



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

JANUARY

Jan. 21 - Laurie Dent Ph.D.,
Sumner-Bonney Lake School
District Superintendent

Jan. 28 - Save Tacoma's Landmark
Church

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4 - Club meeting
Feb. 18 - Ethan Via, FBI
Feb. 25 - Teri Pollastro

MARCH

March 3 - Club meeting
March 10 - Ron Claudon, Valley Buick
GMC
March 17 - LuAnn Iselin, Come Walk
With Me beginnings
March 24 - Paul Cozzi, Team Cozzi
Foundation
March 31 - Ben Benson, Pierce Co.
Sheriff

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AT THE MEETINGS

January 14 meeting

Guest Speaker:

Bruce deJong,

Mutual of Enumclaw, Director of Talent Management, Learning
and Leadership Development Servant Leadership



Keys to leadership:

1. Set high Standards
2. Create Emotional Safety (to build trust)
3. Build Relationships (with your employees)
4. Value your employees' potential
5. Be an Empathic listener and leader.

A special employee hire interview question: From 1 to 10 how weird are you?

The speaker asked us to come establish table by table what of the 5 can be improved on. Our table decided that being an empathic listener is hard to do because we lean towards "being right" and not listening too well. We also felt that setting goals is important for us and our employees.

January 7 meeting



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Lee Hansen



Lee was born in Tacoma and grew up during WWII. His parents worked for the ship yards. After the war, Lee's dad took a job in Morton, Washington, as a principal at the schools. Lee graduated in 1954, attended the UW and flunked the first year. He then attended Linville College in Oregon, met a girl, Sunny, and married her (age 18 and 19 when they married). He graduated with a math degree and taught math at the high school level. Teaching was not that interesting to him, but he gave it another try for a second year. Lee ended up attending WSU and graduated with a degree in architecture. Lee starting working for an architecture firm in Tacoma. Lee and his wife were told to become a "world" citizen. This meant travel. So, he went to a bank and asked for a loan to travel.

He borrowed \$4,500 and had some "prize" money from an architectural competition. The travel started with a cross-country drive in a VW bus. Once into New York, they flew to Iceland and then to Luxembourg. From there, Lee and his family (wife and 2 children), traveled in a camper van all around Europe. Part of the travels including doing some working to further finance the trip. This world wide travel was during 1965-66. Once in Rome, they decided they wanted to come home and found passage including their van in a Spanish freighter. They traveled from Spain to the Canary Islands, Venezuela and eventually to Mexico where they drove their way to home. They had lived in the "camper" for 6 months.

When Lee returned home, he decided to open his own office. However, the economy took a "nose dive" and he lost his partner and the business. Lee then started working for a firm in Sumner, Delta Engineering. . . later to become Parametrix.

Eventually he formed a partnership, Hansen, Hansen, and Johnson (Bob Johnson was the contractor). One of their big projects was the Crystal Mountain Lodge. Lee Hansen could have told us about many other local projects, but he ran out of time. He also served as Rotary President and is a former GSE Leader.

December 17 meeting

Guest Speaker

Bill Pugh

Sumner Mayor

"If you don't like what's happening at City Hall, blame yourselves because you convinced me to run."

Various issues:

1. Access to and from Bonney Lake, including our students.
2. Affordable housing.
3. The uniqueness of Sumner (cf. to Bonney Lake).

The mayor is a "part-time" position. Mayor Bill has been involved in various regional boards and committees. All of his Mayor duties and regional committees takes a lot of his time.

Pluses and minuses of small government.

A plus and a minus: very easy to connect to our constituents. Technology and social media — filled with inaccurate lobs that detonate into misinformation.

Politically, Mayor Bill has shifted from democrat to more central or just right of central. It is, as he says, a product of his environment from Tacoma to Sumner plus family.

Mayor Pugh was elected in November 2017 and is serving a four-year term through 2021. He came to Sumner in 2008 to serve as its public works director, having just retired from a career in City of Tacoma as public works director and assistant city manager.



Rotary Donates \$25,000 to YMCA's Family Center



Sumner Rotary has allocated \$25,000 to the YMCA's Sumner Bonney Lake Family Center which provides job training and financial literacy, and other services to local families. The money will go to help pay staff salaries at the Family Center and to help offset some of the services offered by the YMCA for families served by the Center. Above, Rotary Co-treasurer Barbara Bitetto (left) presented the check to Gordon Family YMCA Executive Director Andrea Millikan (right). YMCA director Stefani Montague (center) provides family services at the center.

► BILL HEATH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bill Heath Scholarship fund now totals \$1,450, donated by members. Money will be earmarked for a future scholarship or long-term project in Bill's name. The fund was started by Jim Clifford. Heath is a longtime Rotarian who last August was awarded the Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award. He lives in a retirement home in Cashmere.