



Rotary Club of Coeur d'Alene



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NEXT MEETING December 6, 2024

Club Annual Meeting & CDA Rotary Club Foundation

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Presided.....PRESIDENT ASHLEY LENZ

Invocation.....BILL MUCK

Greeter.....CANDACE GODWIN

Sergeant at Arms.....STEVE ROBERGE

GUESTS

We had the following guests:

- Greta Gissel, hosted by Maren Maier
- Megan Neels, hosted by Jenn Wood
- Lindsay Allen, hosted by Kristi Rietze
- Christi Fleischman, hosted by Steve Roberge
- John Horton, hosted by David McGlasson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospice Outdoor Light Decorating – Our 4th year taking on this task, which would otherwise cost the nonprofit Hospice of North Idaho over \$2,000 each year, versus having it done commercially. Special thanks to Skip and Bob who organized the service project. These members helped string lights on the outdoor trees around the Hospice campus.

Mary Sanderson

Pattie Strub

Candace Godwin

Speakers

Club Leaders



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Bob Smee

Larry Gill brought information on the upcoming Rotary Food Drive, benefitting hungry kids on the Coeur d'Alene School District. They are looking for kid-friendly foods, specifically fruit cups, granola bars and instant oatmeal packages. Bring your donations to our meetings on December 6 or December 13. OR, you can donate cash or checks (made out to the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club Foundation).

CLAUDIA BRENNAN: The club will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army at the Fred Meyer east door this season. Contact Claudia at 208-691-1464 to volunteer.

Dan Crawford reported on his flood recovery work in Florida. Twenty eight homes were cleaned and mucked out (many homes were filled with four to five feet of sand), including one owned by an elderly couple, both veterans, both in wheelchairs, who had been scammed by an unscrupulous contractor. Rotary fixed the bad work and got them started on the road to recovery.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Happy Dollars this week also included sharing thanksgiving traditions.

KIKI MILLER is thankful the car that fell on her husband was gentle and only broke a few ribs. He's home from the hospital. Don't send him any joke books.

PRESIDENT ASHLEY is thankful for her great-grandmother's stuffing (with bacon!) and for their family-secret recipe for Lime Jello Soup.

KRISTI RIETZE is thankful to have two college students home for the holidays.

DICK BARCLAY shared a tradition, dating to his youth, of having the youngest person at the Thanksgiving table offer a toast "to the King's underwear."

PATTIE STRUB noted that their family traditionally roasted duck rather than turkey, but one year decided to try goose instead. Much too late they learned that a goose's large chest cavity is largely hollow and there's little meat on the carcass. Apparently it was a bit of a meager dinner that year.

WANDA QUINN talked about growing up in the Hawaiian Islands, and how much she misses the unique foods they had for those Thanksgiving dinners.

BIRTHDAYS

November 23 Ronda Mitchell

November 25 Sue Thilo

November 27 Joe Deacon

November 27 Julie Amador

December 3 Sue Crenshaw

PROGRAM

KRISTI RIETZE introduced District Governor LORNE WESTRIDGE, for his annual club visit. LORNE introduced his bride and provided photographic evidence that they have known each other since he was about four years old, with the wedding coming somewhat more recently. He cited the RI theme of "the Magic of Rotary" as he shared a story of a project which provided clean drinking water to a third-world village for the first time. Two small boys watched as a Rotarian opened the faucet and let clean water run, then turned it off. The boys excitedly asked "Can you do that again?" From their perspective, that faucet was magic!

LORNE graded CdA Rotary an A+ for our organization and ongoing programs. Can't beat that! Literally. So we need to keep it rolling. LORNE spent a good part of his time covering the Rotary Foundation and membership development, both of which are strong subjects for our club.

The key to the continuing growth of the Rotary Foundation permanent fund is getting as many Rotarians as possible to do something. Worldwide, about a third of Rotarians have donated to the Foundation. In our district, the number is 46 percent and within our club we are at 50 percent, but LORNE charged us to try to do better. He asked that members consider donating \$10 per quarter. If everyone in the District did that, an additional \$20,000 would be invested in the fund. It does add up! If a member can afford a little more, make it \$10 a month. Rotary's name for this is "Every Rotarian, Every Year."



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With regard to membership development, the good news is the District did not shrink last year, for the first time in 15 years! That's pretty big news. LORNE's goal is 2% net growth this year, which would mean growth of about four members net to our club. Not huge growth, but better than shrinkage in every way.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

12/6 Club Annual Meeting & CDA Rotary Club Foundation

12/13 Student of the Month Celebration (Tom & Jerry cocktails)

12/20 Christmas Program

12/27 NO MEETING

In Service,

DAVID McGLASSON

