

ROTARY CLUB OF SUMNER The Spoke

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NEW YEAR INDUCTION CEREMONY

President Jerry Thorson

After being sworn in as the next President of the Rotary Club of Sumner, Jerry thanked the past Board members and presented Lana Hoover with a bouquet of flowers as thanks for her leadership and support. As new president he promised to follow the four way test and noted the leadership provided by past club presidents. He also talked about his goals for next year.



The goals are:

1. Finalize plans for our next major project (the committee has been hard at work and is close to making a recommendation)
2. Increase club membership by 5%-with a focus on youthful members to help sustain the club into the future
3. Maintain strong committees-it's where the real work gets accomplished and important that we all get

involved

4. Have a fun club with lots of members happy to be here and help

He also talked about what a great club this is and the reasons for the club's success, it's that our members get involved and serve on committees, the life blood of the club. He encouraged all members to get involved with a committee and join the fun. He will try to make the meetings fun and interesting, Lana has done such a good job of keeping the meetings light and cheerful, a challenge jerry will try to maintain. He also asked everyone to use this email address to contact him jthorson@auburnwa.gov since he is much more active on that one and it will get a faster response. We have much

to do this year and if we all work together, we can accomplish great things in our community.

Other Officers and Directors

Board of Directors being inducted:

Secretary Carmen presented gifts to President Lana Pam and Errol were inducted as new Board of Directors

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~birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays

Moe Orcutt
Heather Reese
Carmen Blankenship
David Enslow
Ben DeGoede
David Prestin
Lana Hoover
Bert Stibbe
Jeremiah Gunia
Michael Donahoe

Membership Years

Jerry Vandenberg	10
Jim Clifford	18
Sherm Voiles	18
Mike Dobb	4
Dave Enslow	15
Suzanne Thompson-Winner	8
Tim Thomsen	25
Reese Heather	7
Mariah Gordon	4
Pam Borg-Jensen	18

Weddings

Kyle Hardtke married Julana 14 years ago.
Ron Hyland married Joanne 61 years ago.
Ben Kodama married Lucille 53 years ago.
Bernie Hardtke married Donna 44 years ago.
Pam Osborne married Tom 23 years ago.
Jerry Vandenberg married Marsha 54 years ago.
Carmen Pollastro married John 29 years ago.
Dave Enslow married Bertie 42 years ago.
John Anderson married Myrna 64 years ago.



~guest speakers

June 20, 2017

Steve from Tehaleh

He tells us there are new and growing opportunities for development. Plan is to develop 323 lots this year as well as substantial multi-home developments. It has 10 miles of trails and 11 parks including a skate park. There is also a graffiti wall.

20 Year Vision

The 4 pillars

1. Conservancy
2. Wellness
3. Education
4. Farm-to-Table.

Big project currently in action is a \$22 million Wastewater treatment plant. A new elementary school begins construction this summer.

The Tehaleh group is exploring the idea of entering into retail in a unique way. Community space combined with retail. Probably will include a general store.

Q: Will you complete the golf course?

A: Newlen Communities has said they will not complete the golf course, but

have left the door open for that to occur by someone else.

Q: Will you be a city?

A: We have not made that decision, but we will let the residents decide.

Q: How will you help the Hwy 162 (Orting Hwy) traffic problem?

A: We're looking at traffic studies to try to find a solution.

Q: Any plans to dedicate a park to Patrick Oh of Cascadia?

A: We've had no contact with him and would love for him to come down and see the project.



INDUCTION MEETING

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Treasurer — Debbie Garrison was inducted as a second Treasurer with Jeannie Johnson.

Barb Bitetto — Secretary (as an addition to Carmen Blankenship)

President Elect — Brad Morieke

Lana Hoover

President Lana presented gifts to various officers and board of directors and those who were such a big help to her during her year as President. With the lightness and fun that Lana presented to our club all year, she continued to encourage our group to be involved and be the positive force that we have been. In her closing comments, Lana said, "It's been truly an amazing year."

And then she finished with her famous closing Fun Fact:

The voice overs persons of Minnie and Mickey got married in real life.

~happy bucks

- \$ Clara — For the birth of a great grandson.
- \$ Marilee — \$25 for her 25th wedding anniversary.
- \$ Sherm — 10 day trip, 7 of which were rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. An awesome excursion.
- \$ Pat Duffy — \$20: Congrats to our present President demonstrating some of our hardest working Rotarians.
- \$ Tim T. — Pumping the group for Courage Classic (which would count towards the Earth Day Challenge, issued by the incoming President).
- \$ Pam — Personal Happy Buck — She's been reappointed for 1 more year at this Methodist Church in Sumner.
- \$ Ron — 42 years of marriage and 34 years a secretary retiring.
- \$ Trudy — Grandson graduated from high school. Mom had kidney stones, however, so no graduation party.
- \$ Eric — \$8 for Interact Club for raising medical supplies (\$1,500).
- \$ Alesha — \$15 for another successful year for Girls Night Out.



