



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



BULLETIN 03/20/2026

NEXT MEETING March 27, 2026
Heritage Health Center for Healthy Living
PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

Presided.....PRESIDENT JOHN YOUNG

Invocation.....LORA WHALEN

Greeter.....RYAN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....MIKE ARMON

GUESTS

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

Phil Champlin	Susan Schuler
Jen Snow*	Kristi Rietze
Deena Renley	Tarie Zimmerman
Nicole Rumpel	Nicky Swayne
Gunnar Nickerson*	Lindsey Olmstead

NEW MEMBER

Speakers

Club Leaders



[K. John Young](#)
President



[Ann Thomas](#)
President -Elect



[Rebecca Eyman](#)
Club Director
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Club Director

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Club Director

Tarie Zimmermann introduced Brad Corkhill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING FUNDRAISER!

Rotary Derby Dinner

April 24, 2026, 6 pm

Coeur d'Alene Resort

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Put on your best Derby hat and join us for an unforgettable evening of food, drinks, music, and high-spirited race day fun—all for a great cause!

Enjoy a lively Derby-themed dinner, sip on classic and creative cocktails, and soak up the excitement with music and plenty of race day activities and games throughout the night. Test your luck and support Rotary by entering our special trip raffle, featuring an incredible getaway you won't want to miss!

Whether you're a seasoned horse race fan or just here for the fun, this is your chance to celebrate, socialize, and give back to the community—all in one winning night.

- Festive attire encouraged
- Big fun for a big cause
- Proceeds support Rotary's local community grants and scholarships

Grab your friends, place your bets (the fun kind!), and join us for a night that's sure to be off to the races! [Buy your tickets now!](#) See what syndicate team you are on [here](#).

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

Mar 26 – Tom Thilo

Mar 26 – Mark Botterbusch

PROGRAM

Jim Faucher introduced Cd'A Police Sgt. Nick Knoll, of the Opiate Task Force, and Amy Shannon, Juvenile Division. The topic will be: "The new highs: What teens are using and what you need to know."

Opiate Task Force & Community Drug Awareness Update

- Mission Focus: Investigate overdose cases, disrupt local drug activity, and provide education/outreach to prevent substance abuse.
- Community Safety: Coeur d'Alene remains a very safe city, with a 78% reduction in crime over the past 12 years.
- Changing Drug Landscape:
 - Drugs are more potent and dangerous than in the past—no second chances, especially with fentanyl.
 - Youth now access drugs through social media apps (e.g., Snapchat) with delivery options similar to food services.
 - Vaping is the primary method for nicotine and marijuana use among youth.
- Youth Trends (at-risk group data):



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- o 100% reported alcohol and marijuana use
- o Rising use of mushrooms, cocaine, and other substances
- o 57% know where to obtain drugs immediately
- o 11% reported prior overdose; ~30% know someone who died from substance use
- Major Concerns:
 - o Fentanyl: Extremely potent and a leading cause of overdose, especially among youth unknowingly consuming it.
 - o High-potency marijuana: THC levels significantly higher than in previous decades.
 - o “Gas station drugs”: Unregulated and often dangerous substances (e.g., kratom, synthetic products) accessible to youth.
- Prevention & Education:
 - o Emphasis on parent awareness and early intervention
 - o Outreach programs available for schools, workplaces, and community groups
 - o Classes offered on current drug trends, impairment signs, fentanyl risks, and emerging substances

Key Takeaway:

While Coeur d’Alene is a safe community, evolving drug trends—especially among youth—require increased awareness, education, and prevention efforts.

APRIL PROGRAMS

4/3 Meet our Member Talks- Skip Priest and Lindsey Morgan

4/10

4/17

4/24 Frank Wilhelm-CDA Area Lake Limnology

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

