



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



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NEXT MEETING April 3, 2026

Meet our Member Talks- Skip Priest and Lindsey Morgan

PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

Presided.....PRESIDENT JOHN YOUNG

Invocation.....IAN HICKS

Greeter.....JEFF OTTMAR

Sergeant at Arms.....MIKE ARMON

GUESTS

We had one visiting Rotarians today, Amy Boni, from Post Falls. We had the following guests:

Gunnar Nickerson*	Ryan Chapman
Paul Lewis	Kathy Larson
Allisha Rutherford*	Rachel Peterson
Leslie Allen*	Rachel Peterson
Shelby Marcott*	Rachel Peterson

Speakers

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Rebecca Pratt*

Rachel Peterson

* Gunnar Nickerson is an honored guest. Also, Rachel Peterson's guests were all from Heritage Health and part of the program.

NEW MEMBER

Jan Strauch (one of our newer members) introduced Wes Finn (now our newest member).

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!

Tickets are \$100 for the dinner. \$150 if you want to add the VIP Cocktail party (who wouldn't?) Tables of tickets start at \$1,000, you can be a Table Sponsor for \$1,500 (including the tickets). Or, best of all, you can sponsor one of the two remaining race horses for \$2,500.

Enjoy a lively three-course Derby-themed sit-down dinner, sip on classic and creative cocktails including Mint Julips, and soak up the excitement with music, plenty of race day activities, and games throughout the night.

Test your luck and support Rotary by entering our special trip raffle, featuring a choice of incredible getaways you won't want to miss!

Speaking of race horses, all members are on one of six horse syndicates. The horses will race at the event. There will be a track, and horses will move around the track based on the rolls of two very special Horse Race Dice. Winners . . . win. And maybe something else.

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 (hats and parasols, ladies?)
- 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 of food and races!

[Buy your tickets now!](#) See what syndicate team you are on [here](#), or contact Patti Straub or Britt Thurman for more information.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE

The Board has approved a proposal designed to encourage new member proposals. For a limited time only (April 1st through June 30th) any CdA Rotarian successfully sponsoring a new member approved during that window will receive a \$200 lunch credit AND 200 Paul Harris points! This is a wonderful idea, but the window is pretty short. Be on the phone and inviting those prospective members soon.

Ryan Johnson, wearing his NIC hat, announced the North Idaho College Boosters Golf Tournament upcoming soon. Ryan's announcement didn't include many details, so if you are a golfer, or know a golfer, or even a whole foursome, give Ryan a shout and he will fill you in.

BIRTHDAYS

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iPast President



PROGRAM

Rachel Peterson, late of United Way, announced that she is now with Heritage Health. She brought four colleagues with her and they presented a very interesting program.

Allisha Rutherford, Chief Deputy Director of Heritage Health, and her colleague Leslie Allen, took turns presenting, after an introductory video describing how Heritage Health got its very modest start in 1985, and how it has built throughout the years to comprise 14 locations in Idaho. Its mission is to provide low- and no-cost medical services to the people of North Idaho. Their goal is for services to be accessible, comprehensive and patient-entered. Heavily reliant on volunteer staff in the beginning, most staff are now paid. The programs are diverse and staff includes medical assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, lab techs, pharmacy staff and local doctors.

Heritage Health is now organized as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), meaning they can receive Medicaid and some insurance monies. Federal funding now makes up about nine percent of their budget, meaning an amazing 91 percent comes from private donations (in cash and in kind) and some insurance revenues.

In addition to scheduled appointments at their clinics, Heritage offers walk-in services at the Coeur d'Alene clinic. They also operated a medical services mobile clinic, and a dental services mobile clinic.

Two big new ventures are underway. First is a joint partnership with Coeur d'Alene Pediatrics, which will virtually double their 44,000 annual appointment load to something like 86,000, not counting their expected ongoing 10-15 percent annual growth.

The second big new project is that Heritage and CDA Pediatrics are taking over and remodeling the old US Bank call center on Seltice. About half the space (roughly 30,000 SF) is in operation, providing mental health and counseling services. The remodel of the remaining 30,000 SF has begun with completion expected in late 2026. That area will accommodate a broad spectrum of services including Pediatrics, family medicine, a medical laboratory, an on-site pharmacy and more. All of this will make medical care more wholistic, with no need to run to offices and stores all over town to get needed products and services.

Key Takeaway:

Heritage Health, particularly in its new Phase II Clinic format, provides an invaluable service to some of the most vulnerable people in our area. Hats off to those caring professionals who have been making it happen for over 40 years!.

APRIL AND MAY PROGRAMS

4/10 TBA

4/17 TBA

4/24 Frank Wilhelm-CDA Area Lake Limnology

5/01 TBA

In Service,

DAVID McGLASSON