



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER

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
Oct. 15- Steve Bell, Bellmont Cabinets
Oct. 22 - Jeff Dunn, Retired Boeing
Oct. 29 - Mike Flood, VP Community
Outreach

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5 - Club Meeting
Nov. 12 - Aaron Artman,
Tacoma Rainiers
Nov. 19 - Krista AT Sept-by-Step

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Sumner Rotary Club meets Tuesdays,
noon, Branks BBQ, 13701 24th St. E.

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New Sumner Rotary Fundraising Record in Ride With Courage



Along with manning the rest stop at Blewett Pass, Sumner Rotary had 10 riders participate in the Ride With Courage fundraiser Aug. 24-25 for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. Sumner Rotary raised approximately \$12,500, which was a new record for our club. Thank you to all the members for always supporting our group. The event itself was very successful, with more than 300 riders overall participating this year, up significantly from last year. The ride took place over two days, instead of three. This year's ride left Cle Elum for Leavenworth on Day 1, and then back again along parts of Old Blewett on Day 2.

Above, Sumner Rotarians manned the lunch stop at Blewett Pass for the riders. Above right, Tim Thomsen and Brian Anderson are longtime riders in the event.

Rotary's Donation Makes New Playground Equipment Possible



Daffodil Valley Elementary students started this school year with much-needed and greatly-anticipated new playground equipment -- thanks to valuable partnerships, donations and volunteers! The new playground structure, designed to accommodate children ages 5 to 12, features bridges, ramps, climbers, ladders and slides. Purchase of the \$34,000 structure was a group fundraising effort between the school's PTA and Rotary Club of Sumner, which donated nearly \$26,000. Superintendent Laurie Dent and former Sumner Rotary President and Sumner Police Department Chief Brad Moericke spoke before a crowd of partners, volunteers, elected officials and families who celebrated the official opening of the playground with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the school's Back-to-School Barbecue on Aug. 29. Dozens of volunteers, including many Rotarians, helped assemble the new playground equipment at the Community Build event on Aug. 17 (above picture).

AT THE MEETINGS

GUEST SPEAKER Aug. 20



JACK LAVERTY

World Vision . Corporate Engagement
Presentation title: Business Solutions for a Better World

World Vision was founded in 1950 in Portland, Oregon. There is a staff of 40,000 in almost 100 countries with 95% of the staff are based in their home country. They are a leader in providing clean water and they train teams to provide emergency training.

Solving the Puzzle of Poverty

Through the efforts of World Vision and other non-profit companies, extreme poverty has been reduced by 50% in the last decade. World Vision has a development model, a two-three year plan, that incorporates a number of programs that integrates the community. Once the plan is started, it has a 15-year operational effect with an exit strategy for World Vision with the community standing on its own.

Emergency Relief is another area of focus. In 2017 World Vision served 13.8 million people. Jack pointed out that World Vision is always ready to respond to any emergency. World Vision respects all people regardless of their faith, race, ethnicity or gender. They flag this position with this important standard: "Serving with Integrity."

Washington is one of seven physical locations in the United States where World Vision is located. World Vision is committed to providing clean water in every country where World Vision works. So far that is 3.2 million people who now have clean water. World Vision is proud of its fiscal responsibility. 85% goes to the programs serving those in need. Only 6% goes to management. There is much we can do to help World Vision continue to thrive. We can a) donate goods and time; b) provide emergency relief giving; and c) workplace engagement which means volunteering your time. World Vision sees the value in the personal touch. When they assemble "kits" such as back-to-school kits, the volunteers who assemble these kits also include a short hand-written note.

ROTARIAN SPOTLIGHT Sept. 9



LOWELL BAIRD (Introduced by Rotarian Sheri Voiles)

Lowell is from Eastern Washington. His grandfather, Charles Cook, got over 300,000 acres of land that ran from Ellensburg to the Columbia River from the Kittitas Indians. His grandfather married a 15 year-old young woman. They had 10 children; six lived. Charles' grandfather, George Cook, started the Ellensburg rodeo (circa. 1923) which happens every Labor Day weekend..

The six children received the land six different ways and the Cattle Co. became a lesser entity. His mother (one of the six) had a ranch, but it was somewhat isolated. Lowell remembered "Big Joe" who was his "nanny."

Lowell learned to ride a horse while driving cattle. He also learned that driving cattle was great for John Wayne, but not for him. He

knew early on that running a ranch was not for him. Lowell excelled in "kick the can." and marbles.

His mom taught and often repeated to her son, "Remember who you are and where you are."

His father left the family (divorce). His mother taught him well. Obey the law, always finish what you start, and be polite ("Mr." and "Mrs.").

Lowell graduated from high school in 1945 and then went to Central Washington College. Lowell had two loves: a Palomino horse and convertible cars. He got the Cadillac convertible as a gift which he took to CWC and got "too much attention" in having it.

Lowell graduated from CWC in 1949. In 1950, North Korea marched into South Korea, but he never had to leave the U.S. because his division was never called into duty. Eventually, Lowell started teaching fourth grade in Puyallup and later taught junior high. He also stayed in the military for 23 years and currently enjoys the great benefits of Tri-Care for life. He married Jo Ann and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past August.

In 1956, Lowell became a "port" steward for Pan Am flight. In 1957, Lowell shifted to United Airlines where he worked part time for 27 years. They offered him a retirement package too good to give up. It got 1st class tickets for life and retirement, but that was altered to the negative when United merged with Continental. He taught school for 31 years and gets a retirement check from them as well. He now lives in the "islands" (Hawaii) and vacations here.

He ended by saying that he has had a very wonderful life. He had many more stories to tell, but unfortunately ran out of time.

[Bring Lowell back for a "part 2" — the Editor]



Sumner Rotary members attended the plaque unveiling Aug. 21 in recognition of the Rotary Clubs of Pierce County, whose members established a \$10 million endowment for the Mary Bridge Children's Child Abuse Intervention Department by fundraising and volunteering through Mary Bridge Children's Courage. A permanent plaque was unveiled at the Mary Bridge Children's Safe & Sound building to honor this legacy of support."

The members pictured above are among those Sumner Rotary members who have ridden in the Courage ride, benefiting the cause: from left, Tim Thomsen, Brian Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Eric Lansford, Steve Starr (volunteer), Sam Suznevich, and Monica Hurley of the MultiCare Foundation.