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Anacortes Rotary

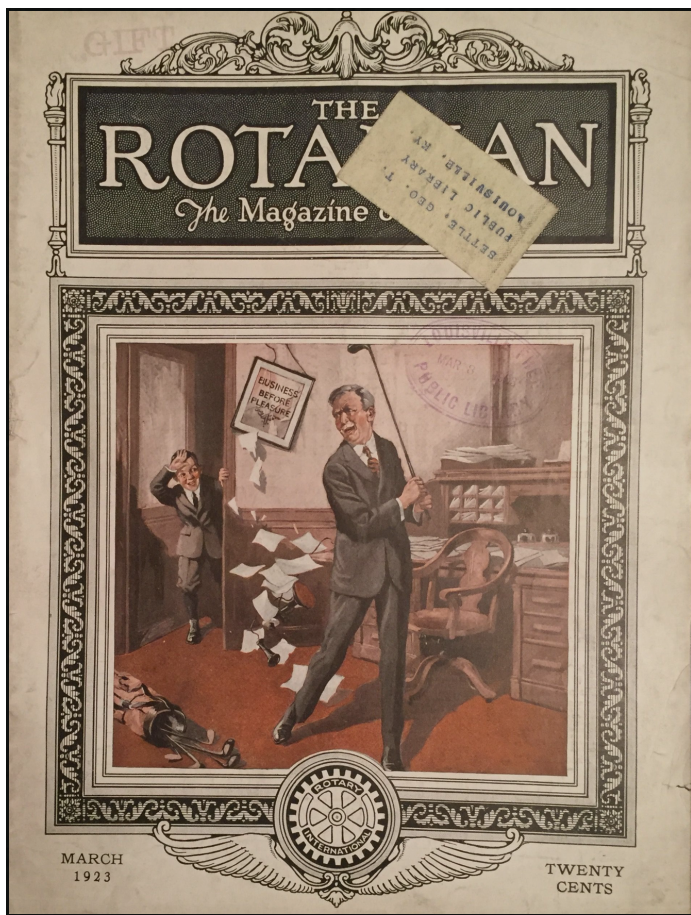


Centennial
Celebration
Program

HONORING THE PAST
BUILDING THE FUTURE

Birth Announcement

In 1923, Rotary's magazine
welcomed Anacortes as Club No. 1301



NEW ROTARY CLUBS

Pocomoke City, Maryland. Club No. 1300. Special Representative: Wm. F. Allen, of Salisbury; president, A. A. Parker; secretary, Godfrey Child.

Anacortes, Washington. Club No. 1301. Special Representative: Tony Barlow, of Bellingham; president, Ben Driftmier; secretary, Chas. P. Stapp.

Vera Cruz, Mexico. Club No. 1302. Organized by Special Commissioner Fred Warren Teele, of Mexico City, Mexico; president, A. E. Hegewisch; secretary, F. R. Millos.

Welcome

Thank you for celebrating our Centennial with us!

Fellow Rotarians and honored guests, tonight we're going to party like it's 1923! On this night 100 years ago, our 17 original members celebrated the birth of Anacortes Rotary. Joining the festivities that night were folks from other area clubs – Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, Victoria and Bellingham, our club's sponsor. Those clubs are all represented here tonight along with the newer La Conner club, and of course, our friends from across town, Fidalgo Island Rotary.



Joining in the celebration are Mayor Matt Miller and his wife Heather, many elected officials, representatives from city departments and several of our community partners whom we've recognized during the course of the year at our weekly meetings. Also with us are many former Anacortes Rotary members.

Our district governor is in attendance, Raj Rajagopal. Representing our first club president, Ben Driftmier, we are honored to have members of the Driftmier family here with us. And it is a great pleasure to welcome our keynote speaker, Howard Behar, along with his wife Lynn. I'd like to thank Duane Clark and his Centennial Committee for their hard work planning this event. It's been years in the making.

Tonight you'll be treated to stories from the past and present, and you'll get a glimpse into the future with our Centennial project, a new Cap Sante Viewpoint.

Thank you all for coming, and I hope you have a wonderful time. I'd also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support of Anacortes Rotary over the years.

Cheers,

Rick Star

Rick Star, Anacortes Rotary President 2022-23

Anacortes Rotary Centennial Events Committee

Duane Clark, *Chair*

Loalynda Bird, Colleen Craig, Jack Darnton, Tom Decker,
Peggy Flynn, Tim Garrison, Stephanie Hamilton, Justin Irish,
Lisa Kuhnlein, Mark Lascelles, Mark Lione, Jim MacDonald, Marta McClintock,
Courtney Orrock, Sondra Peters, Jim Renfro, Lindy Reno,
Marilyn Stadler, Rick Star and Dan Worra



Tonight's Menu

*Catered by Gere-a-Deli
Inspired by 1923*

Crab Cakes
with Aioli Sauce
Artisan Cheese and Crackers
Mixed Crudités

Chicken Piccata
Slow-Roasted Baron of Beef
with Horseradish Sauce

Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans

Mixed Green Salad
Parmesan Rolls
à la Laurie

Cheesecake
with Bumbleberry Sauce

Coffee Service

*Menu from February 23, 1923
Anacortes Rotary Dinner*

Crab Cocktails		
Baked Creamed Chicken		
oo la la Frank Lamb		
Buttered Golden Wax Beans		
Paul Rhodius' Select		
Salad Desert		
A la Percy Scurrah		
Tony Escalloped Potatoes		
Ice Cream	Cake	Coffee
Nuts		



Program



Welcome

Rick Star

Host & Anacortes Rotary President

Raj Rajagopal

District Governor 5050

Music by Fidalgo Swing

Honoring Past Presidents

with Lindy Reno

Honoring 50-Year Rotarians

with Jack Darnton

Dinner by Gere-a-Deli

*Entertainment
featuring Sea Level*

Our History

with Duane Clark

Driftmier Family Recognition

Our Centennial Project

with Tom Decker

Driftmier Fellows Recognition

Centennial Keynote Speaker

Howard Behar

with Dan Worra



Messages from Our Mayors



Dean Maxwell
1994-2013

'The real work of embellishment and enhancement in a community like ours is provided by volunteers and individuals, service clubs like Anacortes Rotary.'

Congratulations to Anacortes Rotary and your milestone celebration of 100 years serving the Anacortes community. The value of the work of your club in Anacortes over your century of service is easily in the millions of dollars. The impact of each one of your club projects has helped to change the profile of the community we all love in many positive ways. You have also changed many lives for individuals who might, without your help, never have had an opportunity to better themselves.

Serving as Anacortes's mayor for 20 years, I witnessed your accomplishments firsthand. They are too numerous to list individually, but the community has appreciated and benefitted with every project you took on and touched.

As you know, local government is limited by resource and state law on where it can spend, and that is as it should be. The real work of embellishment and enhancement in a community like ours is provided by volunteers and individuals, service clubs like Anacortes Rotary. On the global stage you have also had great impact such as your work for the eradication of polio. It would take many pages to properly thank you for your contributions and we also want to thank those who served before each of us.

