



# Rotary

## Club of Coeur d'Alene



### Rotary Bulletin 05/09/25

NEXT MEETING May 16, 2025

Tom Kealey - Idaho Commerce Director

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....SUE THILO

Greeter.....RYAN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....JIM PRUSSACK

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

Merlene Betton, Sunrise Rotary Club

Toni ?, guest of Jenn Wood

Ingrid Yates, guest of Ryan Johnson

Carrie Green, guest of Caiti Bobbitt

Jennifer O'Callaghan, guest of David Eldred

Matt Klinoski, guest of John Buetler

Susan Schuler and Bill Roth, guests of Linda Olson

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



[Ashley Lenz](#)  
President



[K. John Young](#)  
Club Director  
President-Elect



[Rebecca Eyman](#)  
Club Director  
Secretary  
Membership Chair



[Brian C. Shull](#)  
Treasurer



[Caiti Bobbitt](#)  
Public Relations Chair



[Mark Botterbusch](#)  
Club Director



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

Tracy Weimer Shull, guest of Brian Shull

## BIRTHDAYS

May 14 Ann Thomas

May 16 Eugene Haag

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

STEVE ROBERGE announced that our club received 2 awards out of 57 clubs in the district at the recent district conference in Nelson, BC. We were awarded the Excellence in Club Newsletter Award and the Social Media Citation Award. There may be another award announcement coming soon...

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an open position on the club's board of directors as of July 2025, with a three-year term. If you are interested in serving, contact President Ashley at [ashleymlenz@gmail.com](mailto:ashleymlenz@gmail.com).

Beloved long-time club member Paul Anderson passed away. President Ashley will keep members updated with memorial service plans. Memorial contributions in his name can be made to the CDA Rotary Foundation.

Our club's grants committee partnered this year with the Excel Foundation for CDA Schools to make a \$25,000 investment in a grant for the Skyway Elementary playground upgrades. There was a check presentation and you can learn more [here](#).

## POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The Membership Committee met and has advanced the following applicants for membership review. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ann Thomas, Membership Chair at [AThomas@mountainwestbank.com](mailto:AThomas@mountainwestbank.com).

- Paul Brown sponsored by Vanessa Moos

## HAPPY DOLLARS

At the request of the Sunrise Rotary Club, fines and happy dollars collected were directly donated to Alzheimer's Research through CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust). Our Rotary District 5080 has already collected over \$3,000 to support the cause.

LORA WHALEN gave \$28 in gratitude for 28 garbage pickers making light work for all!

BRET DIRKS gave \$100 in gratitude for the safety of his family during a recent flood in their house. Also, to contribute to Alzheimer's research as their family has been directly affected by the disease.

BRITT TOWERLY gave \$5 to celebrate her daughter's opening with a small ensemble performance prior to the CDA Symphony.

LORA WHALEN gave another \$5 to celebrate the closing show of the season for the CDA Symphony.

BILL MUCK gave \$5 to celebrate his partnership with the CDA Region Chamber and the Artificial Intelligence forum he will be leading on May 21.

JOHN BEUTLER gave \$5 to celebrate Jim Prussack for keeping the invocation short today!

LINDA COPPESS gave \$20 to celebrate Merlene Betton's (Sunrise Rotary) work to benefit Alzheimer's research.

NICKY SWAIN gave \$1 to announce the United Way of North Idaho is giving away ALICE Childcare Scholarships. The applications are open on the UWN website.

ASHLEY LENZ gave \$1 to celebrate her daughter Kate's debut in CYT Jr.'s Peter Pan play.

## PROGRAM

MARIE NAIL and RACHEL PETERSON announced and honored the students of the month for March, April and May.

North Idaho College

Samantha Karst

Sunnie Helling

Molly Axell



Kiki Miller  
Club Director



Emily Moses  
Club Director



Mark Olson  
Club Director



Mahlon Priest  
Club Director



Ann Thomas  
Club Director  
Membership Chair



Britt Towery  
Bulletin Editor



Chris L. Cheeley  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Hank Martin  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Maren Maier  
Club Programs Chair



Wanda Chillingworth  
Quinn  
Club Programs Chair



Jennifer W Wood  
Webmaster



Stephen Childers  
Youth Protection  
Officer



Doug Rupiper  
iPast President

University of Idaho

Jordan Reed

Adam Hanan

Hunter Hawkins

Coeur d'Alene High

Zoey Evans

Adeline Smith

Reed Garrett

Lake City High

Shawnee Madden

Matthew Asher

Addyson Jacobson

#### MAY PROGRAMS

5/23 Memorial Day Program, Missing Man Ceremony

5/30 Grant Awards Celebration and Presentation

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

