

CdA AAUW sponsors adult spelling bee

With 10 teams registered, this week's 2016 Kootenai County Adult Spelling Bee is shaping up to be the biggest ever.

That's not all. Two of the teams are from Spokane!

The spelling bee will be held at a luncheon Thursday, May 26, at North Idaho College. While it's past time for guests to order lunches, there will be plenty of FREE gallery seating available for friends, family and the general public.

"And if we run out of chairs, we will bring in more," says Lynn Brooks, president of the Coeur d'Alene branch of AAUW. The local branch sponsors the event each year to raise money for local scholarships at local colleges.

The bee starts at 11:30 a.m. Thursday and will be over by 1:30. Parking will be free and easy in the vicinity of the student union, where the event will be held.

This year's bee may be a face-off of two previous winners. Both the "Bee's Knees," from St. Luke's Episcopal Church—which won last year—and "Eleemosynary," the 2014 winner from North Idaho Eye Institute, will be back.

They can expect plenty of competition from these additional teams--"Wordly Women," Spokane branch of AAUW; "Nerdy Wordsters," City of Post Falls; "Hive Mind," AGC Aerocomposites; "Let it Bee," Gonzaga University; "Bee-Dazzled," North Idaho College; "Ladies of Locution," Kootenai County Auditor's Office; "Allergeeks," ALK Source Materials; and "The Killer Bees," North Idaho Retired Educators' Association.

Each team is given 30 seconds to confer and write the word on an overhead projector. A team member will then spell the word for the audience. If there is a discrepancy, the written word will prevail.

The spelling bee is held each year to promote good spelling and vocabulary and to raise money for scholarships. In the past four years, it has produced \$11,000 worth of scholarships for NIC and the University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene Center. Co-sponsoring the event this year are P1FCU (Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union), Kiwanis Club of Coeur d'Alene, ALK Source Materials, Seright's Ace Hardware stores, Budget Storage, Calypso's Coffee & Creamery and Mountain West Bank.

