



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



Rotary Bulletin 02/14/25

NEXT MEETING February 21, 2025

Students of the Month Celebration

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....SAM HUNTER

Greeter.....PATTI STRUB

Sergeant at Arms.....FAITH VALENTE

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

Claudia Miewald, guest of Lora Whalen

David Eldred, guest of Steve Roberge

Bill Drake Jr. and Jeff Drake, guests of Bill & Judy Drake

Eric Ladwig, guest of Ryan Johnson

Rachel Peterson, guest of Nicky Swayne

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER

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

The Membership Committee met and has advanced a new applicant for membership review. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ann Thomas, Membership Chair at AThomas@mountainwestbank.com.

- Brian Washburn, sponsored by Steve Roberge
- Eric Ladwig, sponsored by Ryan Johnson
- Claudia Miewald, sponsored by Lora Whalen

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 14 Connie Drager, Bill Drake

Feb 15 Michele Dirks

Feb 16 Bruce English

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All hands on deck for Coeur d'Irish on Saturday, March 15 at the CDA Resort.

MOMENT OF IMPACT

STEVE ROBERGE - Needs no introduction. You all know and love him. He was president of our club from 2007 to 2008. He played a key role in starting our Coeur d'Alene Rotary Foundation. Steve is currently hard at work preparing for his role as District Governor which he will assume in July 2026.

Steve spoke about Fallen Heroes Plaza and the 9/11 Memorial at the base of Cherry Hill Park on 15th Street in CDA. The planning began in 2006, our club donated \$25,000 to the project, and it was completed and dedicated in 2009. All Idaho police and firefighters lost in the line of duty are honored here. There is also a scaled down replica of Ground Zero which was a piece gifted from the FDNY to CDA Fire. Currently 343 fire and 72 police have been honored in this special place.

WHY I LOVE ROTARY

In honor of the month of love in February, RYAN JOHNSON that ROTary has been a conduit for him to get over the fear of public speaking! He enjoys the network, group relationships, and what Rotary does locally, nationally and internationally. He greatly respects that we as Rotarians, although different in beliefs, have more in common than we do differences.

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!

HAPPY DOLLARS

NICKY SWAYNE gave to celebrate in the 1980s that Captain Swayne, stationed in Germany, proposed to his sweetie on Valentines Day!

BRITT THURMAN gave \$5 to celebrate the Museum of North Idaho moving into its new, PERMANENT building at the base of Tubbs Hill. After 5 years in the works, Britt was able to spend her first days in her new office at this location!

NEW MEMBER



[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

REBECCA EYMAN introduced new member Johanna Brown as our club's newest member. Johanna has a BA in Broadcast Journalism, a Masters in Healthcare Administration, and since 2014 has been the Compliance Director at Kootenai Health. She is finishing a term as president of the board for United Way of North Idaho and is involved in the CDA Chamber's Leadership Committee.

PROGRAM

LUKE RUSSELL led the program with one of his famous cowboy poems. HEIDI ROGERS and CAITI BOBBITT then hosted a great Valentine's Day program that included a few Rotary couples who played trivia about each other like the Newlywed game. Bill and Judy Drake were named the winners as Rotary Sweetheart Couple, and will be celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary this summer!

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

02/28 TBD

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