In closing, I want to once again thank you for all you have provided. Thanks for the great work, enjoy your celebration, and most importantly, keep up your good work. Anacortes is a beneficiary of all you have done and continue to do.



City government is responsible for key services, public safety and infrastructure for the entire community. We always focus on economic success and Quality of Life for all citizens. Partnerships with other agencies, and our service groups, provide the additional resources to accomplish these goals.

It is said that we stand on the shoulders of those that have gone before us. Anacortes Rotary has provided those shoulders. I thank you for 100 years of providing resources and service to Anacortes. Your service above self and dedication is evident in the wonderful city we live in today, and a path forward to a vibrant future.



Laurie Gere
2014-2021

It is my honor to celebrate 100 years of Anacortes Rotary and the tremendous impact Rotarians have had on our community. Anacortes has been shaped by your service and the evidence of your dedication is all around us – our schools, businesses, parks, all benefit from the time and energy of your members.

I have been fortunate to be a Rotarian since 2011 and the “The Four Way Test” continues to provide guidance while serving as Mayor of Anacortes. The Rotarian theme of “Connect for Good” is reflected in the relationships and meaningful connections your members make with the greater Anacortes community. On behalf of the citizens of Anacortes, please accept our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all that you have done, and all you will continue to contribute to our city.



Matt Miller
2022 -



“One can do well by doing good.”

"A great business is a business with a conscience."

“Think like a person of action;
act like a person of thought.”

“Our success is directly related to our clarity and honesty about who we are, who we’re not, where we want to go, and how we’re going to get there”

“The person who sweeps the floor should choose the broom.”

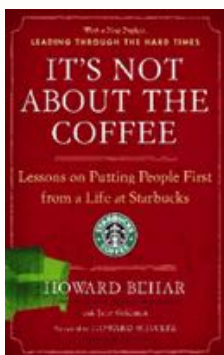
“Do it because it’s right, not because it’s right for your résumé.”

“If there is no praise or criticism in the world, then who would you be?”

“Unfortunately, in many cases, the rule book goes way too far - it tries to tell people how to be instead of explaining what we're trying to do We need recipes, not rules.”

Howard Behar

Howard Behar



M r. Howard Behar's career in business spans over 50 years, all in consumer-oriented businesses covering several industries. He retired from Starbucks Coffee after 21 years where he led both the domestic business, as President of North America, and was the founding President of Starbucks International. During his tenure, he participated in the growth of the company from 28 stores to over 15,000 stores spanning five continents. He served on the Starbucks Board of Directors for 12 years before retiring. Mr. Behar is currently a Trustee for the Sheri and Les Biller Family Foundation and is on the advisory board of Anthos Capital. He formerly served as a board member for: Starbucks, GAP, Shurgard, University of Washington Foundation and IDTech to name a few. Mr. Behar is committed to the development and education of our future leaders and has been a longtime advocate of the Servant Leadership Model. He has also authored two books on leadership titled *It's Not About the Coffee* and *The Magic Cup*.

ANACORTES AMERICAN, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1922

WITH MEMBERSHIP OF SEVENTEEN ANACORTES ROTARY CLUB FORMED

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Info

ANACORTES AMERICAN, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1923

ANACORTES ROTARY CLUB RECEIVES CHARTER FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

BIG SCANDAL AT ROTARY LUNCH WED.

*Rotarians In North Pacific
Hold Extraordinary Session*

The Rotatler

ANACORTES, WASHINGTON



John Chambers
2902 Oaks
City

July 9, 1971

ANACORTES, WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1920

OFFICERS ON DESTROYERS ARE GUESTS AT ROTARY LUNCHEON

The Anacortes Rotary Club,
Celebrating 68 Years of
Service to Anacortes!

CITRUS SALE
FINAL WEEK

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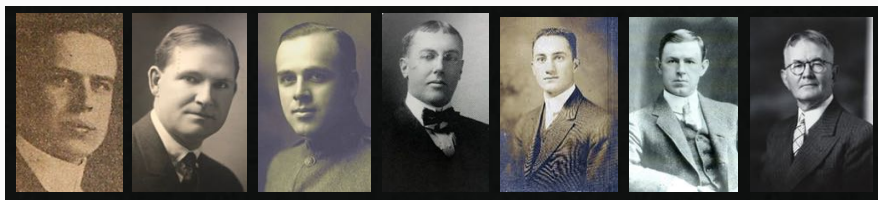
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Anacortes Rotary Club celebrates 85 years



History of Anacortes Rotary

100 years of Service Above Self and fellowship



Photographs Courtesy of the Anacortes Museum

Anacortes Rotary Club charter members included Ben Driftmier Sr., Charles Stapp, Wallie Funk Sr., Douglass Allmond, Will McCracken, Gus Hensler and Joseph McNary

The historical record of the Anacortes Rotary Club is anything but complete. The only relatively consistent source of information about Anacortes Rotary throughout the past 100 years is the Anacortes American (in connection with the Anacortes Museum), which, of course, provides only a limited view of what life was like for a Rotarian, what priorities existed, what services were provided to the community, what impact Anacortes Rotary had at home and abroad, and, most importantly, what the enduring themes were. Anacortes Rotary's own surviving records, including Board minutes, meeting minutes and various tangible objects, photos and documents, are reasonably available for only limited periods of time, particularly from the late 1940s into the late 1960s, with limited items into the 1970s and 1980s.

Having said that, it has to be added that the Anacortes Rotary records that are available contain a multitude of historical gems, but it takes time and effort to find and enjoy these gems. As part of an ongoing effort, these historical gems are finding their way into various historical chapters posted on the Anacortes Rotary website, just waiting to be uncovered and enjoyed by interested readers.

Once the search has begun, it doesn't take much time to find the major themes that have endured through the decades.



THE ROTATTLER



Most people seek what they do not possess and are thus enticed by the very things they want to acquire.

— Anwar al-Sadat

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Anacortes Rotary Club

January, 1985

Folsom Magazine — Wednesday, November 1, 1995

Anacortes Rotary Club — Long history of giving

by Thomas M. Johnson

Illustration: Ben Van Deusen, "Charlie Smith"

and illustrations which are well received.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(Order of Business)

1. Meeting Called to Order by President.
2. Roll Call.
3. Remarks by President.
4. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting (and Their Approval).
5. Report of Secretary.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Report of Committee.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business.
11. Adjournment.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

ROTARY

Rotary Club of Anacortes

(CITY)

(STATE)

held in regular Board Meeting at Assberry's on Nov 25, 1995

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Pres Ben Van Deusen who acted as chairman, with the following directors present:

Jack Smith, Harold Trulson, Ellis Brenn, Fred Cartwright, Ben VanDeussen, Harry Rowley

SEMI-ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RECORD

100% Attendance

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**Rotarians Defeat
Kiwanis in Annual
Club Golf Match**

**Rotarians Will
Host Visitor
From Australia**

Rotary Show To Be Howling Comedy Drama



- Leadership – It is clear to see that the 17 charter members embodied leadership in business, in community spirit, in the political realm and in thinking internationally. Anacortes Rotarians have closely followed in their footsteps, all under the compassionate banner of “Service Above Self.”



