

# Meet Sam Davidson

*Introduction by Grace Chien*

It's my pleasure to introduce Sam Davidson, classification insurance. Sam is a benefits broker with Kibble and Prentice working with mid-size employers. His sponsors are Sandy Walsh and Diankha Linear. If I were to describe Sam in one sentence it would be, a well traveled northwest native, athlete, and father who embraces service above self. So, let me break that down with a little more detail.

How well travelled is he? In the mid-90's he bought a plane ticket that allowed him one year of unlimited stops around the world. When his funds started to run out during his travels he earned money by getting an English speaking part in a Singapore movie and teaching English in Korea. Hiking in the Himalayas, riding the transiberian railway, volunteering in Mother Theresa's mission in Calcutta, staying with a farm family in rural China, visiting Jerusalem and the Great Wall were just a few of the highlights of the year.



As a northwest native, Sam grew up in Mercer Island where he played on the high school's football and basketball team.

He continued his athletic pursuits while attending the University of Montana where he played on the football team as a defensive lineman and graduated with a degree in business. He's still involved in athletics today; playing in the masters basketball league at the Washington Athletic Club and most importantly coaching his sons' football, basketball, and baseball teams.

Sam now makes his home in Madison Park with his wife Megan who is with us today and his two sons ages 8 and 6 who attend McGilvra elementary.

Sam embraces Service above Self in many ways. He serves on the board of the Children's Country Home which provides respite, residential, and end of life care for medically fragile children. He joins our club having held every office there is to hold with the Metropolitan Rotary Club. At Seattle 4 he is looking forward to joining the Arts Committee as he has a deep connection to the arts given that his dad is the owner of Davidson Galleries in Pioneer Square.

Please join me in a warm welcome to Sam Davidson, classification insurance, world traveler, northwest native, athlete, father, and our newest Rotarian.