



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



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NEXT MEETING February 14, 2025

Valentine's Day program

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....SAM HUNTER

Greeter.....NAOMI BOUTZ

Sergeant at Arms.....NAOMI BOUTZ

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 10 Kiki Miller

Feb 12 Kim Edmondson, Gynii IGilliam, Faith Valente, Beck Roan

Feb 13 Jim Prussack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board of directors has committed \$1,500 to support the California wildfires. Our club chose to support Rotary District 5280 Wildfire Relief Fund. Funds will go to the District where the funds will be used to support the immediate, intermediate, and long-term needs, like rebuilding infrastructure and restoring the

communities in the district.

The Museum of North Idaho is finally moving into their permanent location! If you can spare some time on Friday, February 21 after Rotary, Britt Thurman and team could use all the volunteers available. Reach out to LARRY GILL with any questions at 206-949-3517.

Speakers

Club Leaders



[Ashley Lenz](#)
President



[K. John Young](#)
Club Director
President - Elect



[Rebecca Eyman](#)
Club Director
Secretary
Membership Chair



[Brian C. Shull](#)
Treasurer



[Caiti Bobbitt](#)
Public Relations Chair



[Mark Botterbusch](#)
Club Director



[Ian Hicks](#)
Club Director
International Service
Chair

An update on a former dear Rotary member, Kimber Gates regarding her husband's health struggles:

Dear Rotary Friends, thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and for all of the ongoing

support. We have received many "get well" cards and some of you have signed up on the "meal train". Choo Choo. Heidi brought me a weight loss pie, although I have yet to see the weight loss even though I have eaten the entire pie. Maybe she can clarify this at some point.

Dennis was just moved to the Rehabilitation Hospital of the NorthWest in Post Falls. He has only just started sitting up and they require him to attend all three meals, so he is already doing more than he has done in the last four weeks. His infection is improving, although it is painfully slow because it is now in the bone, specifically in L4 and L5. He will be on IV antibiotics for another four weeks at least and then we will reassess for possible extended antibiotics and more PT. We are anxious to have him home soon. We miss how he comes into the living room, changes the TV to the football game, and then leaves the room. Please accept our gratitude for all of the well wishes. We are sending in a token of appreciation in the form of a donation to The CDA Rotary Foundation. I hope to see you all soon when I can make it back to meetings regularly.

Big hugs to you all, Kimber, Dennis, Annie, Scarlet and Boomer (the dog!)

WHY I LOVE ROTARY

In honor of the month of love in February, Nicky Swain gave five reasons to love Rotary. She summed it up with, "If you want to connect with the community, connect with Rotarians".

HONORARY MEMBER UPDATE

The Rotary board of directors have chosen to extend honorary club membership to Sally Allen, widow of Don Allen, "the Rotary Godfather" and catalyst for tremendous growth of our club's endowment foundation. Don's goal was to have the corpus reach \$1 million before his passing. He was so close!

Les and Janet Atchley surprised the club with a \$5,000 gift to the endowment foundation in Sally's honor and to welcome her into our club.

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 services grants and high school/college scholarships.

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

Sponsorships Remaining:

Trip raffle: \$5,000

Band: \$5,000 (Justin James)

Games: \$3,500

For individuals – (includes some perks):

Irish Friends (Reserved table of 8): \$1,000 – goal of 10 (Matt Lyman, Sue & Tom Thilo)

Limerick (4 reserved tickets): \$500 – goal of 10

Learn more [here](#) and invite your friends!



Kiki Miller
Club Director



Emily Moses
Club Director



Mark Olson
Club Director



Mahlon Priest
Club Director



Ann Thomas
Club Director
Membership Chair



Britt Towery
Bulletin Editor



Chris L. Cheeley
Sergeant-at-Arms



Hank Martin
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Larry Gill
Community Service
Chair



Maren Maier
Club Programs Chair



Wanda Chillingworth
Quinn
Club Programs Chair



Jennifer W Wood
Webmaster



Stephen Childers
Youth Protection
Officer



Doug Rupiper
iPast President

PROGRAM

Club member LINDA COPPESS gave a great presentation on the CDA Regional Chamber of Commerce. Hailing from CDA, Linda spent a large part of her career with the Microsoft Corporation. She began with the chamber four years ago as the VP of Member Relations where she was able to get to know the business community and its needs more deeply. She was then moved into the President/CEO role, and has said she is excited to make her second act count!

The mission of the CDA Regional Chamber of Commerce is “visionary leadership for our businesses and our community”. This is done through advocacy, community impact, networking, forums and events, and scholarships for students. The chamber’s core values are to connect authentically, listen intently, respond generously, and lead courageously.

The chamber leadership includes 26 board members representing a wide cross-section of the region’s industries and over 50,000 employees. Coppess and the chamber board are focused on how to serve businesses and professionals. Since 2022, the regional chamber has been on a transformational journey to better serve the region’s businesses and have a greater impact on the community.

This work funnels into three main areas:

1. Grow and Expand your Network
2. Increase Brand Awareness and Loyalty
3. Strengthen Relationships on Communitywide Projects

Future efforts will be to address the leadership gap in the region’s 20-30 year olds, and how to better engage those business and community leaders to serve and expand their reach.

Learn more about the chamber’s transformational journey, services, and member benefits [here](#).

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

02/21 Students of the Month

02/28 TBD

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY