no visiting Rotarians today, and we had the following guests:

Guest Host

Gunnar Nickerson	Ryan Chapman
Brad Corkill	Tarie Zimmerman
Lindsey Olmstead*	Lindsey Morgan
Patricia Papineau	Lindsey Morgan

Speakers

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Club Director

Amy Phillips*

Lora Whalen

We also had the following guests of our club:

- Aurelia Rucher, exchange student from Germany
- Auerlia's host family, Andy, Megan, Jatta, and Ira Neels

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 21 – Ryan Davis

Jan 23 – Linda Coppess

Jan 24 – Jody Azevedo

EXCHANGE STUDENT UPDATE

Aurelia from Germany shared with us that she is 17 years old and a part of Rotary District 1850. She lives in a small farming community near the ocean in northwestern Germany. She attended a small school with 250 students, plays the accordion solo and in a group, and participates with numerous dance groups in her community. Although she misses her friends, this exchange has been very enjoyable for her, and she thanked our club for allowing her this opportunity.

PROGRAM

KIKI MILLER introduced LaDonna Beaumont, a 4th generation CdA Native, financial advisor, mother, grandmother and podcast host. She is a 20-year Sunrise Rotarian where she is a two-time past president and current sergeant at arms. LaDonna is a late bloomer in pretty much all things, becoming a private pilot at 49, and competing in the Air Race Classic in 2025. She recently moved to Athol, where she and her brand new husband Karl Atkinson live on a private airport with her dog Poppy.

LaDonna shared an inspiring reflection on aviation, adventure, and purposeful living. Drawing from personal experience as a private pilot, she outlined five key ingredients for a long, active life: financial security, good health, strong social connections, a sense of purpose, and—most importantly—adventure.

What began as a tentative step outside her comfort zone later in life became a transformative journey through flying, travel, and connection with people across the country. From earning her pilot's license to cross-country flights and participating in the all-women Air Race Classic, her story highlighted courage in the face of fear, the generosity of strangers, and the power of community. Her message was clear: growth comes from doing things that scare us a little, and embracing adventure can enrich every aspect of life. "Doing the thing in spite of the fear is the point!"

JANUARY PROGRAMS

01/30 Commercial Real Estate update — Pat Eberlin

In Service,

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