Anacortes Rotary won first place at the 2019 Quick and Dirty Boat Building Competition at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival

- Youth Enrichment – Woven throughout most months of the past 100 years is the highest devotion to the current and future well-being of Anacortes’s young people from the earliest years through high school and college. Initiatives, some standard and some very creative, addressed, encouraged and supported issues of health, education, recognition, athletics and all the various forms of artistic expression. Students of the Month, foreign exchange students and summer employment opportunities became traditional offerings from Rotary’s earliest days.
- Dirty Hands – Important as it is, donating money is not the most meaningful and satisfying part of creating, promoting and completing community projects. Anacortes Rotarians savor the opportunity to get their hands dirty, sometimes in the most unexpected ways. Carrying and planting sod, clearing unwanted ivy, painting buildings and park elements, planting tulip bulbs, cleaning up the beaches, constructing a woodland trail, paddling a “Quick and Dirty” boat and much more – plus a few follow-up trips to the physical therapist – all combine to put a satisfying smile on one’s face. Internationally, constructing a family park in Jordan and pulling teeth, building schools, water systems, and friendships in Central and South America and other parts of the world maintains the “Dirty Hands” persona.





Future president visited in '60

Future President Gerald R. Ford (center), then a congressman from Michigan, addressing an Anacortes Rotary Club meeting in October 1959 at what's now known as the Harbor Restaurant. Flanking Ford are Pauli Breckenridge (left), then a member of the City Council, and then-congressman John Westland, who was the last Republican to represent our area in Washington, D.C., until Jack Marshall won elected this month.

HEY!



THE ROTARY CLUB OF ANACORTES
IS HOLDING A

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

PROCEEDS TO FURTHER THE EFFORT TO
OBTAIN AN INDOOR SWIMMING POOL
FOR ANACORTES. AUCTION TO BE

CONDUCTED BY:
LOU GREENFIELD
OF SEATTLE

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND PICK UP THAT
ITEM YOU'VE WANTED FOR SO LONG BUT THOUGHT
YOU COULDN'T AFFORD—

AT YOUR OWN PRICE

THE LIST OF ITEMS AVAILABLE PURCHASED AND ON HAND
WILL BE THE WORK OF A SPECIAL ORDER CATALOGUE

Call to if You Want a "White Elephant"

You Want Picked Up

COME EARLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Be sure you make your date by November before the
member closes at 1:00 p.m.—and everyone will enjoy it.

OLD FORD GARAGE

Ed & Constance



First prize winner, 1940 Mariner Pageant. Tom Harwood was the chairman. (An old photo of Paul Livers, Photo Courtesy of Dix Johnson)

COMMUNISM WILL BE SUBJECT OF SPEECH

Walter R. Talbot, State Commander of American Legion, will be in Anacortes Wednesday evening, February 26th. He will speak at the Legion Hall, Fifth and Q avenue, at seven o'clock. His subject will deal with the major project of the American Legion in 1958—how to deal with Communism.

The local Rotary Club is sponsoring Commander Talbot, and they invite all patriotic organizations, civic clubs and anyone in the city who is interested, to attend the meeting.

Mr. Talbot, whose home is in Colfax, entered the Air Service in 1917, contacted communists and when

CONGRATULATIONS
ROTARY AWARD
WINNERS

SEA HAWK NEWS

SEE THE
SCHOOL EXHIBIT
TONIGHT

Blendl And Ginnett Receive Rotary Club Award For The Class Of 1941

ANACORTES AMERICAN, THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1924

VISITING ROTARIAN PLEADS FOR FAIR TREATMENT FOR RAILWAYS



- **Swimming Opportunities** – From early years, Anacortes Rotary has been driven to create and support opportunities for Anacortes residents, particularly the youth, to enjoy healthy exercise. Swimming is a topic that pops up early and often. The earliest recorded efforts involved various iterations of a swimming area on Little Cranberry Lake. By the 1960s, Anacortes Rotarians were focused on an indoor pool. A unique scrapbook, complete with photos, articles and letters, was rescued from sure destruction during a remodeling project at Village Pizza. The topic of the scrapbook was a 1960 white elephant sale, the proceeds of which would be for an indoor pool. In 1973, Anacortes Rotary put an option on property, where Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center now sits, to hold it until a levy could be passed to bring this dream to reality.

- **City Parks** – Before the Anacortes Rotary Club's charter was signed, future charter members were busy helping to develop Causland Park in honor of World War I veterans. Anacortes Rotary's commitment to the many and



Rotarians getting their hands dirty laying sod at Storvick Park

varied parks in Anacortes was displayed early and often right through to today, and surely will be for decades to come. Primary among them for several decades have been Cap Sante Park and Rotary Park, and more recently Ace of Hearts Rotary Park and the Rotary Park Disc Golf Course. The club recently completed the Rotary Viewpoint Trail to the top of Cap Sante and is working on a new viewpoint at the summit.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Anacortes Rotary endured a major upheaval that resulted in a most dramatic transformation. Ultimately, the decision to admit women into membership has been, by all measures, a remarkable success.



No. 11





Phil Madden, Mike Matheson and John Carraba pack food boxes for the Salvation Army.

Since that time, numerous creative and energetic women have joined. Seven are now listed as Past Presidents, and currently women make up 35 percent of the membership.

Over the last 100 years all members have embraced the Rotary Four Way Test that promotes Truth, Fairness, Goodwill and Friendship. They have worked side by side on creative community service projects and challenging and rewarding international projects. Entertaining and informative programs at weekly lunch meetings add to the camaraderie among Rotarians proud to serve and proud of the club's legacy.

Trying to condense Anacortes Rotary's 100 years into a few pages is impossible. It is possible, however, to learn more about the club's history by reviewing the numerous historical chapters now on display on the Anacortes Rotary website. More chapters are in progress and will be added as they are completed.

- Duane Clark



Youth Engaged in Service District 5050 participants



Scan the code or visit
anacortesrotary.org
 to learn more.



Ben Driftmier Sr.

First Anacortes Rotary president leaves lasting legacy

Ben Driftmier Sr. was a remarkable president, setting a high bar for all of those who followed him. He was a member for almost 47 years, having perfect weekly attendance for 36 of those years. The first meeting that he missed in 1969 was on May 28. He then attended the following meeting on June 4, and passed away six days later, on June 10.



Ben was an attorney for the City of Anacortes for a time and had a private practice. For a few years in the early 1920s, he was a partner with Mike Kidder, in a business called the Progressive Garage, the hub of the first registered bus line in Washington State with daily trips to Mount Vernon, and around town.

