

Rotary



Club of Sequim



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Celebrating 90 years of Service Above Self

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Happy New Year and Happy 90th Anniversary Rotary Club of Sequim Members!

This year our Club will honour and celebrate 90 years of service in our community and around the world. We remember all the Rotarians who have gone before us; who built a legacy of "Service Above Self". They invested themselves in our community and beyond our borders. Our club has such a rich history from which to build upon.



To continue this legacy and be a sustainable service club, we need to move the needle forward by being intentional in growing our membership, initiating an additional fundraiser to continue our Adaptive Bike Program and youth services outreach.

In this New Year your help will be needed to recruit members and to step up for leadership roles within the club.

My personal model for "People of Impact":

They are Intentional

They are Motivated

They are Passionate, Persistent and have a strong sense of Purpose

They are All In, they Actualize their goals

They are Caring and value Commitment and have strong Character

They are Tenacious – they see projects through to fruition

They are **Rotarians** and I am honoured to serve with each one of you. Let's all come together in this 90th year and continue to have a positive impact in other's lives and carry on this Club's legacy of service.

Yours in Rotary,

President Pat

ROTARY CLUB OF SEQUIM

Our Beginnings in 1930

The twenty founding members of the Rotary Club of Sequim received their Charter from Rotary International on June 13th, 1930 and celebrated the presentation on August 21st in an evening meeting attended by Rotarians from Seattle, Port Angeles, Port Townsend and Victoria. The 20 new Rotarians were described as "live wires in every sense".

The International Organization of Rotary, founded by the gentlemen pictured below, including Paul Harris and Gustavus Loehr, the grand-uncle of Andy Loehr, a former Sequim

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*First Club Meeting Space 1930 - Hotel Sinclair, corner of Washington St. and Sequim Ave., now the site of U.S. Bank.
(Photo - WA State Historical Society)*

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PEOPLE OF IMPACT

MEETING EVERY THURSDAY 11:45am - 1:00pm
Baja Cantina, 531 W Washington St, Sequim WA
Come and discover Rotary!

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Sunrise member and owner of Casoni's Restaurant here in Sequim, was just 25 years strong.



*Four original members of Rotary Int'l founded in Chicago in 1905.
(Photo from "A Century of Service")*

The Rotary Club of Sequim joined over 2,000 Rotary Clubs spanning six continents with the joint purpose of community and international service. The Rotary Club of Sequim was sponsored for membership by the Rotary Club of Port Townsend and was the subsequent sponsor of The Sequim Sunrise Club.

The charter member's names of our founding club over 90 years ago will be recognized even today by "Sequimites". G.H. and J.L. Keeler of Keeler Road, Keeler Park, and the Hotel Sinclair. Frank Lotzgesell and Henry Lotzgesell, dairy farmers in Dungeness for whom Lotzgesell Road is named, Jess Mantle, and Jess Taylor local businessmen with roads and subdivisions named for them. Some members were shop keepers, farmers, hoteliers, and school teachers or superintendents just like the variety of our club members' occupations today.

The first dinner cost 75 cents and was held at Hotel Sinclair, pictured above, which was famous for its electrification. Its location was on the SW corner of Washington and Sequim Avenue, the present location of US Bank.

The first Club event was a Tea honoring and entertaining Sequim-area students returning from studies abroad. The club remained very active in student-exchange until the year 2005 and continues to support programs focused on students in the Sequim School District.

The motto of all Rotarians is "Service Above Self".

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*Rotary Club of Sequim Charter Members
from original Minute Book entry on
September 11, 1930*

In 1933 The club helped Joe Rantz to purchase of a new suit of clothes. Rantz was a Sequim youth and the main character in the book and movie titled "Boys in the Boat". In 1934, the club wrote him a congratulatory letter for his securing a spot on the University of Washington's Rowing crew. This same crew went on to win a Gold Medal for Rowing in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games! **CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**January Celebrations****Club Members' Birthdays****BOB MACAULAY****21 JAN****Rotary Anniversaries****MARY BUDKE****10 YEARS****BEGINNINGS Continued**

In 1935 Carroll C. Kendall became a new Rotarian and an active member of the Rotary Club of Sequim. His name, today, is on the front of the Boys & Girls Club at 400 West Fir Street due to his family's financial support in the construction of this fine building.

The Rotary Club of Sequim, whose by-line is, "People of Impact" plans to celebrate its nine decades of community service through the remainder of the year culminating with a Celebratory Tea June 11, 2020 to which all former members, members' spouses, exchange students and others will be invited.

Story by Rochelle McHugh

"Nine Decades of Service"

**No one can join Rotary
unless you invite them.**

ROTARY CLUB OF SEQUIM

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YOU WILL BE MISSED

PEOPLE OF IMPACT

Bill Littlejohn Passes



William "Bill" Littlejohn passed away December 12th just before his 73rd birthday December 18th.

A Celebration of Life Service for Bill was held on Saturday, January 11th at the Sequim Community Church.

Bill Littlejohn, a Sequim businessman who owned a number of businesses and whose philanthropy and advocacy benefited dozens of Sequim students and local charitable organizations.

