



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 04 03 2026

NEXT MEETING April 10, 2026

Program is TBA, sorry.

PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

**Presided.....PAST PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ**  
**Invocation.....MARK BOTTERBUSCH**  
**Greeter.....BRAD CORKILL**  
**Sergeant at Arms.....MAX MENDEZ**

### GREETERS

A shout-out to brand new members **Lindsey Olmstead** and **Brad Corkill** for volunteering as greeters today. **Lindsey** was beiping in attendance, and **Brad** was the announcer at the podium. Great work!

### GUESTS

We had one visiting Rotarian today, **Peter Smith**, from Coeur d'Alene Sunrise.

We had the following guests:

Gunnar Nickerson*	Honored Guest of Ryan Chapman
Claudia Barrick	Rachel Peterson
Peyton Duffield	Theresa Whitlock-Wild
Allyson Knapp	Linda Coppess

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



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Paul Lewis	Kathy Larson
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Steve Morgan	Lindsay Morgan
Jody Evans	Lindsay Morgan
Nate Sargent	Lindsay Morgan
Hannah Olsen	Lindsay Morgan
Lydia Gross	Lindsay Morgan
Allan Miller	Lindsay Morgan

\* Gunnar Nickerson is an honored guest.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER THAT SPRING FUNDRAISER IN ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY!

**Rotary Derby Dinner**  
**SATURDAY, April 24, 2026, 6 pm**  
**Coeur d'Alene Resort**

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Don't wait until the last minute; we need to sell this even out completely.

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 with the VIP Cocktail Party for \$1,500 (including the tickets).

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.

HAPPY DOLLARS



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iPast President



**Katie Schreiber**, for her daughter getting married and gaining a son-in-law

**Naomi Boutz**, shouting out to Rick Rasmussen and Northwest Specialty Hospital for their recent acquisition of **Naomi's** sister's medical practice in St. Mary's.

**Claudia Miewald**, For surviving (and passing!) company training

#### PROGRAM

Two more MOM talks today. I am ever surprised at the background and experience of our members, and was not disappointed today.

**Lindsay Morgan** told her story of being born into real poverty in northeastern California. For her, the lack of early opportunity became an iron resolve that she would one day go to college and lift her life beyond where she started. She excelled in school, both as a student and as an athlete, and won a full-ride scholarship to UCLA. From there, she was accepted to USC Law School where she earned her JD degree while working as a legal assistant to pay the bills. Her first "real attorney" job was in San Francisco, where she met the "most handsome man" who would become her husband.

In 2022 the family (including sons) moved to CdA where she now works with a 400-attorney firm doing high-level legal work for clients whose names we all would recognize. **Lindsay** told of hard times along the way, too, both financial and personal, but we will accentuate the positive here.

**Lindsay** ended by thanking those who had helped her and given her opportunities along the way. She didn't say anything about how hard she must have worked to make the most of those opportunities but the results are clear. Lindsay has been a member of Coeur d'Alene Rotary since not long after arriving in 2022. She was encouraged to attend and join by our own **Rebecca Eyemann**, so we are grateful for that.

And then there's **Skip Priest**. Frankly I am not sure how to summarize all he had to say. **Skip** has had a long and storied career, to say the least. Born in Morocco, raised on a wheat and cattle farm in Western Washington. Attended Willamette University for three years before he took off on a journey that took him to Israel, East Berlin, West Germany, Ireland and Scotland. Two takeaways from that trip were 1) Never take a train from Israel to East Berlin while the Berlin Wall is still standing, because they *will* try to keep you, and 2) if you are going to unroll your sleeping bag and camp overnight in Scotland, do try to make sure you are not lying on the first tee at St. Andrew's Golf Course.

After that adventure **Skip** finished up at Willamette and then graduated George Washington Law School. He was enrolled in the Washington and Virginia Bars for 40 years, and finished with a case won/loss record of 1 and 0. Not sure I understood how that worked, but that's what he said.

Along the way he worked on staff for Senator Bob Packwood, and had the opportunity to work with President Jimmy Carter on the Panama Canal Treaty in 1978. He assured Packwood that he should be a "Yes" vote on that bill. **Skip** was mentored by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynahan of New York, who was instrumental in getting him a job with American Express in NYC.

From NYC he went back to Seattle to be closer to his family. He served again on the staff of a Washington State legislator, and was elected to the Federal Way city council. He became the first elected mayor of Federal Way, and four years later became the first incumbent mayor to lose a re-election bid. His takeaway from that was "Never be the first elected mayor during a recession." Amen to that.

**Skip** has been a member of Coeur d'Alene Rotary since 2016, and our lives are richer for the experience.

#### APRIL AND MAY PROGRAMS

4/17 TBA

4/24 Frank Wilhelm-CDA Area Lake Limnology

5/01 TBA

In Service,

DAVID McGLASSON