Ben and his wife, Lucille, had two children, both of whom are part of Anacortes Rotary's early history. Dorothy was 15 in 1930 when Anacortes Rotary partnered with the English Department at Anacortes High School to produce the Anacortes Book of Verse. English Department students contributed all of the 39 poems for the book, and Dorothy contributed two of those poems, "My World" and "The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone." Ben Jr., born in 1922, followed in his father's footsteps, becoming the 30th Anacortes Rotary president.



Ben Driftmier Fellows

Recognizing generosity and commitment to community

Early in the planning for Anacortes Rotary's Centennial, it was decided to establish a Fellowship category designed to recognize Rotarians and others who contribute \$5,000 or more toward the cost of our Centennial Project – an improved trail through Rotary Park to the Cap Sante summit and a remarkable and more accessible viewpoint at the top.

With gratitude, Anacortes Rotary recognizes those who have been named as Ben Driftmier Fellows:

Anonymous

Anonymous

Joyce and Jim Anderson

Nancy and Duane Clark

Gail and David Cortelyou

Nancy Wong and Tom Decker

Cindy and Tim Garrison

Dianne and Tom Kuhn

Joyce and Troy Kunz

Janette and Mark Lione

Sheila and Ron Litzinger

Colleen and John McIntyre

Cheryl and Jim Poitras

Sharron and John Prosser

Anne and Ron Smith

Mary Staley and Pat Barrett

Vicki Stasch and Richard Shirk

Linda and Warren Walz

Flora Wong

Carrie and Dan Worra



Anacortes Rotary Presidents 1923-1968



Ben
Driftmier Sr.



Lyle
Packard



Paul
Luvera



Charles
Card



Don
McKee



Ben
Van Deusen

Ben Driftmier Sr.	1923-24	Jessie R. Lewis	1946-47
W. V. Wells	1924-25	Ed Swapp	1947-48
John Douglas	1925-26	Fred Cartwright	1948-49
John Mulhern	1926-27	Bob Newcomb	1949
Carl Abel	1927-28	Lloyd Foster	1949-50
W. W. Keys	1928	Bill Turner	1950-51
Ed Clausius	1928-29	Ben Driftmier Jr.	1951-52
G. E. Greene	1929-30	Albert W. Braedt	1952
Lyle D. Packard	1930-31	Charles W. Card	1952-53
Fred Stafford	1931-32	Clarence Henning	1953
L. E. Steams	1932-33	James A. Dowdle	1953-54
Pete Hansen	1933-34	William H. Graler	1954-55
Brucke Wade	1934	Mike Casper	1955-56
Paul Luvera	1934-35	Howard Beckman	1956-57
Elmer Dabney	1935-36	Don L. McKee	1957-58
Howard Caton	1936-37	Walt Hougen	1958
Jack Allinger	1937-38	Ellis Brann	1958-59
Ed Schwartz	1938	Ben Van Duesen	1959-60
Frank Gilkey	1938-39	Harry C. Rowley	1960-61
Jack Trafton	1939-40	Arthur C. Carlson	1961-62
Paul Workman	1940-41	Guy Carroll	1962-63
Tom Henwood	1941-42	Robert Keller	1963-64
Roy McCartney	1942	Clancy Meyer	1964-65
Tom McCrory	1942-43	Tasker Robinette	1965-66
Harry Deane	1943-44	Merrill Iversen	1966-67
Ken T. Sherman	1944-45	Loren Welch	1967-68
David R. Gilkey	1945-46	Eugene Andrews	1968-69



Steve
Miller



Cathy
Bay-Schmith



Ron
Smith



Terry
Dorn



John
Prosser



Bonnie
Bowers

Anacortes Rotary Presidents 1969-2022



John
Chambers



Jim
Anderson



Von
Kuehn



Mary
Mansfield



John
Carabba



Bob
Murray

John Carabba	1969-70	Phil Madden	1996-97
Bill Etter	1970-71	Mary Mansfield	1997-98
John Chambers	1971-72	Joe Sexton	1998-99
Arnell I. Johnson	1972-73	Bob Bjerk	1999-00
LaVern Deane	1973-74	Duane Clark	2000-01
Loren Knutsen	1974-75	Duncan Frazier	2001-02
Bob Murray	1975-76	Steve Miller	2002-03
Dick Johnson	1976-77	Cathy Bay-Schmith	2003-04
Marv Mackey	1977-78	Curtis Payne	2004-05
Jim Anderson	1978-79	Bob Apter	2005-06
Richard Waldron	1979-80	Ralph Frey	2006-07
Frank T. Radecke	1980-81	Yoshi Nishikawa	2007-08
Von Kuehn	1981-82	Eugene Ross	2008-09
Don Coughlin	1982-83	Kathryn Bennett	2009-10
Ben Root	1983-84	Tom Kuhn	2010-11
Ron Smith	1984-85	Rich Humphrey	2011-12
Dan Meyer	1985-86	Bob Thompson	2012-13
Terry Dorn	1986-87	Marilyn Stadler	2013-14
Mark Estvold	1987-88	Marilyn Stadler	2014-15
Steve Miller	1988-89	Tom Griffin	2015-16
Mel Farnsworth	1989-90	Kevin Meenaghan	2016-17
John Prosser	1990-91	Krista Oicles	2017-18
Boyd Veer	1991-92	Bonnie Bowers	2018-19
Ray Witzel	1992-93	Stephanie Hamilton	2019-20
Bob Donovan	1993-94	Tim Garrison	2020-21
Sam Payne	1994-95	Dan Worra	2021-22
Rick Sadler	1995-96	Rick Star	2022-23



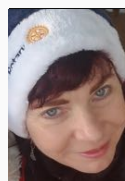
Kathryn
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Bob
Thompson



Marilyn
Stadler



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Rick
Star

Saluting 50-year Rotarians

Jim Anderson, John Chambers, Von Kuehn, Bob Murray

Von Kuehn and his wife Betty moved to Anacortes in 1972 and he established his dental practice here. He served as Anacortes Rotary President in 1981-82 and was Rotarian of the Year in 2008-09.

A Rotarian's Rotarian, Von's embodiment of "Service Above Self" was particularly visible during the many years he and Betty ran a Rotary dental project in Guatemala. Their responsibilities included scheduling and assisting the various Rotary dentists who cycled through. Fundraising was ongoing, as was coordinating services with local Rotarians and workers. Von and Betty found their way into the homes and hearts of many Guatemalans.

Von died in March 2022.

In a 2017 interview, reflecting on his longtime service in the club, Von pointed to friendships as one of the best parts. "Many of my current friends are friends originally from Rotary or have been Rotarians in the past. There was always a lot of pulling together, a chance to learn about each other."

John Chambers, a retired ophthalmologist, joined Anacortes Rotary in 1968 after moving here from Iowa. He quickly jumped into club activities and served as President in 1971-72.

"Far and away, a highlight for me is the fine friends I have found in the Rotary club, both here in Anacortes and worldwide," John said in a 2017 interview. "The opportunity to make up Rotary meetings in cities like Helsinki, Finland and Shepparton, Australia was made possible entirely through Rotary and its exchange programs."

