



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 01/03/25

NEXT MEETING January 10, 2025

Assistant US Attorney Bryce Ellsworth- Fentanyl Situation in North Idaho

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....BILL MUCK

Greeter.....ANN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....KATE COYLE

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

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VISITING ROTARIANS

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BIRTHDAYS

December 22 Amy Voeller

December 23 Bob Smee

December 25 Maren Maier

December 26 Les Atchley

December 31 Carla Cicero

January 6 Bob Burton

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



[Ashley Lenz](#)  
President



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



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Club Director  
Secretary



[Brian C. Shull](#)  
Treasurer



[Caiti Bobbitt](#)  
Public Relations Chair



[Mark Botterbusch](#)  
Club Director



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

## HAPPY DOLLARS

LARRY GILL thanked the club for their support of the Community Services initiatives in 2024.

MIC ARMON has a VERY happy dollar celebrating the Montana State Bobcats in the National Championship on Monday.

MICHAEL CHRISTIENSEN celebrating the 10th anniversary for his business and 25 years of being a financial advisor.

CANDACE GODWIN has a very happy \$13 as December 31st she retired and closed her business, Godwin Marketing Communication after 13 years of being an entrepreneur. She also had \$2 to celebrate her future business, the CDA Coop, for garden sales, gardening coaching and writing.

JIM FAUCHER was celebrating the Montana State Bobcats and University of Idaho football teams!

BARRY MCHUGH gave \$52 happy dollars after putting his membership on hold for work, and he is very happy to be back at Rotary!

WANDA QUINN gave \$20 to celebrate the quick under 24 hours when her family all came together over the holiday.

KATE LENZ (Ashley's daughter) had a funny joke to share!

## MOMENT OF IMPACT

KAY NELSON grew up on a farm in Genesee, Idaho, and met the love of his life, JoAnn at the University of Idaho. He started his career at JCPenney in Lewiston, and was ultimately transferred to Coeur d'Alene in 1965. Following his time at Penneys, he went back to school to learn computer programming. He worked as a programmer for the Old National Bank in Spokane for 10 years before joining the faculty of North Idaho College where he taught Computer Programming.

Kay was an early member of the Kroc Advisory Board and served for 15 years. He has been active in his church, serving in many different roles over the years. Other organizations he's been part of are The Village at Orchard Ridge and the Jewett House Advisory Board. Kay has been a member of our club since 1991. On July 1, 2001, he became the 80th President and led our club following the 9/11 attacks.

Kay remembers early in his term "violence and conflict" and he wondered how Rotary would survive in such turmoil? In 1987, the supreme court ruled that Rotary could not exclude women from membership. In 1996-97 SANDY PATANO was the first female president of our club and it has continued for many decades since. Things changed in Rotary when women joined and it was for the better. In 2001-2002, Tuesday, September 11, Kay remembers a directors meeting for Rotary when he learned of the 9/11 attacks. He recalls "throwing the book out" for that Friday meeting. Instead of following the typical agenda, Kay had people welcome each other, greet other tables, sing two or three patriotic songs and come together. He believes that since that time, Rotary International has continued to grow, with 24% of members worldwide being women. In our club, female membership is 40%, which Kay believes makes a huge difference in the "Service Above Self" mission of what we as members do daily.

## PROGRAM

MARIE PRICE introduced Luke Fuess with TechHelp, Idaho Manufacturing Specialists. He is a Marine Corps veteran of five years and moved to Post Falls in 2021. He talked about the impact of manufacturing in Northern Idaho. TechHelp is the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) for the State of Idaho, a federally sponsored program that is in each state. The MEPs can be university based or nonprofit. Idaho is university based at the University of Idaho.

MEPs are working to increase the competitiveness of Idaho manufacturing through product and process innovation. The goal is to grow small and medium size manufacturing businesses in Idaho, which are broken into six regions. North and North Central Idaho factors in 712 companies, \$2.2 billion in sales, and over 11,000 employees. One of the top industries in our area is wood product manufacturing (lumber, plywood, engineered wood).

You can learn more about TechHelp [here](#) and view the presentation slides [here](#).

There are [in-person and online courses](#) to learn LEAN manufacturing and other skills for yourself, your employees or other manufacturing companies.

## JANUARY PROGRAMS

1/17 Jeanette Laster - Human Rights Education Institute (HREI) / MLK Day

1/24 Katie Cox - Kaniksu Land Trust



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Club Director



[Emily Moses](#)  
Club Director



[Mark Olson](#)  
Club Director



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Club Director



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1/31 Chuck Ethridge - CDA Summer Theater

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

