# Anacortes Rotary Club December 22, 2022

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# Anacortes Rotary Club December 22, 2022

# Why are we in this place? What is special about today?

Anacortes Elks Lodge 1204 Constructed in 1915



Anacortes American March 9, 1922

# EXCAVATING FOR ELKS' Club begins monday

Under the direction of L. A. Farmer, who will have charge of the construction of the new Elks' building, excavating for the basement of the new structure will begin next Monday. C. E. Doan of Bellingham, has been engaged as the architect for the building and will at once get out working plans. Thursday Secretary Wilkins and Mr. Farmer had a conference with Mr. Doan in Bellingham, who will at once proceed with the plans. The change of architects

## Anacortes American March 16, 1922

# BUY = = Elks Building Bonds

### 7% Payable Semi-annually

\$50,000.00 worth of Elks Building Bonds have been authorized by Anacortes Lodge No. 1204 B. P. O. Elks, and approved by the Grand Lodge of the Order.

525,000.00 worth have already been purchased by members.

#### The Public Is Invited

to purchase the remaining \$25,000.00. These bonds are in denominations of \$100.00 each, running ten years, bearing 7 per cent interest payable semi-annually, and are secured by first trust mortgage on the entire Elks' holdings, valued at \$125,000.00.

#### A Better Investment Does Not Exist

For the man, woman or child who has a little nest egg stored away, a better move cannot be made than to pick up some of these 7 per cent Elks' Building Bonds while they last.

You Must Act Quick, However

Call up or get in touch with either

G. A. Anderson, Chairman-Glen H. Wilkins, Sec.

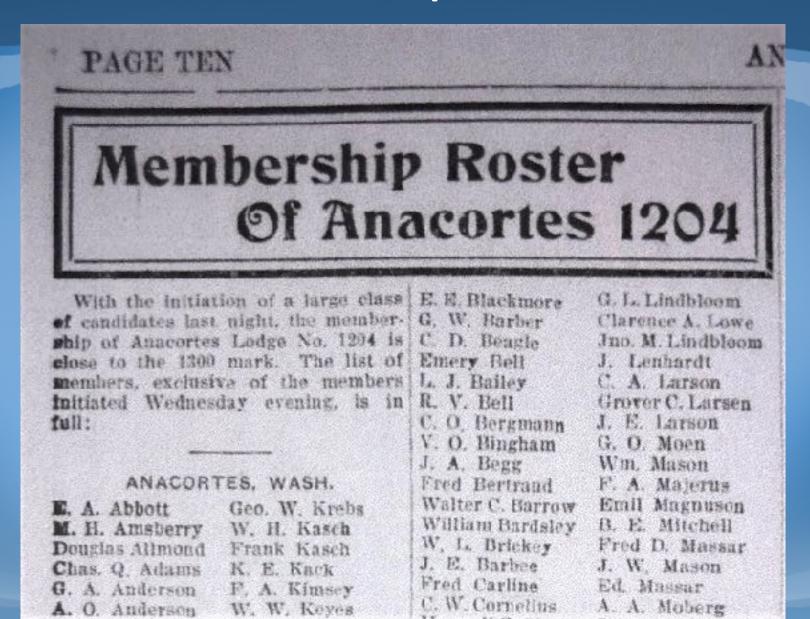
## Anacortes American May 25, 1922



## Anacortes American August 10, 1922



### Anacortes American - August 10, 1922 Membership – 1260



# **1915 & 1922 Construction**



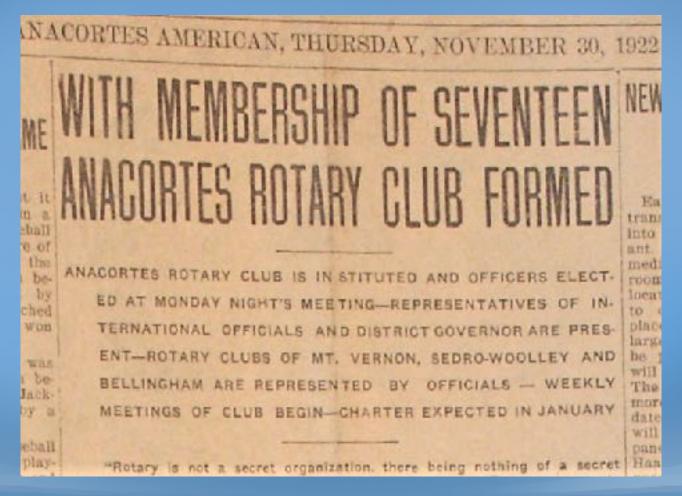
# **Great Depression**

# 1947

City Purchased the Building

## So, what is special about today – December 22, 2022?

### Anacortes American -November 30, 1922



## **Anacortes American** November 30, 1922 **First President – Ben Driftmier**



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# From Dick Johnson's Club History 1993

t was front page news in the Anacortes American on November 24, 1922. A Rotary Club had been organized and an application had been made to Rotary International for a charter. The article contained the goals of a Rotary Club and could be used seventy years later for the same purpose. At that time, Rotary International had 30,000 members in 26 countries. By 1942 there were 210,000 members with 5,085 clubs and in April 1993 there were 1,163,614 members in 26,156 clubs in 187 countries.

# From Dick Johnson's Club History 1993

The charter was granted December 22, 1922. On February 23, 1923, the chartering dinner was held with more than 250 Rotarians and guests in attendance from the Northwest and British Columbia. The 17 charter members were:

Ben Driftmeir, Pres. Charles Stapp, Sec'y Howard C. Sackett Wallie V. Funk E.P. Barker Fred D. Cartwright H.L. Dodge John A. Douglass C.D. England E.E. Haugen Gus Hensler E.C. Kaune W.A. Lowman John Brisky W.F. McCracken J.D. McNary Douglas Allmond

### **Charter Officers**



Ben Driftmier Sr 1<sup>st</sup> President Howard Sackett 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Charles Stapp 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary Wallie Funk Sr 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer (Anacortes Museum)

### **Some Charter Members**

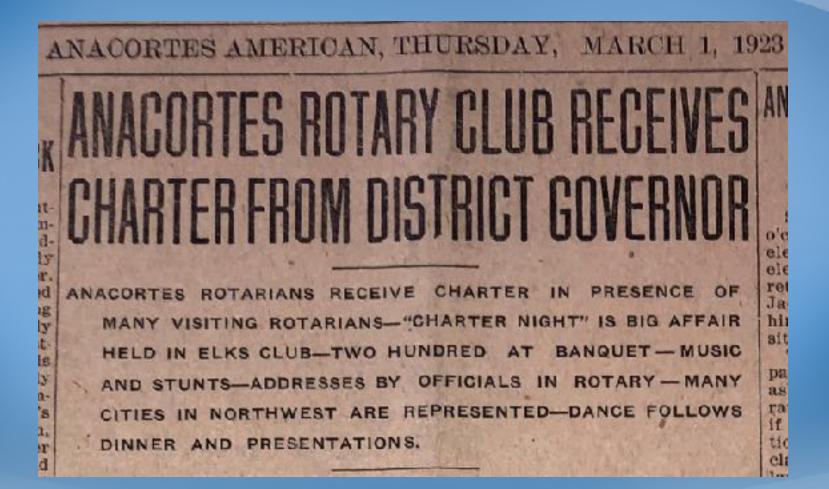


**Douglass Allmond** 

Will McCracken

Gus Hensler Joseph McNary (Anacortes Museum) (Anacortes Museum) (Anacortes Museum)

# Anacortes American – March 1, 1923 Charter Dinner Celebration -February 23, 1923



## Charter Definition and Meaning Merriam-Webster

"An official document granting, guaranteeing, or showing the limits of the rights and duties of the group to which it is given."

So, what did the Anacortes Rotary Charter look like?

We don't know – the document is nowhere to be found.

However, there are Rotary Charter documents from the same time period that are instructive.

### May 1, 1917



### Number 2.91

# The International Association of Rotary Clubs

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has been elected to membership in this Association and, having agreed to be bound by the Constitution thereof, which agreement is duly evidenced by the acceptance of this certificate, is declared to be an affiliating club



of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, to be and remain such as provided by the Constitution of this Association.