John and his wife Kirsti still enjoy travel and community activities, and John remains active in the club, though a bit differently.

"As admirable as it is to carry sod for the park, age tells you when you cannot be so generous with the physical help you once were able to give with ease," he said.

"Always be on the lookout for new members," John said when asked about the club's future. "We want the best like we have now."





Bob Murray, Von Kuehn, John Chambers and Jim Anderson

Bob Murray tried to get to Anacortes Rotary lunches as often as possible, right up until his death in late 2021, still sharing Sven and Ole jokes with his classic delivery.

“He was a kind, humorous, and thoughtful human being with a solid moral compass,” one of his dental school classmates recalled.

Bob served as President in 1975-76, organized many crab feeds and led the campaign to create and name Rotary Park.

Bob and his wife Deanna hosted four Rotary exchange students, one of their most rewarding Rotary pursuits.

After dental school, Bob and Deanna moved to Bergen, Norway, where Bob practiced dentistry in a public school. They returned to Washington and Bob worked with a dentist in Friday Harbor. Bob opened his own Anacortes practice in 1969, the same year he joined Rotary.

Jim Anderson became an Anacortes Rotarian in September 1972 on the same day that another 50-year-plus member, Von Kuehn, joined the club. Jim had just opened his new Anacortes law practice, following four years as an attorney in Seattle.

Jim was President in 1978-79, was honored as Rotarian of the Year in 2010 and is still going strong.

On remaining involved with Rotary, Jim said in an earlier interview: “I look forward to the meetings, enjoy seeing everybody ... I guess I still feel I am alert enough mentally and physically to assist and help in the club’s activity and the doing of good for the community and world.”

“Development of friendship has been a focal point,” Jim said. “Many of my best friends basically are people I met in Rotary or through Rotary.”



Community Service

Parks and programs targeting kids have been priorities

At the heart of Anacortes Rotary's presence in Anacortes is its "Community Service" initiative, which also stretches back into the early years. Each year, numerous "get your hands dirty" projects were organized providing planning, funding and horsepower. In many of these projects, Anacortes Rotary was a partner with other local civic and service organizations.

In 1935 a story appeared in Rotary International's monthly magazine, the "Rotarian," that read as follows: "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." In addition, a community dance was held, and later Christmas toys that members brought to a meeting were distributed to needy children.



Rotarians help kids make holiday wishes under the club's tent at the annual Winter Wonderland Walk in Washington Park



Each holiday season Rotarians ring the bell for the Salvation Army, one of the club's longtime partners





Bark in the Park is one of the many community events that Rotarians support each year

In the 1963 edition of the same magazine, there was a paragraph that read, "Tourists driving near Anacortes have an opportunity to stop and take a leisurely look at Puget Sound and the Cascade Mountains, courtesy of the Rotary Club. Its recently completed roadside park includes picnic tables, a water supply and a map-guide to the surrounding area."



Rotarians volunteer at the annual Ready to Learn Fair, an event the club has long supported to help kids have what they need to start the school year off on the right foot



Many projects became annual staples, but there was and is also no shortage of creativity to develop new, fun and meaningful programs and projects.



A few of the wide variety of projects were and are: supporting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, Boys & Girls Club, Girls Basketball; creating graduation bags for graduates of Cap Sante High School; supporting downtown sidewalk planters, Breakfast With Santa; building "Quick and Dirty" boats, Winter Wonderland Walk; filling Salvation Army food boxes and ringing bells, creating comfort packs for children, birth packs for low-income families, and more.



Rotary funded three early learning computer stations at the Anacortes Children's Library in 2017, providing access to educational games, puzzles, stories, art and music



Colleen and John McIntyre are among the hundreds of Rotarians who have volunteered to fill Thanksgiving boxes at the Salvation Army

- Duane Clark



International Service

Adding to Rotary's long legacy of global engagement

Rotary has developed international relationships and service as a foundational principle since its very early beginnings in 1905, with its first International Club, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, joining in 1911. The first outlets for service abroad were developed during the First World War in War Relief and Peace Fund drives. In 1917 a Rotary International Endowment Fund was established with its first grant being awarded in 1930.

This fund has grown to \$380 million in 2019 with an additional \$850 million in future commitments. The endowment operates with a three-year investment mechanism, which allows for no administrative cost, so every dollar invested is used for beneficial purpose.

This means that millions of dollars are invested in health, water, education, economic development, peace and environmental projects globally every year.



Inspiring future Rotarians around the globe

The most recognizable of these is The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in which Rotary has been a leader from the very beginning, in partnership with the World Health Organization, the U.N. Children's Fund and others.

Anacortes Rotary has been active in the fight against polio for more than 35 years. Additional projects abroad have targeted healthcare, education, water and economic development.





Von Kuehn, a former Anacortes Rotary president, oversaw a 15-year-long Dental Health Clinic in Guatemala

Over the years we have had a long list of Rotarians serve on almost every continent, providing expertise, capital and time to worthy projects – including a 15-year-long Dental Health Clinic in Guatemala administered by Von Kuehn, a past president. Steve Miller, another past president, has made more than 50 surgical mission trips to 12 different countries treating children with serious foot/ankle/leg problems.

Our club, and members, have pitched in financially to help a long list of causes, everything from a hospital generator in Nepal and an artificial limb center in India to financial support for families in Anacortes' Sister City in Russia and Peace Corps members in Botswana.

In addition, over the decades our club has participated in multiple youth and professional exchange programs between our community and others around the globe. Exchange students have come here from countries such as Brazil and Australia, and they've left Anacortes for countries such as South Africa and Japan. Group Study Exchanges have sent young professionals from Anacortes around the world as part of teams since the 1960s.



Our club has helped young people with college degrees earn Rotary Foundation scholarships that fund a year's study abroad. More recently it has supported AHS students who focus on leadership training and community service for a year before summer trips to Honduras or Guatemala to work on service projects in villages.

This all leads to better understanding and goodwill, particularly among youth, on a global level.

In our Centennial Year we have focused on two international projects.

The first is in Honduras, providing education, healthcare, economic development and clean water to 30 Mayan villages around Copan Ruinas in the northwest region of the country. We participate jointly in this project with 12 other clubs from our Rotary district, thereby leveraging our investments for a greater return.



A heartfelt GRACIAS to Anacortes Rotary from a young dancer in El Cisne, Honduras

The second was in Ukraine. Many organizations have donated so much to Ukraine, but there was a logistical issue in getting these much-needed supplies to the embattled eastern region. We participated with 13 other clubs from our region (including Canada this time) in providing the logistical support to ensure these supplies could be delivered to where they were needed, something only an independent organization with the reputation of Rotary could do.

– Mark Lascelles



Vocational Service

Mentoring, scholarships, career guidance and more

Anacortes Rotary has kept the spotlight on youth when it comes to Vocational Service. Whether it's recognizing student achievement, providing summer jobs and career guidance, funding scholarships or mentoring, the club has been very involved with Anacortes School District students at the elementary, middle school and high school levels.