Both Bill and his father, Dr. Robert Littlejohn, were members of the Rotary Club of Sequim and avid supporters of the Boys & Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula as well as the Olympic Medical Center Foundation.

Bill Littlejohn joined the Rotary Club of Sequim on January 1, 1986. He was a Paul Harris Fellow +3, and served as Club President in 1990-91.

Bill Littlejohn is survived by his wife Esther and daughter Lindsay.

He will be missed by all those he helped during his lifetime and beyond.

TAKE PART IN THE HISTORY OF SEQUIM

JOIN ROTARY

Sequim Kids Thank Sequim Noon Rotary for Bikes!



Sequim Schools Physical Therapist Cherry Bibler presents "Thank You Card" to Sequim Noon Rotary's Adaptive Bike Committee members (L-R) Doug Schwarz, Ted Shanks, and James Jones on behalf of the Special Education Department. The card was prepared and signed by children using the special bikes donated by Sequim Noon Rotary. (Photo by Don Sorensen)

PRESS RELEASE December 2019 - Sequim Schools Physical Therapist Cherry Bibler recently visited Rotary Club of Sequim's meeting to present a special Thank You Card prepared and signed by teachers and Adaptive Bike riders in the Special Education Department. Bibler works with Noon Rotary's Adaptive Bike Committee to nominate individual special needs children to receive tricycles custom built for each child. In addition to gifting individually adapted tricycles to specific children, Noon Rotary recently donated an adaptive tricycle to the Sequim School District for use by all children in the Special Education program. Speaking of the progress of students participating in the program, Bibler stated "... we have seen remarkable benefits including physical, social and communication growth directly related to riding a tricycle...".

Each Rifton™ adaptive tricycle is built on Rotary Club of Sequim's special order for a specific child. These custom tricycles are purchased with money raised by the

club's Annual Salmon Bake Fundraiser. As a result, every person who faithfully supports this event is helping to make the club's Adaptive Bike Program a big success with our Sequim Schools special needs children. Thanks to all of you! Together, we are PEOPLE OF IMPACT!



Cherry Bibler helping Sequim Noon Rotary's first adaptive tricycle recipient Abby Johnson learn to pedal her very own bike!

(Photo by Doug Schwarz)

PEOPLE OF IMPACT

Henry Jones Attends Rotary 2020 World Peace Conference



(Photo by Cindi Jones)

"Powerful", Cindi and Henry Jones declared in unison! Fellow club member Henry and his wife Cindi are attending the Rotary 2020 World Peace Conference January 17 and 18 in Ontario, CA. Henry reported, "Rotarians from around the world are here. We are looking forward to two days packed with meetings, eating, and discovering paths to world peace".

Peace Conference Governor Rudy Westervelt announced in previous publicity, "The mission of the Rotary 2020 World Peace Conference is to bring together experts with solutions to major

issues that are occurring in our personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities... around the world..." There will be panel sessions and plenary sessions with speakers from around the world. They will speak on more than 13 different tracks of training in conflict prevention and resolution.

The General Session started with a program of drummers from around the world playing on stage. Rotary International President Mark Maloney then opened the conference. "We were sitting with a group of Rotarians from

Australia and Burma", Jones related.

Azim Khamisa spoke on "Forgiveness". His young son, Tariq, a college student and pizza deliveryman was senselessly gunned down in a gang initiation by Ples Felix's 14-year-old grandson. To understand this "defining moment" in their lives, Khamisa reported, he and Felix came together to mediate on the mindless act. "At these defining moments", Khamisa concluded, "if we are able to make the right choice, we literally manifest a miracle...". Khamisa's full story is available on [youtube.com/watch?v=xY8Vd6cWIS8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xY8Vd6cWIS8).

After Khamisa's speech, Rotarian Jones said, "There was not a dry eye in the house!".

Christine Ahn then told her story of mobilizing 30 international women peacemakers in 2015 to walk across De-Militarization Zone (DMZ) in North Korea calling for an end to the Korean War. The women peacemakers were joined by 10,000 Korean women on both sides of the DMZ. Ahn's global campaign, "Korea Peace Now! Women Mobilizing to End the War" was formed in 2019. So, the impressive World Peace Conference continued.

Sequim Rotarian Henry Jones, a former Israel and Dead Sea Scrolls Tour Leader, recalled that he particularly enjoyed meeting with groups working on the Middle East Conflict during his breakout sessions.

The day ended with an awards dinner honoring non-Rotarians for outstanding "Service Above Self". Walking back to their hotel, Henry and his wife Cindi talked about how proud they were to be even a small part of the amazing work of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

Henry, we're all looking forward to hearing 'the rest of the story' when you return home!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Henry and Cindi sent this information to us after the first day of the conference. Much more happened on the second day, January 18th.

TEN DECADES OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF

90th Anniversary Greetings



GREETINGS from Your Club Officers, Directors and Chairs- (L-R) President Pat Zane, Youth Services Director Mary Budke, Secretary Patti Blakesley, P/P & Treasurer Bob Macaulay, Club Service Director Rochelle McHugh, Foundation Chair Henry Jones, International Service Director Lang Hadley. Not shown are President-Elect Ted Shanks, Community Service Director Kurt Turner, and Public Image Chair Dick Hughes.

(Photo by Doug Schwarz)