



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### DECEMBER

**Dec. 3** - Club Meeting  
**Dec. 10** - SHS Choir  
**Dec. 17** - Mayoral Musings with Mayor Bill Pugh  
**Dec. 24** No meeting - Christmas Eve!

### JANUARY

**Jan. 7** - Club Meeting  
**Jan 14** - Bruce DeJong, Mutual of Enumclaw  
**Jan. 21** - Laurie Dent Ph.D., Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Superintendent  
**Jan. 28** - Save Tacoma's Landmark Church

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We're sorry to announce that Jan Heath, wife of longtime Sumner Rotarian Bill Heath, recently passed.

Condolences can be sent to the below address:  
Epledalin Retirement Home  
Attn: Bill Heath  
809 Pioneer Avenue, Room 100  
Cashmere, WA 98815

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS



## WHAT'S IN The Rotarian December Issue?

Have you read the latest issue of Rotary International's magazine? If not, here are some articles worth a look.

- How many generations of Rotarians are in your family? How about 5 generations? Read all about those who have great-grand parents who were also in Rotary. page 46.
- The main article is about "sustainability." This article at p. 28 takes a candid look at the successes and failures of Rotary's water and sanitation projects.
- How about a short inspirational story about a 40 mile walk in Wales, UK to raise money? Check it out on page 15.
- And many other good articles to read.

- Cheers,  
The Editor



# THE SPOKE

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## AT THE MEETINGS

Nov. 19 Meeting Highlights

**KRISTA LINDEN, Guest Speaker**  
Step by Step, Executive Director and Founder



The dedicated mission of Step by Step is to provide a safe environment for pregnant women. Krista's motivation when she started the program in 1997 stemmed from when she was a student teacher and met a girl subject to alcohol syndrome (from birth). Krista's goal was to prevent births of children in unhealthy conditions. The program has grown from helping 150 mothers to over 1,500. She decided to expand the program that included saving and preserving a farm. A farm has "roots" that metaphorically carry into the goals of this program.

In 2013 Krista was shown the Van Lierop farm in east Puyallup. She eventually forced an audience with Mr. Van Lierop and he signed a purchase and sale agreement for over \$1 million. She had to raise the money to make this happen.

In 2015 the story made it into the Tacoma News Tribune. The results of this publicity generated a very large donation after the purchase of the property. This has turned into a \$12 million project. Step by Step has borrowed \$4 million from a bank. The new restaurant, at 3303 #B, 8th Ave SE, is opening Nov. 25. It is named "Farm 12" since it was the 12th bulb farm. (Check out its food offerings at [Farm 12 menu](#).)

Sixty people have been hired to run the restaurant and venue space. Some of the employees are former beneficiaries of Step by Step. Many of the women are not equipped to take employed positions at this time. A social services organization has invited Step by Step to apply for a \$2,000,000 grant for training in "supported services." Hopefully, in three years, Farm 12 will be self-sustaining to support the "supported services" which benefit the women in need.

The space will include ball fields and concessions. Several buildings have build-out plans pending the funding needed to complete those projects. Who sells the honey? The honey seller is one of five tenants on site.

How much of this facility is original? The trusses, roofing, cement floor and a couple of doors. For the full story see [www.stepbystepfamily.org](http://www.stepbystepfamily.org)



The artists rendering above shows a multi-service center that will offer education and job training facilities, including a wedding and event venue, an onsite restaurant with catering services. The site will also include ballfields and concessions. Farm 12 restaurant (right) opened Nov. 25. For reservations call 253-697-9486.



## Rotary Provides Dictionaries for Elementary Schools

During November, members of the Rotary Club of Sumner have made their way to local elementary schools, providing dictionaries to our 740 third-graders, Andrea Millikan reported at the Nov. 19 meeting. The Nov. 19 visit was to Bonney Lake Elementary, and the final school will get its dictionaries on Dec. 3.



Rotarian Barbara Riske presents dictionaries to students.

This longtime tradition remains popular with students even though we're well into the age of Google. There's still something special about the age-old paper resource.

Oct. 29 Meeting Highlights



**MIKE FLOOD, Guest Speaker**  
Seattle Seahawks, Community Outreach

## Seahawks and the 12s: "Dedication to Community."

Mike works for the Seattle Seahawks volunteer and donation side of the business. The Seahawks through this organization provides millions of dollars and man hours towards various philanthropic endeavors, including:

- Helping people with children who have autism.
- Visiting Alaska every year in small villages to help kids at hospitals.
- Teaching children how to treat each other with respect.
- Providing support to the military catch up. They have a slogan for the fighting men and women: salute, celebrate, never forget.
- Raising money to support kids programs by selling Seahawks imprinted license plates.
- This organization has many partners who raise money at the football games at concessions. The focus is on youth organizations and military.

## Student Exchange Program

Rotarian Justin Watkins presented the Rotary student exchange program to the club. He encouraged everyone to consider participating in the program by supporting our club as a sponsor and individually sponsoring exchange students.

Here are some of the highlights of the program:

- Students age 16 through 18 can apply. We want smart leaders in our community to apply.
- The students who leave our community in this program will be our cultural ambassadors.
- In order for a student in our area to be an exchange student abroad, our club will need to be a Sponsor Club.

## SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Rotarians Laurie McLeod, Alicia Lasso, Pam Bauer and Rob Blair had a very successful food drive Nov. 23 collecting 2,369 pounds of food and \$3,500 for our local Sumner Food Bank!



## DECORATING DOWNTOWN TAKES TEAMWORK

Last weekend (Nov. 23) Sumner Rotary partnered with Sumner Arts Commission to decorate downtown. Thanks to all volunteers!



## Rotary North of the 47th Parallel

Due to popular demand, this section of the Spoke newsletter has come back. That is, a quick look inside other Rotary clubs on or north of the 47th latitude line. In this case, our journey takes us quite a bit north to Edinburgh, Scotland (55 degrees north).

## The Edinburgh Rotary Club

They meet at noon every Thursday at Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel. It is a very old club getting its start in 1912. The Club appears to be very active. Some upcoming events include:

1. 'Round Britain Rail Tour in aid of Antiphospholipid Syndrome;
2. Intercultural Youth, Scotland,
3. Paul Rogerson: Christmas Cooking Tips, part 2.

They also are planning a club Christmas lunch for December 19 and visitors are welcome should you be so inclined. The other interesting project was their starting a group for elementary children called "RotoKids." It was a group chartered earlier this year and is obviously geared toward service within the schools by the children.

Check out their website at: <http://bit.ly/EdinburghRotary>



Edinburgh Rotary President, Katie Ridland