Programs have evolved to meet the needs of the times and ensure volunteers' efforts will be most effective. Programs have been led by both Rotarians and community leaders.

While Vocational Service can be narrowly defined at times in the Rotary world as promoting ethical business practices and recognizing business leaders who embody those values, Anacortes Rotary has kept the focus on students.

Our Vocational Committee works to give students the skills, experiences and support needed to keep doors open for them as they work toward future employment or advanced schooling. Programs our club has supported range from the Ready to Learn Fair and college field trips and clubs focused on robotics, broadcasting and maritime skills.

From the earliest days our club has invited students to our weekly lunch meeting to celebrate their accomplishments in academics, the arts and athletics. For many years we have recognized Students of the Month (now Students of the Quarter).

In the late 1970s, Anacortes Rotary began partnering with the state to connect kids with summer jobs that gave them a taste of what work was all about while they made money and made themselves better future employees.



Photograph Courtesy of Anacortes Pride/Lisa Kuhnlein

Rotarian Mark Leone has volunteered in Anacortes classrooms for nearly a decade





Anacortes Rotary has long supported AVID students, funding college field trips such as this visit to the University of Washington in 2017

Rotarians provided the manpower, funding and publicity to get the program off the ground, and it continued in one fashion or another roughly 40 years. Over time, the Youth Employment Service program gave thousands of Anacortes teens chances to do office or yard work, move furniture, cut wood, babysit – and much more.

To help young people start thinking about their futures, Anacortes Rotary has long been involved with Career Day and Job Shadow programs.

In the 1970s, the club worked with Anacortes Junior High School staff to let students hear about a variety of careers and the necessary training, everything from police work, hair styling and construction to engineering, journalism and healthcare.

More recently, the club organized Job Shadow days where middle school students went out to workplaces to see selected vocations firsthand. This program is now evolving to assist students in the AVID program and begins anew this year.

At the high school, we will be working with the counselors to assist students with tutoring and arrange for Rotarians and community leaders to speak about career opportunities.

This is in addition to the club's longstanding scholarship program. Each year we award a \$2,000 need-based scholarship to an AHS senior that can be renewed for three additional years.





Woojun Jeong is attending the University of Southern California thanks in part to a four-year Anacortes Rotary scholarship awarded in 2021. Pictured with Woojun are 2021 Rotary President Dan Worra (left) and Vocational Chair Mark Lione.

Early literacy is a Rotary priority. At Island View Elementary School, we began by reading a book selected by the teacher to their students in the classroom. This program evolved to reading Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award nominations. Each year 20 Picture Books are selected for K – 3rd grade. The books are read in the school library and the volunteer reader then assists the students in finding books in the computer and locating the books in the stacks for them to check out.

In addition, we have developed a 3rd grade mentor program in conjunction with teachers to assist students in reaching reading level by the end of the 3rd grade. The mentors work with the students once a week for 45 minutes on reading, retention and comprehension. They also just become friends.



– Mark Lione



Fundraising

Burgers were big, but auctions soon took center stage

More than 80 years ago, Anacortes businessmen swished and swirled on stage as part of an all-male cast performing “Just Married.” The musical comedy staged in 1941 seems to have been Anacortes Rotary’s first major fundraiser. Rotarians handled publicity and ticket sales, while a “well-known” California director barnstorming the West Coast handled stage production. Tickets were 40 cents, with proceeds funding eyeglasses for needy kids.

It’s not clear how much money was raised, but likely not a lot when looking at the results of Rotary’s other fundraising efforts back then. In the decades after “Just Married” the club staged boat shows and talent shows, sold oranges and grapefruit by the case, flipped burgers and pancakes, held a salmon derby, and even brought the Harlem Globetrotters to town. But it wasn’t until around 1990, when the club started putting on large-scale auctions, that substantial money was raised. The 1992 auction raised more than \$20,000, the most successful fundraiser in club history at the time.



Photograph Courtesy of the Anacortes Museum, Wallie Funk Collection.

A Rotarian delivers one of 200 cases of oranges sold during the club's 1958 citrus drive. The fundraiser was launched by grocer Paul Luvera.





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Rotary put on a Boat Show in the Anacortes High School gym in March 1957. It benefited the Lincoln School for Handicapped Children in Burlington.

In the mid-1950s, the Rotary Boat Show took place in the high school gym, with proceeds benefiting the Lincoln School for Handicapped Children in Burlington. Thirty years later, Rotarians were busy with outdoor boat and RV shows that were part of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. The 1987 show raised about \$1,500 to support Rotary International's drive to eradicate polio.

Led by grocer Paul Luvera, the club launched an orange sale in 1958, selling 200 cases of fruit. Citrus sales reemerged big time in the 1980s, with the club bringing in about \$5,000 in 1989. Members handled pre-sales and delivered the fruit – and there was the Bad Fruit Committee, charged with inspecting all the oranges and grapefruit and culling the rotten ones.

In 1960, as the club continued its efforts to raise money for a swimming pool, plans for a huge White Elephant Auction were hatched, complete with a Seattle auctioneer and a mailer to 3,600 households. Rotarians excelled at the pre-event publicity, but the take was only about \$1,250.





Rotarians fiddle around with instruments to be included in the club's huge 1960 White Elephant sale. About \$1,250 was raised to support a swimming pool. From left: Ellis Brann, Ben Van Deusen and Earl Morgan.

Rotarians ran a hamburger stand at the Anacortes Arts and Crafts Festival for more than 30 years. In 1964 it served 1,500 burgers and netted about \$3,400. The stand was by far the club's most important source of funds in those years.

At about the same time, Rotary started putting on talent shows featuring local students. Ticket revenue was light, though, with the 1969 show bringing in only about \$330, according to club minutes.

Fundraising income soared dramatically in the 1990s due to a string of successful auctions, and then in 2005 the club veered into selling wine. The event became known as the Taste of Wine, and the 2008 edition netted \$36,000. The Board noted the event brought in as much money as the previous auctions, took less work to put on, brought in more guests from outside the community and meant fewer asks for donations from small retailers.





Photo courtesy of Dick Johnson, published in the 1995 edition of Fidalgo Magazine.

Rotarians flipped burgers for decades at the Anacortes Arts and Crafts Festival. Behind the grills in 1963 were (from left) Ernie Lindor, Bob Keller, Merrill Iverson, Dick Carbo and Jim Dowdle.

The fall event became less wine-dependent over the years and had more auction items. A “Raise the Paddle” component was added in 2009, and that roughly doubled the event’s net income going forward. In 2016, the Paddle brought in a record \$82,000 to support students’ mental health.

In 2011, the club held its first Anthony’s Dinner, thanks to the generosity of Anthony’s owner Budd Gould, who provided the dinner at no cost, allowing the club to generate about \$20,000 a year through ticket sales.

Over the last 15 years, Anacortes Rotary has become a fundraising powerhouse, bringing in between \$70,000 and \$100,000 a year to support its charitable giving thanks to members’ hard work and the community’s generosity.