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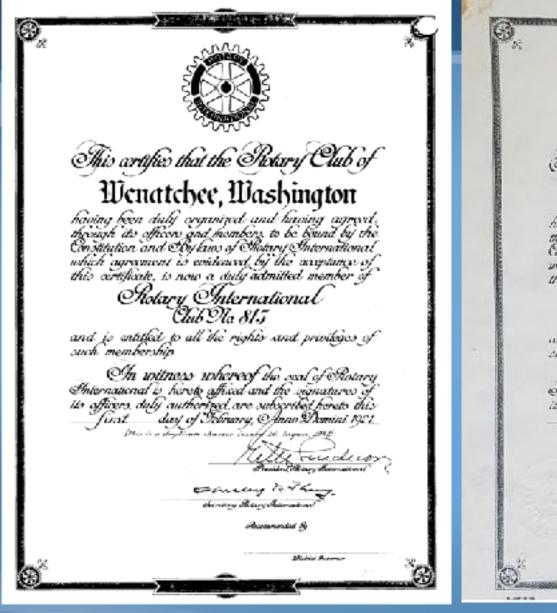
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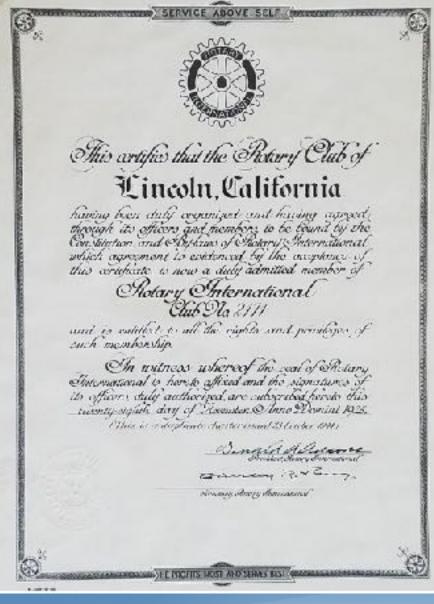
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### February 1, 1921

### November 28, 1925





Knowing if either of these formats, or another was used for Anacortes in 1922 is hard to determine.

In the meantime, after a series of email contacts with Rotary International (my three new RI best friends, Mallory, Sophie, and Susan), asking if they might have a copy of our Charter, we have a temporary solution.

They have promised to continue the search for an original document.

In the meantime, they designed, had signed, and sent a digital version of a replacement Charter to us one week ago, on December 15, 2022



### This certifies that the Rotary Club of

# Anacortes, WA, USA

having been duly organized and having agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound by the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International, which agreement is evidenced by the acceptance of this certificate, is now a duly admitted member of

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of such membership.

In witness whereof the signatures of its officers, being duly authorized, are subscribed hereto this fifteenth day of December, 2022

Original charter issued 22 December 1922, during the term of Raymond M. Havens, President.



# The Story of the Bell

### Anacortes American – March 1, 1923

A bell was presented to the new club by Past President Barlow, of the Bellingham club, of Bellingham manufacture. The bell is of bronze and is mounted upon a mahogany stand surmounted by an aluminum Rotary wheel.





### From RI's February 1935 "Rotarian" Magazine

#### A Very Merry Christmas

ANACORTES, WASH.—As their Christmas present to their district (first) governor, Percy B. Scurrah of Victoria, B. C., Anacortes Rotarians recently undertook a number of noteworthy community projects. Chief among these was a huge outdoor Christmas tree contest in which the

whole community participated. More than 800 school children and adults enjoyed the puppet show, "The Wizard of Oz," which the club sponsored. A community dance netted \$108 which was used to clean and decorate the club's weekly meeting place. At one meeting before Christmas, members brought sufficient toys to provide a joyous Christmas for all under-privileged children in the community. And a Christmas gift which probably pleased Governor Scurrah most was the announcement that in a two-month period the Anacortes Rotary Club increased its membership from 12 to 34.

# Anacortes Rotary Club December 22, 2022

Why are we in this place? Our Charter Signing Dinner Celebration took place in this building on February 23, 1923

What is special about today? Our Charter was signed on December 22, 1922.

### And one more thing. Have you seen the new Centennial Project kiosk signs for Rotary Park?

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

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## Signs add history to walking trail up Cap Sante

#### BY BRIANA ALZOLA balzola©goanacortes.com

New signs up and down the Rotary Trail at Cap Sante now give hikers a look back at Anacortes history, as well as a map of the area.

