





## ~birthdays and anniversaries

### Birthdays

Brian Anderson  
Lee Hansen  
Liz Ringer  
Michael Carnahan  
Don Weber  
Sherm Voiles  
Lowell Baird  
Trudy Bleiler  
Mike Dobb

### Membership Years

David Eidsaune	6
Eric Lansford	8
Pat Duffy	25
Steve Starr	25
Robyn DeLorm	26
Lee Hansen	43
Shelly Schlumpf	11
Ron McCorkle	6
Kyle Hardtke	8
Lowell Baird	29
Jerry Yoder	47

### Weddings

*Fun Fact:*

No Sumner Rotarians got married in January.



## ~guest speakers

### January 16, 2018

Pierce County Conservation District

Chris (Educational Program Manager) and Camilla.

Conservation district grew out of the dust-bowl. The need for technical assistance and education for preservation of soil and water. With tax dollars and donations, the Conservation District in Pierce County works to keep the environment clean and preserved.

The organization is based in Puyallup and rely heavily on partnerships with other organizations, cities and community volunteers. They plant trees and do other things to help salmon runs.

#### **There are 5 main programs:**

Agriculture program. They help farmers manage resources better. Reduce run-off. Manure workshops

Water quality program.

Habitat Stewardship Groups: People can volunteer to adopt an area to make it better.

Habitat Program: City of Sumner is most connected with this program along the Salmon Creek. They recently did a restoration program near Branks Restaurant along the White River.

Community Gardens. They encourage and help develop community gardens. The more involved, the more they care about the soils and waters in general.

Participate in the 2018 District Native Plant Sale. 27 years in the process. It encourages more plant life in the soils. See link to order plants online. <http://www.piercenativeplantsale.com> ([plant sale website](http://www.piercenativeplantsale.com))



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The Dinner Auction is February 28th.

### Eric Langford/Interact

Interact: Stephanie and Carson announced their community service project. They are raising money to buy kindles with books preloaded to send to Nepal. They will host a Bingo night to support this effort. Bingo — January 27.

Alicia announced: Giving Gala tickets on sale. Tables are available. The event will be at Kelley Farm on March 9, 2018. It will be hosted by Al Lago Restaurant. \$75/person or \$700 for a table of 10.

Barb Bitteto: The board voted to approve funding \$3,500 for a youth building program. Ron Haines is a member of the Building Board and will oversee the project.

We donated \$5,000 to the East Pierce Foundation, but it is dissolving and we will be getting a refund of our donation.

### rotaryclubofsumner.org

Remember:

We have a website and there is a lot of good information about us, events, and Rotary International.

Go check it out.



## Happy Bucks

\$ Barbara: Grandparents for grandchild #9.

\$ Ron McCorkel: Grandson told him "Papa, don't sing" while he was singing to Elmo.



## ~ our officers

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