



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



BULLETIN 03/06/2026

NEXT MEETING March 13, 2026

Student Recognition Awards
Max Mendez and Linda Coppess emcee

PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

Presided.....PRESIDENT JOHN YOUNG

Invocation.....BARRY MCHUGH

Greeter.....JOHANNA BROWN

Sergeant at Arms.....MIKE ARMON

GUESTS

We had one Visiting Rotarian today:

Terry Buck, Post Falls

We also had the following guests:

Guest Member

Wes Fenn*	Jan Strach
Steve Morgan	Lindsey Morgan
Rosa Mettler*	Vanessa Moos

Speakers

Club Leaders



K. John Young
President



Ann Thomas
President - Elect



Rebecca Eyman
Club Director
Secretary



Brian C. Shull
Treasurer



Caiti Bobbitt
Public Relations Chair



Mark Botterbusch
Club Director

Sue Crenshaw
Club Director

Gunnar Nickerson*	Ryan Chapman
Peter Amador	Julie Amador
JoAnn Nelson	Kay Nelson
Tim Quinn	Wanda Quinn
Sarah Gerdes	Ann Thomas
John Goedde	Christa Hazel
Pete Broschet	Christa Hazel
Michelle Newby	Linda Olson
Jim Barton	Tarie Zimmerman
Nicole Schafer	Linda Coppess
Marie Nail	5 Interact guests
Paul Lewis	Kathy Larson
Daniel Black	Susan Schuler

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Lindsay Morgan introduced Lindsey Olmstead

Vanessa Moos introduced Theresa Whitlock-Wild

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 29 th – Peter Riggs

March 2 nd – Kate Monroe

March 6 th – Jenn Wood

Mar 7 th – Heidi Rogers



[Joseph Deacon](#)
Club Director



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



[Kiki Miller](#)
Club Director



[Emily Moses](#)
Club Director



[Mahlon Priest](#)
Club Director



[Britt Towery](#)
Bulletin Editor



[Jennifer W Wood](#)
Webmaster
Club Director



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Sergeant-at-Arms



[Hank Martin](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Katherine Monroe](#)
Membership Chair



[Carla L Cicero](#)
International Service Chair



[Stephen Childers](#)
Youth Protection Officer



[Ashley Lenz](#)
iPast President



Mar 7 th – Syndi Parker

Mar 10 – Barry McHugh

Mar 10 Michael Nail

Mar 11 Jim Faucher

PROGRAM

North Idaho College—update on accreditation presented by President Nick Swayne and Trustee Zimmerman. Trustee Corkill was sick and could not attend.

Recognition of Key Leaders: Appreciation was expressed for trustees and community members—including Tarie Zimmerman, Brad Corkhill, Eve Knudtsen, John Goedde, Pete Broschet, Christa Hazel and David Wolfe—whose leadership helped guide the college through a critical period.

Cause of the College Crisis: The accreditation crisis stemmed from governance failures, not political or ideological issues. Key problems included leadership instability, controversial board decisions, and chaotic board meetings.

Accreditation Challenges: Actions by former trustees led to warnings and eventual “show cause” status from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Governance issues—not academic programs—were the primary concern.

Leadership Changes: Community elections replaced several trustees, restoring stability and enabling the college to begin rebuilding trust and addressing accreditation concerns.

Accreditation Restored: After significant governance reforms and review, the NWCCU announced in February, 2026 that the college has been restored to good standing.

Policy Reforms: The board completed major updates to governance policies, creating nationally recognized models for trustee accountability and regular policy review cycles.

Community and Economic Impact:

- The college now serves about 4,500–4,600 students (including full-time and part-time).
- It supports one out of every 39 jobs in Kootenai County.
- The college contributes approximately \$270 million annually to the local economy.
- Every \$1 invested in the college generates about \$4.56 in economic return.

Enrollment Recovery: After years of decline, enrollment has rebounded significantly since 2023 as community confidence and campus stability improved.

Academic and Workforce Initiatives:

- Expanded 2+2 transfer partnerships with the University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark State College.
- Rapid growth in workforce training and apprenticeship programs, now recognized nationally.
- Launch of innovative programs such as Cardinal Classical education (based on the socratic method) and interdisciplinary X-Labs problem-solving courses.

Student Success Focus: The college is strengthening retention efforts, tracking long-term completion for part-time students, and expanding student support services.

Campus Improvements: Plans include additional dormitories (100+ rooms needed), dormitory style 2-3 bedroom family housing for students with children (enrolled in NIC Center for New Directions), and new academic facilities to support growth and highlight the natural beauty of the NIC campus.

Future Commitment: Leadership emphasized perseverance, transparency, and excellence, noting that strong community engagement and responsible trustee elections remain critical to the college’s continued success. President Swayne closed with encouragement to GET OUT AND VOTE!

View the slide presentation [here](#).

MARCH PROGRAMS

3/20/2026 Sgt. Nick Knoll CDA Police Department

3/27/2026 TBD

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY