



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



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NEXT MEETING March 14, 2025

Chrissy Schmidt, Liz Godbehere - KH Organ Donation

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....BARRY MCHUGH

Greeter.....RYAN JOHNSON

Sergeant at Arms.....JOHN YOUNG

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

Ezra Grossglauser, guest of John Young

Juanita Trapp, guest of Amy Voeller

Bill Pfinsgraff, guest of Sue Thilo

David Eldred, guest of Steve Roberge

Ashley Healey, guest of Ann Johnson

Sam Ingram, guest of Pattie Strub

BIRTHDAYS

Speakers

Club Leaders



[Ashley Lenz](#)
President



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Club Director
International Service
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Feb 28 John Young

Feb 29 Peter Riggs

March 2 Kate Coyle

March 6 Jennifer Wood

March 7 Heidi Rodgers

March 10 Barry McHugh, Michael Nail

March 11 Jim Faucher, Robert Norris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All hands on deck for Coeur d'Irish on Saturday, March 15 at the CDA Resort!!! Come join the fun, volunteer or help decorate Friday after Rotary or Saturday morning.

The Sunrise Rotary Club will be hosting three law clerks that were hand-selected from nationwide to serve with Judge Tallman, a senior US circuit judge with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Court. You can join the Sunrise Club at 7:00 am on Tuesday, March 18. Breakfast is \$20 and doors open at 6:40 am. Contact Dustin Ainsworth of Sunrise Rotary to RSVP at 208-659-6685.

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Pat Whalen - President of our club from 2008 to 2009. During his presidency our club broke ground on Heroes Plaza - a memorial honoring slain police and fire personnel and honors victims of 9/11. During the day, Pat is the VP and CTO of Intermax Networks. Pat joined our club in 1993. In addition to his contributions to our club, he served on the Boys & Girls Club of Kootenai County board for many years!

Pat spoke of his great experiences traveling the world as a Rotarian. In 2000-2001 he visited Honduras where our club was helping to fund microloans from \$100-300 for women to help build things and create income for their families. Our club also hosted Hondurans back in the United States. Pat also encouraged club members to explore Rotary Friendship Exchanges as they are incredibly rewarding and the travel experience is top notch seeing things outside of tourist areas.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Kate Lenz (Pres. Ashley's daughter) was very happy to not have school on Friday and heading to Silver Mountain water park for some fun!

LARRY GILL was happy to share that fellow member SKIP PRIEST is the most dedicated helper to any cause you where you may be in need.

LES ATCHLEY was happy that fellow member PAUL ANDERSON will be heading home from the rehabilitation hospital on Monday in fulfillment of Paul's wishes to live out his last days at home with his wife.

LINDA COPPESS gave \$10 to share that she adopted kitty brothers, the cheese brothers, Gouda and Blue.

JIM PRUSSACK gave as a congratulations to fellow member RICK RASMUSSEN for being inducted into the North Idaho Hall of Fame.

JODY AZEVEDO gave as a congratulations to fellow member RICK RASMUSSEN for being named Post Falls Citizen of the Year.

PROGRAM

TOM THILO introduced Vicki Nelson, Development Director for 10 years with Companions Animal Center (CAC). The organization is a privately funded nonprofit in our community for 45 years. Located on 10 acres of land on North Atlas Road, near the airport, CAC had \$3.66M in income and \$2.3M in expenses last year. CAC is not animal control, but they work with the cities of CDA, Rathdrum, Athol, Dalton, Hayden to send dogs to CAC. Post Falls has their own shelter. Formerly the Kootenai Humane Society, there has been a no-kill mission since 2003. Funding is supported through the thrift store in midtown CDA on 3rd and Miller (by Safeway).

There is currently 150 capacity in the new facility. There is a second dog wing that is almost completed, which will help with the 30-40 dog waiting list. Over 1,400 animals were adopted out in 2024, but that is 32% less than prior to 2020. The rising cost of animal food, animal care, and housing cost/regulations for pets has made it very challenging for pet owners.

CAC works with and provides free services to people utilizing services through Safe Passage, the North Idaho Crisis Center, Red Cross and other organizations to take care of animals until their owner is able to be stable and in secure housing. Fee-based services are available at the CAC clinic including spay/neuter, vaccine, and microchipping.



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If you would like to volunteer as a dog walker, opportunities are available from 7:30 am-6:00 pm every day. To learn more visit www.companionsanimalcenter.org.

MARCH PROGRAMS

3/21/2025 Carla Cicero - Corporate Culture

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

In Service,

BRITT TOWERY