Officers

President Jerry Thorson
Pres. Elect Brad Moericke
Secretary Barb Bitetto and
Carmen Blankenship
Treasurer Debbie Garrison
and Jeannie Johnson
Past Pres. Lana Hoover

The Board

Pam Osborne
Errol Medel
Scott Robberts
Mike Cathey

Rotary International
Dignitaries

R.I. President

Ian H.S. Riseley

District 5020 Governor

Tom Carroll

Assistant District Governor

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ROTARY CLUB OF SUMNER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2017

President Lana Hoover called the meeting to order at 7:32 am at the Buttered Biscuit in Sumner, WA.

In attendance were the following board members:

X	Lana Hoover, President	X	Mike Cathey, Director
X	Jerry Thorson, President-Elect	X	Errol Medel, Director
X	Bill Pugh, Past-President	X	Sam Suznevich, Director
X	Carmen Blankenship, Secretary	X	Scott Robbert, Director
	Jeannie Johnson, Treasurer		

Guests: Barbara Bitetto – assistant secretary
Terry Senn – assistant treasurer
Brad Moericke
Marilee Hill-Anderson
Charla Neuman
Gerry Vandenberg

Secretary Report:

1. Minutes of the May 10, 2017 Board meeting were distributed. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes, Sam seconded, and all approved.
2. Pres Lana has not, as yet, contacted Pam Borg-Jensen to let her know that we have changed her membership status to Honorary.
3. Sam spoke to Richard Artura who is still interested in being in the Club.
4. Barb Bitetto spoke to Lysne Nolte who has expressed an interest in continuing her membership with the Club. She will not be able to attend the meetings until September. Barb has made her aware that she has the ½ yearly dues still remaining from 2016-2017 and will have the new dues soon.
5. Dues and billing have gone out.
6. The Roster will be late as information is still coming in on committee assignments.
7. The last P&L statement showed a line item labeled AIZY, but no one could remember what that was, so Barb researched it and wrote up a paragraph explaining it: Marilee Hill-Anderson requested help for a family who has a baby with cancer. She received treatment in Seattle, their car needs repairs and they need gas. \$1077 was donated by members at a meeting to help out.
8. It was discussed that RI has already increased the “every Rotarian every year” amount from \$20 to \$25 dollars since the dues/bills from our Club have gone out, so the Club will be eating that \$5 difference.
9. Bill made a motion to pay \$1000 to the Shelter Box, Jerry seconded, and all approved.

Treasurer Report:

1. Terry Senn gave the report today. The balance sheet shows that as of 05/31/17, we have \$431,463.00 total assets. The P&L statement was reviewed. Sam made a motion to accept the P&L statement, Bill seconded, and all approved.

Long-Range Planning Committee:

The long-range planning committee, represented by Jerry Vandenberg, Marilee Hill-Anderson, and Charla Neuman, reported that it's been 5-6 months since their last presentation to the Board. They propose a multi-purpose service center. They want to brief the Board on a bi-monthly basis. They've had 14 meetings over

the last 2 months including members within the community. Sumner School District (Bill Gaines) would like to be very committed but they cannot service seniors, and are limited to young adults, etc. They've been working with the Pierce County Library (Georgia Lomax). They've been talking to the Sumner Food Bank who has a site on the lot to the east of their building on 2/3 acre. And, they've been talking to the YMCA. There is another piece of property they are looking at. Building a new library is costly \$350/ft2 vs an office structure at \$200/ft2. They are requesting, today, that \$50,000 be budgeted for the next 5 years for a total of \$250,000. Sam made a motion that we set aside \$50,000 for the Multi-Purpose Service Center Project for capitol commitment and planning costs to the long-range planning committee. Mike seconded, and all approved. The committee has provided the Board with a written summary of their efforts to date, which will be shared with the Club.

President Report:

1. President Lana has made a request to repair our welcome sign by the train station. Ben Kodama is working on it.
2. Steve Starr is proposing that we budget \$1000/yr for Boys Town which is a structure in Thailand where 40 boys live in a dorm-like facility. They are helped through their high school years and encouraged to go to college. This money would sponsor one boy's tuition. Carmen made a motion to spend the \$1000 for this year but that this needs to be reviewed and/or budgeted by each President each ensuing year. Mike seconded, and all approved.

Barbara Bitetto reported \$1669 was raised at our last meeting at the YMCA in support of the World's Greatest Meal which supports Polio Plus.

Director's Reports:

Mike Cathey:

No report.

Errol Medel:

No report.

Sam Suznevich:

Will get a membership committee meeting scheduled.

Scott Robbert:

No report.

Upcoming Events:

June 27 induction and PHF awards

July 13 Rainier's game

No meeting July 4.

The next board meeting will be held on July 12 at the Buttered Biscuit in Sumner, WA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Blankenship,
Secretary 2017-2018