

Meet Stacie Sherman

Introduction by Rob LoBosco

“I hate to mow my lawn. So, I ripped out all my grass and built an organic, edible landscape. During peak harvest, I am up all hours of the night chopping, cooking, freezing, and canning. My first year I picked 56 jars of veggies.”

So says our newest Seattle Rotarian, Stacie Sherman. I know what you were thinking—“Does he pick vegetables in that suit?” No, I wear a different suit.

Now you know just one of the many charming things about Stacie, whose favorite quote is “If you think adventure is dangerous, try routine. It’s lethal.” Having traveled to 29 countries, she has knocked down part of the Berlin wall, sung Karaoke in Japan, bathed an elephant in Thailand, was bathed by a large Turkish woman, hot-air-ballooned over Cappadocia, ate cow tongue in Italy, and caught the purple blanket on Prince’s Purple Rain tour.



She likes to visit places that are unfamiliar and experience how others live. She has lived in three countries and tries to travel internationally twice a year. Her next adventure is guiding her parents on their bucket list trip in September. And next year she will celebrate her birthday with the international trip of a lifetime.

But, now the inveterate traveler is looking to establish firmer roots and get to know the Pacific Northwest better. She came here six years ago from Sonoma, CA, where she worked in the wine industry and owned a fitness retreat. T-mobile brought her to Seattle and she continues to do brand strategy for them.

Establishing those roots, however, led Stacie to her passion. Single and happily sharing her home with cats Carter and Harley, she considered adopting a child, particularly one of the many older children who have only known foster families. At her first adoption fair, she was struck by the number of older children who clearly would not find parents that day. One teenaged girl appeared to have given up all hope. It broke Stacie’s heart.

The experience moved her to action, including joining Rotary to meet and learn from like-minded people. Her goal is to facilitate safe, stable housing for children aging out of the foster care system. And she has her work cut out for her.

According to Stacie, there are nearly 10,000 children in the Washington State foster care system. Most experience three different home placements, typically losing six months of academic progress with each move. These losses mean that less than 50% of these children will graduate high school, and only 11% will move on to higher education. Many eventually flee to the streets, where they are highly susceptible to drugs, sex trafficking, and violence.

There is always more we can do, and it helps to have a strong advocate to keep us current and active. I know Stacie will soon feel she has found in Seattle #4 the right place to learn, work hard, and give back. Oh, and make lifelong friendships and have fun!

Speaking of fun, Stacie is all for it. She loves to try new things, explore new places, and entertain her friends. Don't be surprised if you're soon invited to travel the globe with her. And expect pickled vegetables around the holidays.

Please join me in thanking her sponsors, Charley Dickey and Trent Mummery, and welcoming Stacie to Seattle #4.