



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



BULLETIN 02/13/2026

NEXT MEETING February 20, 2026

Rose Backs and her daughters- Life of an Auctioneer

PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

Presided.....PRESIDENT JOHN YOUNG

Invocation.....MARIE PRICE

Greeter.....LINDA COPPESS

Sergeant at Arms.....SUE THILO

GUESTS

So many to celebrate Bill Drake's 90th birthday!

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The Membership Committee met and has advanced the following applicants for membership review. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kate Monroe, Membership Chair at kate@cwelp.com.

- Theresa Whitlock- Wild, sponsored by Vanessa Moos
- Brad Corkill, sponsored by Tarie Zimmerman
- Lindsdy Olmstead, sponsored by Lindsey Morgan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We had a great surprise to celebrate Bill Drake for his 90th birthday!

Rotary New Member Orientation!

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 5:30-7:30 pm

Where: Canopy Village (formerly Children's Village) Family Support Center

Speakers

Club Leaders



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This is a great opportunity to receive information about Rotary, both locally and internationally. Also, attending orientation is one of the activities for new members to complete as part of the New Member Time Table.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 11, 2026, by emailing rebecca@cwelp.com. All club members are welcome to join us. The more, the merrier! Dinner and beverages will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself! We encourage new member sponsors to attend with new members.

St. Patty's Day in Rotary Park!

Join fellow club members on March 14th after the St. Patty's Day Parade on Sherman Ave. More to come!

LOCAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

Our [2026 Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene grant application](#) is open and accepting applications! The deadline to apply is April 3, 2026.

The [CDA Rotary Scholarship application](#) is live and accepting responses until April 10 at 5 p.m. The link has been shared with our local schools, but if you know someone who should apply, please encourage them to do so!

Any questions on grants or scholarships can be directed to cdarotarygrants@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 10 – Kiki Miller

Feb 12 – Beck Roan

Feb 12 – Faith Valente

Feb 13 – Jim Prussack

Feb 14 – Connie Drager

Feb 14 – Bill Drake

Feb 15 - Michele Dirks

16 – Bruce English

PROGRAM

Maren Maier introduced Erin McKindree, Assistant Park Manager, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. She is speaking on Farragut State Park history.

Farragut State Park is a place where natural history, military legacy, and outdoor recreation come together along the shores of Lake Pend Oreille. Shaped thousands of years ago by the catastrophic Missoula Floods—whose waters carved steep shorelines and scattered massive boulders still visible throughout the park—the area later became a bustling 1860s gold rush town, a World War II naval training station, and eventually one of Idaho's most beloved state parks. From training nearly 300,000 Navy recruits to hosting international scouting events and welcoming generations of campers, Farragut's story reflects both Idaho's heritage and its enduring connection to the outdoors. Today, the park blends history and recreation with campgrounds, trails, equestrian facilities, disc golf, and the Museum at the Brig—while continuing to grow with new projects and improvements.

Key Dates & Milestones

- Ice Age (Missoula Floods) – Catastrophic floods from a 2,000-foot ice dam reshape the region, forming Lake Pend Oreille and leaving car-sized glacial boulders visible in the park today.
- 1866 – Pend Oreille City booms during the Montana gold rush, featuring hotels, stores, a saloon, and steamboat access at present-day Buttonhook Bay.
- 1942–1946 (World War II) – Farragut Naval Training Station is constructed in six months; nearly 293,000 sailors are trained here. At its peak, the base housed 74,000 people and 777



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buildings.

- 1946–1949 – The site briefly operates as a college and technical institute before closing due to declining enrollment.
- 1965 – Idaho's state park system is established; Farragut hosts the Girl Scout Senior Roundup with over 12,000 attendees.
- 1967 – The World Scout Jamboree brings 12,000 scouts from 17 countries to Farragut.
- 1969 – The National Boy Scout Jamboree hosts 42,500 scouts; Apollo astronauts send greetings.
- 1980s–1990s – Major park development expands campgrounds, cabins, and day-use areas; the Museum at the Brig is established to preserve naval history.
- 2000s–Present – Continued growth includes expanded camping loops, equestrian facilities, disc golf courses, and interpretive programming.
- 2025–2026 Projects – Renovations to the Museum at the Brig, new restroom facilities, improved boat launch paving, new group camp (Peterson Camp), and construction of a pedestrian tunnel connecting the north and south sides of the park.

With more than 275 campsites, 42 miles of trails, equestrian camping, a five-course disc golf complex, and year-round educational programming, Farragut State Park continues to evolve. From Ice Age floods to naval recruits, from scouting jamborees to modern-day family camping trips, Farragut's story is still being written—one generation at a time.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

2/27 MOM Talks- David McGlasson /Susan Schuler

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

