



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## BULLETIN 04/17/2026

NEXT MEETING April 17, 2026  
Frank Wilhelm-CDA Area Lake Limnology

PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

Presided.....PRESIDENT JOHN YOUNG

Invocation.....RACHEL PETERSON

Greeter.....MIKE ARMON

Sergeant at Arms.....SUE THILO

### GUESTS

We had one visiting Rotarian today, Assistant Governor Christi Fleischman from the Post Falls Club.

We also had the following guests:

Kirsten Nickerson	Lindsey Olmstead
Megan	Luke Russell
Leslie Barber	Luke Russell
Holly	Luke Russell
Christina Feliciano	Luke Russell

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



[K. John Young](#)  
President



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Club Director  
Secretary



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Public Relations Chair



[Mark Botterbusch](#)  
Club Director

[Sue Crenshaw](#)  
Club Director

Paula Keller	Luke Russell
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rotary District 5080 meeting will be hosted with Sandpoint/Ponderay May 1-2. Our club will reimburse registration fees up to \$2500 for members who attend. See President John for details.

New member incentive program – now through June, the sponsors of new members approved in this time frame will get a \$200 lunch credit and 200 Paul Harris points.

## SPRING TRASH PICK UP

Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 a.m. This also counts as our Club's annual Day of Service, so you really don't want to miss out! Please sign up to participate using this form:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044BAFA722A3FF2-63593052-rotary>.

If you're nervous about the garbage, have no fear! We have handy-dandy "easy reach" trash pickup tools so you don't ever have to touch anything. It's a great way to team up with a Rotarian you do not know, and learn more about them! We need a proper headcount to order coffee, so please sign up. Questions? Reach out to Lora Whalen. Otherwise, we'll see you there!

## NEW MEMBERS

Rosa Mettler:

Rosa is a longtime child and family advocate with nearly two decades in mental health and social services, rising from internships to leadership roles. Raised in St. Maries and later based in Coeur d'Alene, she earned a BSW from Lewis Clark State and an MSW from Boise State. Rosa built deep experience in residential treatment and program leadership at Intercept, then joined Children's Village (now Canopy Village), where she advanced to executive director, led adoption of trauma-informed, relationship-based care (TBRI), co-founded the North Idaho Trauma Care Collaborative, expanded services statewide, and helped open a Community Based Assessment Center in 2024.

Gunner Nickerson:

Gunner, born and raised in Coeur d'Alene and a Lake City High graduate who studied at NIC, has a varied maritime and marina background. He worked at Hagadone Corporation (rising to pro shop manager and launching a successful charter program), spent time at Ski Shack and Shred, and now is a marina stock master at Hayden Lake Marina. He holds a captain's license and demonstrated practical seamanship on a challenging 50-foot Hatteras delivery, patching a leak at sea and completing the trip via the ICW, and is praised by peers for his strong work ethic, selflessness, and reliability.

Jen Snow:

Jen is a Coeur d'Alene native and Boise State marketing graduate who serves as Director of Business Development for Avondale Dental Group and Northwest Dental Benefits. Over six years she helped grow the locally founded insurance business substantially (from 3 to 35+ offices statewide). An active community volunteer, Jen supports CDAIDE (a hospitality nonprofit), serves on event committees for Safe Start and Canopy Village, contributes to the Chamber's next-gen mentorship program, and helps plan St. Vincent de Paul's 80th anniversary; she's also active in soccer and pickleball and values family and community engagement.

## BIRTHDAYS

April 17 th – Judith Pinkerton

April 22 nd – Marc Wallace

April 22 nd – Curtis Gregory

April 23 rd – Linda Olson

April 23 rd – Gary Pinkerton

## PROGRAM

Brad Martin — Senior Director of Development (Health & Medical Professions) & Lead, Military & Veteran Programming, University of Idaho



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Club Director



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



[Kiki Miller](#)  
Club Director



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Officer



[Ashley Lenz](#)  
iPast President



# Joint Military Veteran Center Proposal

## Overview

- Convert 1958 dorm into Joint Military Veteran Center serving Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force ROTC, and veterans
- Supports ~650 users; reflects ~33% growth in GI Bill students
- State-funded; design underway, construction 2027–2029
- Reinforces U of I's strong veteran support (largest veterans dinner in Idaho; commissioning at commencement)

## Vision & Facility Plan

- Modern, collaborative hub for multi-branch training and veteran services
- Army ROTC remains in War Memorial Gym (historic + functional needs)
- Co-locates ROTC units and General Amos Veterans Center to unify resources and culture

## Joint Training Environment

- Prepares cadets/midshipmen for real-world, multi-branch operations
- Promotes inter-branch coordination, leadership development, and readiness
- Distinguishes U of I as a leader in military/veteran support

## Benefits & Impact

- Boosts recruitment, retention, and engagement of cadets, veterans, and families
- Creates dedicated, centralized training and community space
- Strengthens ties between university, state, and military community

## Growth & Support

- Rapidly expanding military/veteran population on campus
- Backed by institutional leadership, including President Green's military connection
- Continued investment in veteran-focused programs and services

## Q&A / Next Steps

- Opportunity to partner with local veteran service organizations (welcomed by leadership)
- Coordination led by Director of Military & Veteran Services

## MAY PROGRAMS

5/1/2026 Workforce Development Council - Wendi Secrist

5/8/2026 Student Recognition Awards

5/15/2026 Bill Reagan - CDA Resort's 40th anniversary and the new tower

5/22/2026 Memorial Day Program

5/29/2026 Grant Awards

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY