



# Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



## Rotary Bulletin 01/31/25

NEXT MEETING February 7, 2025

Linda Coppess - CDA Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....CHRIS CHEELEY

Greeter.....ANN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....KATE COYLE

### GUESTS

We had the following guests:

- Kristina Ethridge, hosted by Sue Thilo
- John Clary, hosted by Kate Coyle
- David Eldred and Benjamin Elias, hosted by Steve Roberge

### BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1 Kristi Rietze

Feb 4 Brenda Bookholtz

Feb 5 Lora Whalen

Feb 6 Sam Hunter, Joe Righello, Kristi Scott

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board of directors has committed \$1,500 to support the California wildfires. Look for an email from PRESIDENT ASHLEY (sent this week) to choose the organization you would like to support. If

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



[Ashley Lenz](#)  
President



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Club Director  
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Club Director  
International Service  
Chair

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.

ANN THOMAS announced the Membership Committee will be hosting a "soft membership drive" in February. Please be thoughtful and intention about inviting people as guests to introduce them to Rotary.

PRESIDENT ASHLEY asked for members to please settle payments to both the club and the foundation to assist with the growing accounts receivable.

SKIP PRIEST thanked club members for their support of the CDA Backpack Program over the Christmas food drive. Over \$2,000 in food and donations was provided to help the 650 students served in 17 schools throughout the CDA School District.

#### HAPPY DOLLARS

AMY VOELLER gave \$20 in thanks for her oldest son's diagnosis and healing and return back to college for spring semester.

KATE COYLE gave \$10 in gratitude for friends and family helping out as her mom was in and out of the hospital recently, and great healthcare at Kootenai Health.

KATIE SCHREIBER gave in thanks for a very welcome upcoming total knee replacement that has ushered in her 50th birthday!

BRITT TOWERLY gave to celebrate her daughter, Karsten, playing last weekend with the CDA Symphony and also the honor for her to be chosen to play with the All-State High School orchestra this weekend!

ASHLEY LENZ celebrated her recent trip to see the Harlem Globetrotters and the fun she had with her starstruck daughter Kate whose dreams came true meeting the athletes courtside!

#### 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.

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

#### Sponsorships Remaining:

Trip raffle: \$5,000

Band: \$5,000 (Justin James)

Games: \$3,500

For individuals – (includes some perks):

Irish Friends (Reserved table of 8): \$1,000 – goal of 10 (Matt Lyman, Sue & Tom Thilo)

Limerick ( 4 reserved tickets): \$500 – goal of 10

Learn more [here](#) and invite your friends!

#### PROGRAM

TOM THILO introduced Chuck Ethridge, Executive Artistic Director with the CDA Summer Theater. Chuck's education is in Voice Performance from Point Loma Nazarene and the University of Idaho. He has lived in CDA over 30 years and has been very involved in theater, opera and chorales.

The CDA Summer Theater was founded in 1967, and its first shows were in 1968 as a repertory theater. The organization's first home was in the small theater on Garden Avenue (now Lake City Playhouse). In 1984, the theater became a 501(c)3 nonprofit arts organization. In 1993, the theater moved to North Idaho College with a "Broadway in Your Backyard" moniker. In 2014, the KROC Center became the home for the theater, which remained there until it shut down in 2020 due to the pandemic. In 2022, the theater moved back to North Idaho College to allow for larger audience capacity and higher end production capability.

The theater has a national reputation with 1,500 auditions for 70 roles last year. It hires 225 people each summer, has over 250 volunteers and over 15,000 patrons. The budget is \$1.4M, with an economic impact on Kootenai County of \$9.5 M, and 40% of patrons visit from outside of Idaho. The theater was provided grant funding during the pandemic that helped to revamp the organization. This funding put the theater on a successful path into the future, when many other theaters were closing their doors nationwide. Focus areas include bolstering season subscriptions, legacy giving and building an endowment.



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The education arm of the theater is working to bring solid and reputable training programs and community outreach through the Musical Theater Training Institute. Additionally, the theater is looking to expand its board of directors with people who are passionate about the arts in our community. The 2025 season shows will include Hello Dolly, Anastasia, and She Loves Me (You've Got Mail movie storyline). You can learn more about CDA Summer Theater [here](#).

#### FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

02/14 Valentine's Day program

02/21 Students of the Month

02/28 TBD

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

