



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

DECEMBER

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

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

President
Sam Suznevich

President-Elect
Sherm Voiles

Co-Secretary
Barbara Bitetto

Co-Secretary
Carmen Blankenship

Treasurer
Andy Elfers

Co-Treasurer
Barbara Bitetto

Past President
Brad Moericke

Directors
Mike Dobb
Pam Osborne
David Eidsaune
Scott Robbert

Chair of Rotary Foundation
Ed McConkey

Youth Services
Justin Watkins

Youth Protection Officer
Kathy Hayden

CLUB LINKS

[Rotary International](#)
[About Rotary](#)
[Joining Rotary](#)
[Rotary History](#)
[Rotary Foundation](#)
[For New Members](#)

SUMNER ROTARY CLUB
PO Box 272
Sumner, WA 98390
rotaryclubofsumner.org

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



Send articles/photos to The
Spoke editor:
David Hammermaster
david@hammerlaw.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS



ROTARY HISTORY



Sumner Rotary Historian Ron McCorkle reports some local Rotary history starting in 1926. The fair, turned a profit of \$20,000 in 1928. In 1929 an architect from Tacoma spoke at Sumner Rotary. He predicted a "linear" city from Olympia to Everett (true). The first talking movie came to Sumner in 1929 as did the first color film. Ron M. has announced that he is now able to accept Rotary memorabilia of Sumner Rotary historical stuff.

THE SPOKE

CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 24, 2019

ISSUE NO. 265

AT THE MEETINGS

December 10 meeting

Guest Speaker

THE SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Thank you to Karlene Sandoval, choir director, Nancy Mackley, pianist and the Chamber Choir. They sang four songs including "I Can Never Explain, I Can Never Tell You" all the way to "Fruit Cake," which is a long-standing club tradition. It's always a fun song that includes students acting and performing movements. No question, it is a huge crowd pleaser!

Here are links to three of the songs they performed:
1st Song: http://crazyeight.org/Rotary_Media/choir1.mov
2nd Song: http://crazyeight.org/Rotary_Media/choir2.mov
3rd Song: http://crazyeight.org/Rotary_Media/choir3.mov



HAPPY BUCKS

- Pat Duffy — \$20 for a trip down to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- Sherm Voiles — \$50 now and \$50 next week: He took a 5 1/2 week trip to Australia. 2 weeks of it was a Rotary Friendship exchange. The Rotary Friendship program is a great way to travel, says Sherm.
- Peter, son, was chosen soccer coach of the year at local and regional level.
- Clara — \$20. Complimenting East Pierce County Rescue for the great response to her 911 call.
- Ron McCorkle - Puyallup boys and girls soccer won state.
- David — SHS gave the 10,000 pounds of food to the food bank. Kudos to SHS and kudos for the volunteer helpers (70+) for shipping and hauling and unloading food.
- Ed M — Sad \$5 on the Apple Cup
- Sam S. - Happy bucks for the Apple Cup.

December 3 meeting

Ed McConkey, Foundation Chairman, presented Paul Harris awards and spoke about International service.

Paul Harris awards:
Kathy Hayden (her 1st)
Brad Moericke (his 2nd),
Jerry Thorson (his 3rd)
Brian Anderson (his 5th)
David Eidsaune (his 5th)

International Service

Foundation giving is very important. The money goes to many good causes. Water projects, polio, world peace. There are only three countries remaining that still have cases of polio (Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan).

Lee Hansen, International Services Chairman

This year's budget is \$33,000

Jeep Line project, \$14,000

Haiti, 1st machine plus shelter box to help hurricane victims — \$13,000

Water purifier in Africa, joint venture with Puyallup and South Hill - \$6,000 (matching grant pending)

JEEP LINE PROJECT

Our signature project is the Team Agape, Kenya — and New Life Mission focused on a place in Kenya. It is the project of providing a mobile medical clinic in a Jeep in this district. The Jeep Line provides services 50 miles distant from central. Provides clean water and avoid many illnesses. Water also improves sanitation. Our money bought the Jeep and we pay for the gas, maintenance and a driver. We've donated \$14,000 this year and \$20,000 when we purchased the Jeep last year.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Bud Backer



Bud introduced himself by saying that he was raised as a cowboy. "Shaped by the Code of the West" (projected screen image). He grew up in Eastern Washington in Toppenish. Graduated high school in 1979. Boy Scouts was a huge influence on his upbringing. He helped in 1974 at the Spokane World's Fair. He had a moment with the Soviet KGB when he pulled out a knife.

