



# Rotary

## Club of Coeur d'Alene



### Rotary Bulletin 05 01 2026

**NEXT MEETING MAY 8, 2026**

PLEASE RSVP FOR HEADCOUNT

President.....**PAST PRESIDENT CLAUDIA BRENNAN**  
 Invocation.....**SUE THILO**  
 Greeter.....**BRAD CORKILL**  
 Sergeant at Arms.....**GREG HELBLING**

**GUESTS**

We had one visiting Rotarians, Jordan Roorda from Mount Baker.

We had the following guests:

Shawna Cauley	Lora Whalen
Randy McGlasson	David McGlasson
Benjamin Allen	Bob Burton
Paul Lewis	Kathy Reagan-Larson
Luther Hagen	Brad Corkill
Peter Duhlebohn	Jody Azevedo

**GENERAL FOOLISHNESS**

Sergeant-At-Arms **GREG HELBLING**, with an assist from **CHRIS CHEELEY**, entertained us with

**Speakers**

**Club Leaders**



K. John Young  
President



Ann Thomas  
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Club Director  
Secretary



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Sue Crenshaw  
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the world premier of a new game show, "Wheel of Misfortune." Money was raised, laughs were had, and not much more should be said in a publication for family consumption.

## BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 **RYAN LEWIS**
- May 2 **CHRIS CHEELEY**
- May 3 **JANET ATCHLEY**
- May 5 **TERI FARR**
- May 6 **MIKE MAKSIMOWICZ**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grants Committee met after the regular meeting to determine the recipients of **this year's scholarships and grants**. Results will be presented at a regular meeting, upcoming soon.

The **Idaho Gives fund-raiser** is this week. **Idaho Gives** is a statewide giving event — May 4–7, 2026. Run by the Idaho Community Foundation, it helps nonprofits reach new donors, compete for prize money, and tell their story to a much wider audience. You can donate at **Idahogives.org**.

## INBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE

**Host Families** are needed, starting in September, for our new inbound student, Martina, who hails from Argentina. We suspect North Idaho may be a bit of a culture shock for her and the host families will get to enjoy her reactions to how things here are different. It doesn't matter if you have kids in the house already or not. (We hosted two young men when we had only preschoolers of our own, That was . . . interesting, but both times were great experiences.) **NICKY SWAYNE** noted they'd hosted three students over the years and each was a lot of fun. The only requirement is that you live within the Coeur d'Alene High School district boundaries, as that's where she will be attending.

## PROGRAM

**MARIE PRICE** introduced Wendy Seacrest, who is Director of the Idaho Resource Development Council. Our club members have strong ties to this organization. **MARIE PRICE, WANDA QUINN** and **JOHN YOUNG** have all served on the Board of Directors and have helped the Council play an important role in, as Wendy says, helping every North Idahoan find a good job,

Wendy noted in her intro that her presentation would not be loaded with statistics; she would leave that to our friend Sam who has the unique gift of presenting numbers and making us laugh at the same time. With one exception. Wendy noted that in her service area (the five north Idaho counties, the population of children 0-4 is 25 percent lower than the population 14-18. What does that say? Probably that birthrate is down, but maybe not that population has crested, because inflow from other states continues to outpace outflow of residents to other states.

The Council is focused on increasing the number of young people enrolled in apprenticeship programs. Growth has been recently strong. 1,000 apprentices in 2017, 4,000 this year and a goal of 8,000 by 2030. Apprenticeships are not all in construction. Aside from the traditional electrical, plumbing and other construction trades, we have apprenticeships in health care, information technology (IT), software development and electronics. There is also a program for current teachers: a 200-hour program to learn all about apprenticeships that are available to their students.

The brand name for all of this is Idaho Launch, which has over 10,000 high school seniors involved this year. Each one has access to up to \$8,000 to put toward post-secondary education and training. Last year, only 4% of the enrolled students quit the program and had to pay back the scholarship grant. There is a companion program available for adults, with \$3,500 grants. Last year, 40 percent of participants who finished their training or education programs ended up in jobs with higher pay.

The Council is working on a merger with the STEM Action Center. Virtually every job now is somehow making use of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.) The goals of the two agencies are similar and interrelated, focused on getting young people prepared for better, better-paying jobs in our area.

In Service,

**Your new Bulletin Editor, DAVID McGLASSON**

**Note:** I would like to recognize and thank **BRITT TOWREY** for her years of tireless service as your Bulletin Editor. It's not a very visible position (until you do something wrong!) but it's a necessary



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part of keeping the Club running smoothly. I have been able to help her a handful of times over the past couple of years. That has been my pleasure and now I look forward to putting the Bulletin out each week.

That said, stuff happens and I know there will be weeks I need help. If you are interested in "reporting" from time to time, I would love to have a few backups. The ideal would be to get an email with all the pertinent info for the Friday meeting, so I could plug it into the Bulletin template and get it published. Some things happen by themselves. The **President** supplies the agenda with many important names on it. The **Secretary** provides the visiting Rotarians, guests and hosts of guests. And the **Program Committee** supplies the list of upcoming programs. The rest comes from the Reporter.

If you are interested, contact me, or **PRES-ELECT ANN THOMAS**.

