



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



Rotary Bulletin 02/21/25

NEXT MEETING February 28, 2025

Aquifer Protection District- Advisory Board for Kootenai County

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....SAM HUNTER

Greeter.....PATTI STRUB

Sergeant at Arms.....MIKE ARMON

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

Claudia Miewald, guest of Lora Whalen

Laurie Deans and Emily Johnson, guests of Les Atchley

Bill Pfinsgraff, guest of Mary Sanderson

David Eldred, guest of Steve ROberge

Mark Butera, guest of Mark Botterbusch

Sam Ingram, guest of Pattie Strub

BIRTHDAYS

Speakers

Club Leaders



[Ashley Lenz](#)
President



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



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[Mark Botterbusch](#)
Club Director



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

Feb 21 Russell Mann, Sarah McCracken

Feb 24 Luke Russell

Feb 25 Pattie Strub

Feb 27 Jeff Ottmar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Scholarship Committee will meet directly after next week's meeting on February 28.

Purchase tickets to Coeur d'Irish before March 1 when the ticket price increases. Also, try your luck at a 1 in 50 chance to win a trip to Ireland by purchasing raffle tickets. See Patti Strub or Doug Rupiper after the meetings to purchase.

WHY I LOVE ROTARY

In honor of the month of love in February, HANK MARTIN shared why Rotary is important to him. Hank joined Rotary 30 years ago, but traveled a lot for work and attended a variety of clubs. He retired and lived on a boat for five years with his wife Betsy in Mexico and Central/South America. It was during that time that he discovered the international impact of Rotary throughout the world. Tom Cronin asked Hank to be the International Foundation Chair, which opened Hank's eyes even more. He and Betsy have participated in traveling on five Rotary Friendship Exchanges and hosted Rotary members from across the world locally. Hank encourages you to follow your passion and you will find a way to make an impact through Rotary!

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Dick Barclay - Dick is the fourth generation of Barclays to call Coeur d'Alene home. His grandfather was the second president of our Rotary club in 1923. His father was president in 1943. His uncle was president in 1950. Dick was president of our club in 2006 following retirement from a career as a toxicologist. But that wasn't the first time Dick was president of a Rotary Club. He was president of the Spokane South club in 1986, and also served as Assistant Governor for District 5080. In retirement, Dick stays active by volunteering. Most notably, he has volunteered at the CDA Visitors Bureau for the past 20 years. And did you know, he is our official club historian?

Dick spoke of the impact of Rotary on the building of Camp Neewahlu on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The Wallace Rotary Club decided to build a new camp for the Campfire Girls in 1954-55, to commemorate the golden anniversary of Rotary International in 1955. Henry Day, CEO of the Bunker Hill Mine, was the president of the Wallace Club and donated 20 acres of his land on Lake Coeur d'Alene, with a lease for 200 additional acres, including many feet of shoreline access. With access to the camp only via boat, volunteers from all over North Idaho came to help build the camp beginning in June of 1954.

The camp opened with 27 buildings with a grand opening on June 5, 1955, when Bill Wood was the CDA Rotary President. Our club hosted a "suit sale" where members sold lightly used suits to the community to raise funds for the project. By the 1980s the camp served 1400-1600 girls, but by 1989 attendance was declining and in 2001, the camp was put up for sale. In 2003, the actor Dennis Franz purchased the land for a family retreat in Kidd Island Bay.

NEW MEMBER

NICKY SWAYNE introduced Rachel Peterson, the new Executive Director with United Way of North Idaho. Rachel hails from Bremerton, WA, where she was raised by her grandpa and got an early start with volunteering. She graduated from high school at age 15, has a BA in Business and a degree in Theology. She began her career as software consultant, and volunteered to start an inner-city youth ministry.

Rachel is married to Mark, an Air Force veteran turned electrician. She is the mother to seven children aged 11 to 25. One son joined their family through her inner-city work and another is from Shanghai. Two middle schoolers remain at home. She is a serial entrepreneur, and in 1999 founded her forest small business. Rachel then went on to start, develop, and later sell three small businesses in three states, all of which are still prospering! She volunteers with her church, in youth ministry, with many nonprofit boards and committees. She enjoys fitness, culinary arts, music, outdoor recreation, foraging and reading.

PROGRAM

JULIE AMADOR and BRITT TOWERY introduced the students of the month for December, January and February.

North Idaho College: Hunter Reesman, Rikki McRoberts, Skylard Sheppard

University of Idaho: Garrett Wells, Sarah Davis, Justin Baldwin

Coeur d'Alene High School: Maddox Le, Andrew Bruns, Nathan Ringer



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Club Director



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Lake City High School: Mary Koziol, Jace Sanderson, Rome Armitage

MARCH PROGRAMS

3/7/2025 Vicki Nelson, Companions Animal Center

3/14/2025 Chrissy Schmidt, Liz Godbehere - KH Organ Donation

3/21/2025 Carla Cicero - Corporate Culture

3/28/2025 Jacob Bonwell - ATC and Tech Hub

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

