



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 01/24/25

NEXT MEETING January 31, 2025

Chuck Ethridge - CDA Summer Theater

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....CHRIS CHEELEY

Greeter.....RYAN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....REBECCA EYMAN

### GUESTS

We had the following visiting Rotarians:

- Jim Zuberbuhler from Sandpoint

We had the following guests:

- Melanie Lewis, hosted by Michele Dirks
- Jeanette Laster (Thursday Evening Rotary), hosted by Maren Maier
- Rachel Peterson (honored guest), hosted by Nicky Swayne
- Eric Ladwig (honored guest), hosted by Ryan Johnson
- Claudia Meiwald, hosted by Lora Whalen
- Clint Kunze, hosted by Kristi Rietze
- Megan Morville, hosted by Lindsey Morgan
- Jules Cosby, hosted by Amy Voeller

### POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER

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).

### 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

- Rachel Peterson sponsored by Nicky Swayne
- Johanna Brown sponsored by Kate Coyle

## BIRTHDAYS

January 24 Jody Azevedo

January 26 Christa Hazel

January 28 Nicky Swayne

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The club's Board of Directors desires to be good stewards for our Rotary funds and to give in a way that represents the desires of our membership. We have in the past contributed to DisasterAid USA because of Dan Crawford's involvement, but we want to make sure we are not missing other worthy

organizations in our response to disasters. We are soliciting suggestions for our members to

provide us with organizations to consider supporting. We will then have members vote on

their preferred organization. The board has committed \$1,500 to support the California wildfires. If you

wish to pool your personal funds with a contribution our club makes, you can make a

donation to the CDA Rotary Foundation and we will send your contribution when we send

the club's.

LARRY GILL announced two service work opportunities with the Local Community Services Committee:

1. Next Friday, January 31 at 3:30pm to serve with St. Vincent De Paul at Father Bill's Kitchen.
1. Friday, February 21 in the afternoon to help move the Museum of North Idaho from their temporary location to the permanent location at the base of Tubb's Hill in downtown CDA. (And perhaps Saturday, if needed).

REBECCA EYMAN announced the Membership Committee will be hosting a "Share Your Love for Rotary" in February. More to come, but begin thinking about who you would like to invite to join you at Rotary in February.

MICHAEL CHRISTIENSEN announced that due to beautiful clear skies, a Rotary astronomy event has been scheduled for today, Saturday 1/25. Michael will have his telescope out on the back patio near Whispers at the Coeur d'Alene Resort from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Dress very warm, grab your own hot beverage of choice, and come see the planets including Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars. Donations are accepted and will be given to the Rotary Foundation.

AMY VOELLER announced the KROC Center's February "Families Feeding Families" food drive. The goal is to support local and regional food banks when the season of giving does not line up with the season of need. The KROC Center has brown bags to fill and shopping lists for specifically needed items. Learn more and access the shopping list [here](#).

Jeanette Laster with the Thursday Evening Rotary Club announced the Red and Blue Foundation's 007 Charity Galas and Casino Royale night on February 8. The evening's proceeds benefit first responders and families in crisis. Learn more [here](#).

## MOMENT OF IMPACT

CLINT SCHROEDER joined his first Rotary club in June 2000. Being the youngest member of the Loveland-Thompson Valley Club in Colorado, Clint learned the importance of membership recruitment and retention quickly. After relocating to Hawaii in 2005, he joined the Metropolitan Honolulu Rotary Club, and served the club in a multitude of ways. From community service to fundraising, Clint's passion for Rotary has never stopped growing. During the 2012-13 Rotary year, Clint was the President of the Metropolitan Honolulu club and District 5000 Vocational Chair. Clint served as Assistant Governor for District 5000 from 2013 to 2015 and as District Governor from 2016 to 2017. Clint currently serves as the Zone 26/27 Governor Education Chair where he works to prepare those in the District Governor line for their year of service.

## COEUR D'IRISH

Time for all hands on deck for our club's second largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds support our local community services grants and high school/college scholarships.



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



Larry Gill  
Community Service  
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

Call for Sponsors! Contact JOHN BEUTLER at 208-661-2989 for sponsor details.

#### Sponsorships:

Trip raffle: \$5,000

Band: \$5,000 (SOLD)

Dancers and bagpipers: \$3,500

Bar: \$2,500 (SOLD)

Guinness: \$2,500

Food: \$2,500

Photo booth: \$1,000

Costume contest: \$1,000

Other (for individuals – includes some perks):

Irish Friends: \$1,000 – goal of 10

Limerick: \$500 – goal of 10

Total sponsorship goal: \$38,000

#### PROGRAM

MARIE PRICE introduced Jim Zuberbuhler, Board Chair, and Katie Cox, Executive Director of Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT), based in Sandpoint. Jim is a 36 year Rotarian and deeply believes in the mission of the land trust to protect and preserve lands today and for future generations. Katie began working with KLT as a volunteer in 2017 and deeply believes in peoples' connection to the land and each other.

The KLT covers land in Bonner and Boundary counties in Idaho, and Sanders County in Montana. The land trust works closely with the Kalispel and Kootenay Tribes with their native lands as people and the land go hand-in-hand. According to the organization, the trust has completed nearly 40 conservation projects, protecting more than 6,000 acres of special places. From the beautiful Bull River Valley to the shores of Morton Slough and the Pack River, this work is critical to preserving our area's rural landscapes and natural resources that contribute to our economic security and quality of life. KLT's conservation programs have far reaching and long lasting impacts.

KLT has been recognized as an accredited land trust since 2016 and is one of just 450 accredited land trusts out of more than 1,300 operating in the United States. Originally founded in 2002 as the Clark Fork-Pend Orielle Conerancy, KLT is now a 501c(3) non-profit organization focused on conservation, education, community and recreation.

Industry partnerships include Idaho Forest Group who has taken 41 parcels of land and stitched it together into one parcel with conservation easements to restore a section of Pritchard Creek along the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. Other partnerships include local schools in the Sandpoint area who have dedicated outdoor educators to helping students make connections to the land. Other partnerships include local libraries, forest education, summer camp with Camp Kaniksu, and more. Learn more about [Kaniksu Land Trust](#) and view the presentation [here](#).

#### FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

More to come

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY