

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

#### COMING EVENTS

Aug. 7 - Quad-cities joint meeting Maureen "Mo" Fritz, Rotary District Governor Pioneer Park Pavilion, Puyallup,

Catered dinner: \$25/person, \$45/couple.

50/50 raffle to support "Step-by'Step". Clubs attending: Sumner, Puyallup, Puyallup-South Hill, Parkland-Spanaway

A Night at the Ballpark -- Tacoma Rainiers August 15

Tailgate - 5:15 pm Game - 7:05 pm

Ride With Courage

**Sumner Rotary Golf Tournament** 

**High Cedars** Sept. 6

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

#### **AUGUST**

Aug. 24 - 25

Aug. 6 - Club Meetiing Canceled Aug. 7 - Joint meeting, Maureen "Mo" Fritz, Rotary District Governor Pioneer Park Pavilion, Puyallup 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Aug. 13 - Chelsea Minkler, Gates Foundation Aug. 20 - Jack Laverty, Corporate

**Engagement Director for World** Vision

Aug. 27 - Laurie Dent, Superintendent, Sumner-Bonney Lake School District

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 - Club Meeting Sept. 10 - Hans Zeiger

Sept 17 - Capt. Monica Alexander & Asst. Chief Johnny Alexander, WSP

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**CLUB NEWSLETTER** 

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# RIDE WITH COURAGE

AUG. 24 & 25

Join us, or sponsor a Sumner rider!



Sumner Rotary riders team members, Brian Anderson (left) and Sam Suznevich.

Join fellow Rotarians for the annual Ride With Courage fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday, August 24 & 25 when they will bike from Cle Elum to Leavenworth and over Blewett Pass and back over Old Bewett Pass to support Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Network.

Rotary clubs from throughout the Northwest have formed some 31 teams including the Sumner Rotary Riders. Our team has 10 members and need to fund-raise \$7,500. Your contrbution is greatly appreciated! Even if you don't intend to ride, you can attend the event and sponsor a favorite rider or team, with 100% of proceeds going toward Mary Bridge. See the Sumner Rotary riders fundraising website.

We Will Miss You, Bill and Jane Heath!



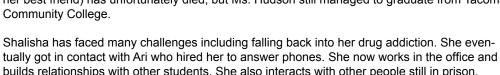
Sumner Rotarians send their best wishes to Bill and Jane Heath, who recently moved to a retirement home in Cashmere from their longtime home in Sumner. The Heaths have been a big part of Sumner Rotary and the Sumner community over the years. They will be sorely missed. They can be contacted at: Epladalen Retirement Center, 809 Pioneer Ave., Cashmere, WA. 98815

# AT THE MEETINGS

ARI KOHN Guest Speaker July 23 Post-Prison Education Program.

Ari told a heart-warming story of a young woman who overcame incredible odds of childhood drug addiction, crimes by parents and mental challenges. She is now pursuing a degree at the University of Washington.

Shalisha Hudson spoke of her journey. She grew up in a dysfunctional family and has been to prison multiple times. Now 32, she had a son at age 15. She received her GED in prison but when released went back to her some her parent's negative ways. However, she now is on a better track in developing a positive re lationship with her 17 year old son. Her mother (who she says was her best friend) has unfortunately died, but Ms. Hudson still managed to graduate from Tacoma Community College.



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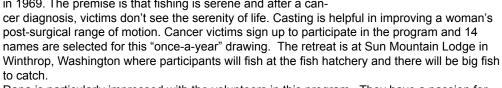
builds relationships with other students. She also interacts with other people still in prison. She said her current job has It's been a confidence builder and helped her to believe in herself Learn more about her story in her letter to Sumner Rotary. The Post-Prison Education Program has received a scholarship from Sumner Rotary for over

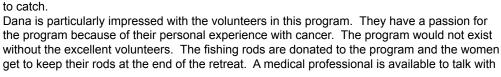
10 years and is the only scholarship we give outside of the Sumner School District. This year the scholarship was for \$1,500. For more information on the program, see Post-Prison Education Program.

**DANA CHAMBERS** Guest Speaker July 16 Casting for Recovery

Dana introduced us to the company, "Casting for Recovery" with a short video that showed cancer victims fishing in a river. The video describes the program as being a program for women with breast cancer. The patients have so much fun that they forget they have cancer. It also enables the patient to learn new skills. After the retreat, the people who went fishing remember the good times and it helps them cope with their day. Dana has recovered

from cancer and has been cancer free for 5 years. Dana then gave us more details about the prograqms that started in 1969. The premise is that fishing is serene and after a can-







26 at the Suznevich home in Sumner. Participants enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, dessert and libations. Pictured are Judi Richardson (left) Mike Dobb, Pat Duffy Jr., and Myrna Anderson.

