



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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## COMING EVENTS

[Mary Bridge/Rotary Celebration and Plaque Unveiling](#)  
Aug. 21, 5-7 pm  
Jackson Hall Auditorium  
314 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Tacoma

[Ride With Courage](#)  
Aug. 24 - 25

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

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### AUGUST

Aug. 20 - Jack Laverty, Corporate Engagement Director for World Vision

Aug. 27 - John Payne, Sundance Circle Hippotherapy

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 - Club Meeting  
Sept. 10 - Hans Zeiger  
Sept. 17 - Capt. Monica Alexander & Asst. Chief Johnny Alexander, WSP  
Sept. 24 - Georgia Lomax, PCL

### OCTOBER

Oct. 1 - Club Meeting  
Oct. 8 - Brian Cunningham, Sumner IT, Cybersecurity Month

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS



## Bill Heath Receives Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award



Longtime Sumner Rotarian Bill Heath was honored with the Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award on Aug. 7 at a four-club Rotary meeting at Puyallup's Pioneer Pavilion. Bill was featured in a recent article in the Sumner News Index. See [Heath to be Honored](#). In the pictures above, Rotarians gathered with Heath (center with lei around neck) at the Aug. 7 meeting: (from left) Marilee Hill-Anderson, Steve Starr, Charla Neuman, Bill Pugh, Sherm Voiles, Bill Heath, Natasha Gunia, Barbara Bitetto. Above right, Steve Starr accompanies Bill and Jane Heath.

## AT THE MEETINGS

### GUEST SPEAKER Aug. 13

CHELSEA MINKLER, Gates Foundation  
Worldwide polio eradication initiative

Over the past three decades, the world has made tremendous progress toward the eradication of polio. In 1988—when wild polio virus was present in more than 125 countries and paralyzed 350,000 people every year, primarily young children—the World Health Assembly set a goal to eliminate the disease, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was launched. Since then, immunization efforts have reduced the number of cases by more than 99 percent, saving more than 13 million children from paralysis. India stopped the virus in 2011, and today, polio is found only in Afghanistan, Pakistan. In 2016, there were fewer than 40 cases reported globally. In 2017, there were 25 cases, 21 cases in 2018, and there were 61 cases in 2019 because of difficulties getting access to Middle East countries.

Ms. Minkler the task for the anti-polio initiative is to define priorities by where these questions overlap

1. Where is greatest need?
2. Where can we make biggest impact?

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years, has committed to raising \$50 million a year to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounting to \$150 million for polio eradication annually. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.9 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation.

"What is so exciting about Rotary's 30-year fight...not only are you eradicating one of the worst diseases in history, you are also helping the poorest countries provide their citizens with better health and a better future. And getting to zero is incredibly inspiring as an achievement of humanity."

- Bill Gates at the 2017 Rotary International Convention.

Ms. Minkler said what makes polio unique as an eradicable disease is because it only lives in the human body, not in animals or in the air.

Three steps field workers must take in countries in the farthest corners of the world.

1. Find the virus -- testing sewage and other places the virus might exist
2. Find where children have been infected
3. Vaccinate, vaccinate, vaccinate

Strong progress has continues as the initiative has pushed into some of the toughest corners of the world. In the past five years, the global polio burden has decreased from over 600 cases to 33 confirmed cases in 2108.

### GUEST SPEAKER JULY 30

**RYAN WINDISH**, City of Sumner  
Toastmasters.

Toastmasters is a speech club. It is for both the experienced and for those who are afraid. His presentation helped the audience become better speakers.

### Essential Public Speaking Skills

To speak effectively, recognize that speaking is a craft.

- Communication and leadership are inseparable.
- Know your goals.
- Grab attention, introduction, 3 to 5 main points, conclusion.
- Engage the audience — Ask a question, provocative statement, personalize with your own experience, appropriate humor and try to be creative.
- Learn to use the verbal colon. " . . . . And the conclusion was this:
- The body speaks. Move with purpose; relevant facial expressions and make eye contact.
- Visual aids— power point: use photos, humor, and presented charted data.
- How to get ready to speak: Write it as you would speak it. Memorize the intro and conclusion, practice in front of a mirror. Give the speech to the family. Helps with transitions and vocal variety.

### NOTES FROM JULY 30 MEETING:

- \* Errol Medel adopted a new baby. He donated \$50.
- \* Steve Starr is preaching at his former church (now Faith Covenant).

### FOUNDATION NEWS

David Eidsaune was honored for getting his 4th Paul Harris. Presented by Ed McConkey. Ed proceeded to talk about how our club will, from time to time, will match donations we make to Rotary International, Rotary Foundation. Rotary Foundation is 2nd best as a non-profit organization for giving the most money to the project rather than administrative costs. Ask Ed and he will be happy to answer any questions. As he said, he "can talk all day about it."

## Help Celebrate the 20th Year of Casting for Recovery Washington

Sumner Rotarians learned about this unique program that helps breast cancer victims from Dana Chambers who was the guest speaker at the July 16 meeting. Rotarians are invited to join Casting for Recovery to celebrate its 20th anniversary with volunteers, alumni, donors, and friends.



Catch some good fun while supporting the work [Casting for Recovery](#) does for Washington women facing the challenges of breast cancer! Catch up with old friends and meet new ones while you enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers, wine, beer, coffee, tea and punch. We'll be offering live and silent auction.

Sunday, October 13 • 4 - 8 pm  
Mercer Island VFW Hall  
1836 72nd Ave SE, Mercer Island



### Building a Playground

Sumner Rotarians pitched in at the community-build of the new playground equipment at Daffodil Valley Elementary School on Saturday, Aug. 17. The dedication/ribbon-cutting which will be held Thursday, Aug. 29, 5:30 pm. This will be in conjunction with the school's PTA open house/barbecue. Everyone is invited! Pictured left are Moe Orcutt and Jerry Vandenberg, and right, Kathy Hayden and Assistant District Governor Jamie Gregory.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Stephen  
Judi Richardson  
Manfred von Vierthaler  
Andrea Millikan  
Rob Blair  
Shelly Schlumpf  
Joshua Gunia  
Robyn DeLorm

### AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

David Eidsaune married Jane 40 years ago.  
Eric Lansford married Amy 25 years ago.  
Heather Lewis married to Buck 15 years ago.  
Andy Elfers married Becky 16 years ago.  
Suzanne Thompson-Winner married to Fritz 14 years ago.  
Ben DeGoede married Jill 25 years ago.  
Alicia Lasso married to Tim 9 years ago.



Liz Ringer married to Brian 20 years ago.  
Scott Robbert married Amanda 15 years ago.  
Barbara Bitetto married to Mark 41 years ago.  
Rob Blair married Alvina 20 years ago.  
Lauri McLeod married to Michael 34 years ago.  
Kris Arnold married to David 15 years ago.  
Lowell Baird married Jo Ann 60 years ago.

### AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Kersey Mobility, Inc.	3
Ruth Rabdau	3
Debbie Stephen	17
Kris Arnold	3
John Rader	3
Car Smart	1
Ed McConkey	34
City of Sumner	2