- Jack Darnton



StudentMentalHealth

FidalgoPool

ReadingIsFundamental

EarlyLearnFair

SeniorActivityCenter

FeedFolks

CapitanelliHighSchool

AnacortesHighSchool

AnacortesLibrary

GuatemalaDentalClinic

SalvationArmy

SummerIMPACT

MayanVillageSchoolSupport

AnacortesFamilyCenter

NepalHospitalGenerator

UkraineHumanitarianAid

AmericanLegion

YouthExchangeGuatemala

HondurasWaterProjects

SkateZone

BreakfastClub

FoodSafari

PolioPlus

GentryHouse

HelpingHands

MiddleSchoolBand

StarvikParkSprayPark

RoboticsClub

ReachOutAndRead

IslandHospital

TransitionFidalgo

KidsAreBestFest

Boys&GirlsClub

ACEofHeartsRotaryPark

AKSMetalClub

HospiceoftheNorthwest

WendellPark

Scholarships

ExchangeStudents

FidalgoElementary

OpenStreets

MountErieElementary

SpringthePark

AVID

IslandViewElementary

WonderlandWalk

SpecialEducation

AnacortesParks&Rec

FidalgoDanceWorks

RotaryViewpointTrail

Community Partners

Working together to strengthen our community

Throughout the decades, Anacortes Rotary has been honored to partner with other civic and service organizations all sharing the same goal – to make Anacortes a better place for all, young and old. The Centennial celebrations have given Anacortes Rotary the perfect opportunity to recognize these long-term relationships. The total number of these meaningful and productive connections is sizable. However, 12 were chosen to be recognized with a special Community Partner plaque.



Anacortes Arts Festival
Meredith McIlmoyle



Anacortes Boys & Girls Club
Andrew Flores



Anacortes Family Center
Dustin Johnson



Anacortes Fire Dept.
Steve Monrad



Anacortes Parks & Recreation
Jonn Lunsford

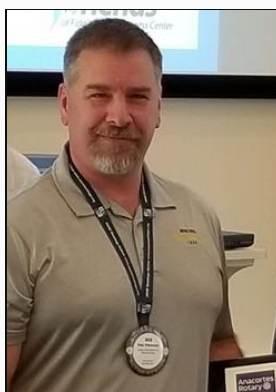


Anacortes Police Dept.
Dave Floyd



From July through December, Anacortes Rotary's Community Partners took turns making presentations during our regular lunch meetings. In several cases, the presentations were followed by a tour.

At each of these special meetings, members and guests had the opportunity to ask questions of the Community Partners, and revisit joint projects, some of which reach back many years. At the same time, we got inspiration for new projects that we could fund and carry to completion with more remarkable outcomes.



Fidalgoo Pool
Bob Peterson



Anacortes School District
Justin Irish



Anacortes Schools Fdn.
Marta McClintock



Anthony's at Cap Sante
Budd Gould and Kasey Baker



Island Health
Elise Cutter



Salvation Army
Shane Ingram



Centennial Project

Focus shifts from summit trail to Cap Sante viewpoint

Cap Sante offers one of the best panoramas on Fidalgo Island, with sweeping mountain, water, island, valley and forest views. The park is enjoyed by hikers, dog walkers, boat watchers and casual strollers, all drawn to the park's variety and the summit's splendid scenery.

The rock peak is more accessible than ever thanks to the newly enhanced trail that climbs from Rotary Park at the base to the top, offering easy access from downtown, nearby marinas and adjacent neighborhoods. Trail signs give you glimpses of history, culture and the natural surroundings of Anacortes.



Trail volunteers hauling and spreading gravel included (from left) Rotarians Mike McClintock and Tim Garrison and community helpers Nancy Wong, Will McClintock, Chris Hansen and David Hansen

Although Cap Sante is an extremely popular vantage point, this gem of a park lacks an inviting, easily accessible viewpoint. Users today must navigate rocky terrain, a busy parking lot and the lack of flat ground. What is needed is a community viewing space with ADA access and more space for users of all ages and abilities.

Working with the City of Anacortes, Anacortes Rotary set out to improve the public experience at Cap Sante with a new summit viewpoint looking east toward Mt. Baker. The project will serve as the club's legacy Centennial Project. Four years ago, Anacortes Rotarians began planning and raising funds for this endeavor. Phase 1 of the project included upgrades to the summit trail and entry area at the base of the promontory in Rotary Park. These enhancements were dedicated in June 2022.





EJ Harris Photography



The splendid views from the top of Cap Sante will be more accessible with the completion of a new viewpoint (sited in the blue box at left) that will offer panoramic vistas east to Mt. Baker. Initial design options are being reviewed as Anacortes Rotary moves toward completion of its legacy Centennial Project.

Now the club and the city are reviewing initial design options for the viewing platform with the public. Initial designs include easy ADA access at parking lot level, seating, interpretive signs and multiple view locations. Final design and engineering work will follow, guided by further community input and approvals from the city. Soon thereafter, the Anacortes Rotary Centennial Viewpoint project will enhance the visitor experience at Cap Sante.

But don't wait to enjoy the panorama. You can drive up to these vistas, or better yet, take the half-mile trail from the base. Along the way, enjoy filtered views of downtown Anacortes, boat traffic and marinas. Parking gets crowded up top, but you will find ample parking spaces at the lower trailhead near the Anacortes Yacht Club, in the northeast corner of Cap Sante Marina.

- Tom Decker



Centennial Crossword

Can you find four Anacortes Rotary Presidents?

