



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## COMING EVENTS

Aug. 7 - **Quad-cities joint meeting**  
Maureen "Mo" Fritz,  
Rotary District Governor  
Pioneer Park Pavilion, Puyallup,  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
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

Aug. 24 - 25

**Sumner Rotary Golf Tournament**  
Sept. 6 High Cedars

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### AUGUST

Aug. 6 - Club Meeting 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 Lavery, 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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## RIDE WITH COURAGE

AUG. 24 & 25

*Join us, or sponsor  
a Sumner rider!*



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

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 contribution 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!



*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 relationship 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.

Shalisha has faced many challenges including falling back into her drug addiction. She eventually got in contact with Ari who hired her to answer phones. She now works in the office and builds relationships with other students. She also interacts with other people still in prison. She said her current job has 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 programs that started in 1969. The premise is that fishing is serene and after a cancer diagnosis, victims don't see the serenity of life. Casting is helpful in improving a woman's post-surgical range of motion. Cancer victims sign up to participate in the program and 14 names are selected for this "once-a-year" drawing. The retreat is at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, Washington where participants will fish at the fish hatchery and there will be big fish to catch.

Dana is particularly impressed with the volunteers in this program. They have a passion for the program because of their personal experience with cancer. The program would not exist without the excellent volunteers. The fishing rods are donated to the program and the women get to keep their rods at the end of the retreat. A medical professional is available to talk with



Guest speakers Ari Kohn  
and Shalisha Hudson,  
who spoke of her journey  
with the program.



Dana Chamber, right, spoke  
about a fishing program for  
breast cancer victims. Robyn  
Delorm introduced her.



About 30 Sumner Rotarians participated in a Sit 'n Bull event July 26 at the Suzneovich 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.