Seven interpretive signs are now in place along the roughly halfmile trail that leads from the woods next to the Anacortes Yacht Club to the summit of Cap Sante. They are from a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Anacortes, the Samish Indian Nation and the City of Anacortes.

Funding comes from the club, a grant from Rotary International and a City of Anacortes Lodging Tax grant.

Rotary Club member Jack Darnton started the process, which was then completed and finalized by Adam Farnsworth, with the Anacortes Museum.

The signs have historical information and



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City crews installed new interpretive signs along the trail up Cap Sante last week. Pictured (from left) are Bret Lunsford and Adam Farnsworth of the Anacortes Museum, Brian Tottenham and Sky Guthrie from the City of Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department and Tom Wooten, the Samish Indian Nation chairman.

photos from the area and are situated to be closest to where the sign is displayed, Farnsworth said. A QR code on each sign will take visitors to websites where there is more audio and video history to explore. That site will see more regular updates, so even people who have walked by before can still learn something new, he said.

Information on the old amphitheater in the side of Cap Sante is located at the kiosk closest to where the amphitheater sits, for example, he said.

The signs are funded with tourism dollars, and having an online presence is one element of that, Farnsworth said.

"It's important to tell the story of Anacortes," he said.

Tom Wooten, chairman of the Samish Indian Nation, was on the committee to help with sign creation and information gathering. This is a great program that helps let people know that this tribe has been here longer than the town has been here and that it is still here and active, Wooten said.

Growing up here, it wasn't uncommon to talk to people who didn't know anything about the Samish Indian Nation, he said.

He still runs into people who have never heard of the tribe.

Being included on signs like this will help with that, Wooten said.

Rotary Club members created the kiosks that now house the signs. City of Anacortes Parks and Recreation staff helped install them. It took about 500 volunteer hours to build the kiosks and clean up the trail, which reopened to the public in June.

Up next, the Rotary Club is looking at a new summit viewpoint looking east toward Mount Baker, including an ADA accessible trail and more siens.

### ROTARY PARK - CAP SANTE SUMMIT Welcome to Cap Sante





#### THE GEOLOGY OF CAP SANTE

Cap Sante has a number of geological occontruction, specifically, the summit of Cap Sante is made up of a sedimentary mark collect graysworks: a particularly hard sandstone, usually a dark gray in colon, and can have a ngular grains of quartz, feldspar, and rock fragments embedded into it.

The gray wacke was created from ocean sediment compressed by the weight of the ocean and rectoric forces between 150 and 170 million years ago. The large groowed lines across the greywacke were carved by glacier movement between 2 million to 15,000 years age. About 2.6 million years ago, tectonic plate movement pushed the Fidalgo Complex up to its current height from the ocean floor.







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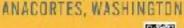
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### ROTARY PARK - MARINA WALKWAY Welcome to Cap Sante

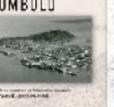




#### **BOWMAN FLATS TOMBOLD**

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The Anacortes Rotary Club charter was granted December 22, 1922, with seventeen charter members. At the chartering dinner the Bellingham Borary club — which sponsored the Anacortes club—presented a gift of a brass Borary bell that had been forged in Bellingham.

The Anacortes club has long devoted itself to the well-being of Anacorres youth by supporting health education, athletics, and artistic expression. Students of the Month, foreign exchange students, and summer employment opportunities became traditional offerings frem Rotary's earliest days



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SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL This is and is the ancesural homeland of the Samisk Indian Nation, whose citizens and tribal government remain

arrive in the community in this day.

In 1890, a July 4th baseball game was played here (at approximately 6th Streer and S Avenue) and a photograph made of the Guernes team, referred to in the Anacoutrs American as the Stellas hereball nine." Startish Indian Nation surnames on the Guemes team included Edwards, Blackinton, and Barkhausen.

#### A PARK WITHIN A PARK

the western shore of Cap Sante Park.





# So, What's Next?

Grand Centennial Celebration Dinner February 23, 2023 6 PM at the Port Transit Shed

> Online RSVP Signup WWW. AnacortesRotary.org

A most memorable event, not to be repeated for another 100 years.





www.anacortesrotary.org FEBRUARY 23, 2023 6:00PM | \$100

- Port Transit Shed
- Keynote Speaker: Howard Behar (former CEO of Starbucks)
- Purchase tickets by February 5th