Across

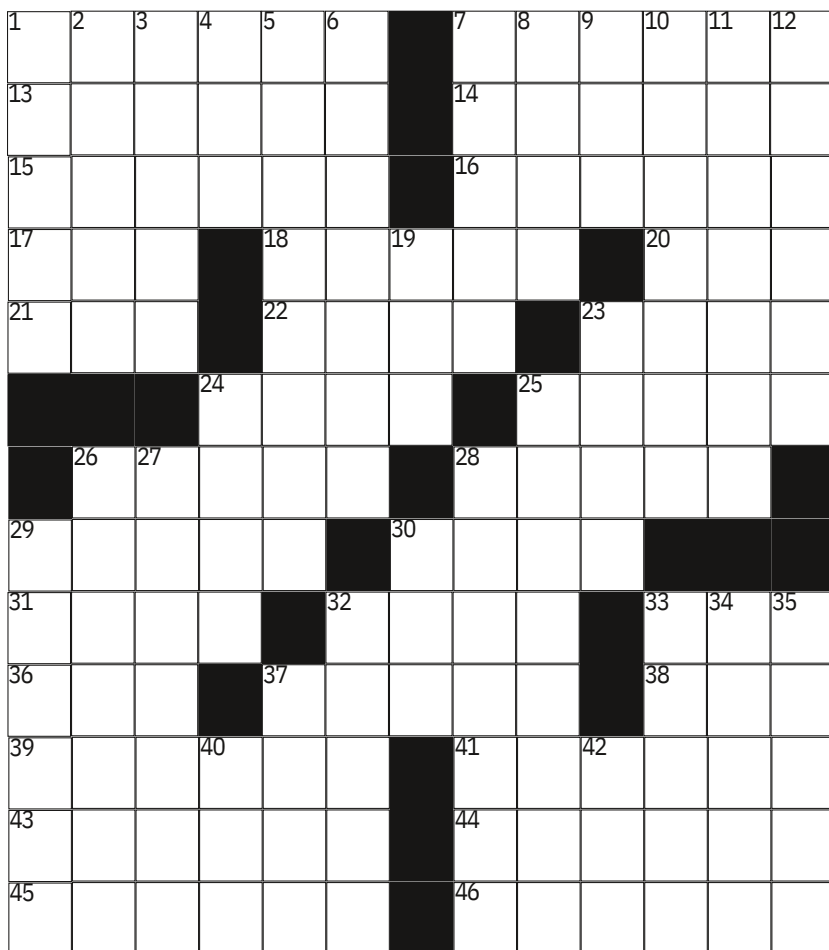
1. Clay Bennet stole their thunder
7. Medieval she-sheds?
13. Jennifer played this soul legend
14. Type of acid found in spinach and sorrel
15. Tackle that text again
16. Six-winged angelic being in Book of Isaiah
17. URL ending
18. Bengals running back Joe
20. Eponymous chicken
21. Dir. from Warden to Washtucna
22. Bingo call
23. Hi, or bye, in Bologna
24. Bigfoot buddy?
25. What beer carried home in pails was said to do
26. Ties up
28. Plural word with water or gas
29. Roger Miller chart-topper has a lot of these?
30. Camping cover
31. _____ saw Elba
32. NBC host after Allen
33. Diet cola
36. Ultimate degree
37. Italian producer who married Sophia Loren
38. _____ had it!
39. Best-selling two-seat sports cars ever
41. Part of a meteorologist's map
43. Connected
44. What the weary get
45. Drunk Chaucer tale teller
46. Exhales with disdain or contempt

Down

1. Beetle Bailey antagonist
2. Snack that many dunk
3. The _____ !
4. Adherent suffix
5. Hearts and judges have them
6. Ones deriving pleasure from suffering
7. Yaz's team - for short
8. They often work in pairs in fields
9. Pig or Trojan
10. Bliss
11. Tools that don't go against the grain
12. What a pedagogue does
19. Noon for Nero?
23. Blood enemy
24. Berra or Bear
25. Troops in a town
26. It often has a twist
27. Floor plan feature to enhance school security (like at AHS)
28. Insect eaters that are purple at Ship Harbor
29. Cub Scout leader
30. Author Amy
32. Faker
33. Rome's river
34. Salts' stop
35. Lahr, Parks and Blyleven
37. You can see right through it
40. Up to
42. Gold in Genoa

Centennial Crossword

Can you find four Anacortes Rotary Presidents?



Answers at anacortesrotary.org

- Puzzle created by Jack Darnton

The Saga of the "Sea Hawk"

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale
a tale of a fateful trip,
that started from this stunning port,
aboard this tiny ship.
The mate was a mighty sailin' man,
the skipper brave and sure,
ten passengers set sail that day,
for a three hour tour,
a three hour tour.

Photo Paul Dorpat Collection

Anacortes American
August 15, 1946

Anacortes American
August 22, 1946

Rotarians Charter Boat For Cruise

● What promises to be an interesting trip is the cruise planned for Friday, August 16, of the Anacortes Rotary club when several of the members will travel to Sidney, B. C., to attend the inauguration of a newly formed Rotary club at Sidney.

One of Crouder's charter cruisers, the "Sea Hawk," will leave Anacortes at 12:30 Friday noon and return about 1:30 in the morning, according to Jesse Lewis, president of the club.

Boat Breakdown Cancels Visit

"How not to travel by boat" to attend an innauguration of a new Rotary post was amply illustrated by a group of Rotarians here last weekend who planned to attend a meeting at Sidney, British Columbia, in honor of the newly formed club there.

Chartering a local boat some ten Rotarians left here. More than half way to Sidney the boat broke down. Club members and the boat crew were forced to drift for several hours before being given a tow to an island. Here they were able to purchase a ride with a farmer after tramping for some distance, to the ferry terminal.

After further waiting they caught the ferry back to Anacortes, arriving home late in the evening, without even seeing the city of Sidney or even Vancouver Island.

A Rotary Scandal?

That was pulp fiction, a 1935 proclamation reveals

A June 5, 1935 proclamation from Anacortes Mayor Harry E. Mansfield was behind a headline-seeking, tongue-in-cheek "scandal" at a weekly Rotary meeting the same day.

The mayor's proclamation was issued to boost the annual Fourth of July celebration, along with the Annual Guest Day on July 3 that brought visitors to town. The mayor noted in his proclamation that certain of our citizenry have a burning desire to properly celebrate the birth of American Independence and at the same time preserve the tradition of hospitality so sacredly held by our city.

Whereas the wearing of some badge, insignia, or other distinguishing mark to properly promote and attract attention to such celebration seems advisable, and whereas Anacortes has gained renown as a wood pulp producing center, and whereas headgear made of wood pulp is comfortable, inexpensive and in most cases very becoming, the wood pulp hat had been adopted as the official insignia of the celebration boosters, the mayor proclaimed.

Further, and how Rotary got in supposed hot water and a headline, was the edict citizens shall appear in public only when properly hatted with the official Pulp Hat - violation punishable to the full extent of a "special law."

So with publicity for the July 4 events top of mind, the Anacortes Fire Department, the Mayor and the Hat-Enforcement Committee made a surprise raid, complete with bells and sirens, on Rotarians at their weekly luncheon. All members not wearing pulp hats were fined two bits amid great falderol, including much bluster and the handcuffing of Ben Driftmier.

BIG SCANDAL AT ROTARY LUNCH WED

Celebration of Hat Enforcement Started in Ernest City Officials Lead Drive for Publicity

'Mid ringing of bells and shirring of sirens the Anacortes Fire Department, the Mayor, patrol wagon and Hat-Enforcement committee made a surprise raid on the Rotarians who were peacefully eating their weekly luncheon, Wednesday. Arrests were made, including that of Chief of Police Ted Hove, nine fines were imposed, and the members of the press who were present were denounced by Mayor Mansfield, who said, "All persons in the down-town district, and especially those leaders of civic betterment such as members of the press, not wearing the official celebration hat, are unpatriotic, unworthy of their city and are liable to fine."



A Rotary year filled with Centennial Pride, Centennial Projects, Centennial History and Centennial Fun! Here's to 100 more years of Anacortes Rotary!

Opposite page: Guests visiting Anacortes Rotary from around the world often exchanged banners with our club. Their club banners were sewn onto larger felt banners and displayed at our club meetings.





*for supporting
Anacortes Rotary for
the past 100 years!*