At Col-Hi (Richland), Bud was on the football team. Bud attended Eastern Washington Univ. and played football his first year. He graduated (first in his family) in 1984 with a BS in Industrial Technology and a minor in Business Administration. After graduating, he got a job with Kaiser Engineers Hanford.



Joined volunteer fire service in the mid-80's. One "fun" moment: Taking practice with the Jaws of Life, his fire crew cut up the wrong car. They made it on the Paul Harvey show and were mercilessly ribbed by the town.

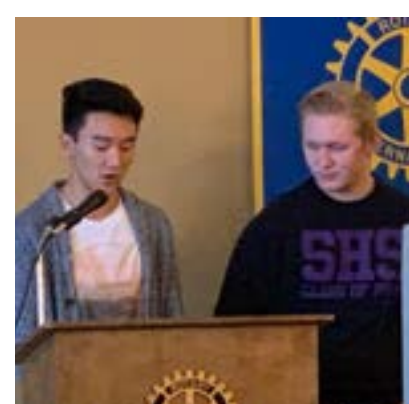
1988 - Bud was hired in Duvall, King County as a firefighter and inspector. Such a move increased his dating life because the newspaper made it clear he was single. He got some dinner invites in the Duvall community. 1998 - Bud became the Fire Chief in Duvall.

In 2000 Bud moved to Woodinville, held numerous positions until Acting Fire Chief in 2009. In 2010 Bud became fire Marshal in Issaquah. In 2015, Bud was hired as the Fire Chief for our East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Sumner High School FFA members win awards at national convention

Sumner High School's Future Farmers of America students are making quite the mark at the national level, winning a number of awards at the recent National FFA convention held in Indianapolis. Adeline Rang, right, President at Sumner High School, spoke to Sumner Rotarians about their experiences at the convention. Sumner Rotary sponsored FFA students to help send them to the convention.

Below right, Josh and Nick, ASB officers at SHS, gave school updates at the Dec. 3 meeting.



November 26 meeting



Guest Speaker

STUART EARLY, CEO of the Tacoma Pierce County Humane Society

Themes (for the Humane Society):

Not the Pound (goal is to provide the best environment for the animals). 73% of all animals find a new home.

Keeping Fury Families together
• Pet food pantry — 72 tons
• Spade / neutered program

Foster Programs
• 200 cats fostered
• 20+ dogs being fostered.

Making a Difference
• It is still legal in Washington to declaw cats. It is worse than removing toenails.
• Dumb regulations — neighbor can pick up your cat and take it to the humane society and then cat owner can pay a fee to retrieve the cat.
Animal welfare leadership

Our Problems
• Our building. Built in the 50's and updated in the 80's. It has limitations, including no runs outside.
• Big Numbers (or animals) coming into the shelter.

Goals
• Build a new center, a real campus for space for all the animals. Practical structure with space to walk dogs. Educate people.

Cost to adopt an animal: \$200 or more down to \$50 depending the type, age and pedigree.

Career Day at Sumner High School

Sumner Rotary plays a large role in procuring speakers for the annual Career Day event held Dec. 4 at Sumner High School. A variety of speakers shared their work experiences with students. Speakers included a psychiatrist, park ranger, pilot, game developer, lawyer, nurse, teacher, IT specialist, financial planner and songwriter.

This year Sumner Rotary paid and arranged for Paul Heffernan, a Senior Vice President for LG, to travel to Sumner to be the keynote speaker at Career Day. Paul oversees the entire Supply Chain (Logistics, Distribution, Store Presentation/Pricing of each product and future advancements of their products) on a world-wide basis for LG. Paul spoke to the entire student body and gave them a "Ted Talk" about grit and where technology is heading in the future (both some of it scary and some of it wonderful).



Jeff Dunn, a retired Boeing executive, was a guest presenter at Career Day on Dec. 4.