

Meet Sue Bean

Introduction by Charley Dickey

Her dad sold Hallmark cards. Her mom stayed home caring for Sue and her two sisters. The Beans thrived in the out-of-doors and on outings to our local parks. Basecamp was the Eastside. With a Bellevue High diploma in hand, she earned a spot across the Lake in Huskyville in what was a prolonged baccalaureate program to secure an English History degree. You see, the UW is a lovely place to learn your fill of scholarly things; but, to wrap her head around 1,000 years of British history, Sue needed to fully deracinate herself from her Montlake surroundings. So, she lived in London for one long semester. To earn her way through it all required lots of odd jobs... and time, in fact seven years all told.



As a college kid, Sue was infected by the travel bug and since then has absorbed the culture of a dozen countries. And she's a wanderlust in our local backwoods too, the yen her loving parents instilled in her at a young age. Her boots have hit the ground around the Olympics, North Cascades, Mt. Rainier, Enchantments – you name it, she's hiked it! She finds her stride too in golf shoes, on and off the fairways and amongst the hazards up at Jefferson.

So, what does a wayfaring Seattle Native do when she's not? Four key words from her resume will tell you – fundraising, stewardship, philanthropy, advancement. She's a card carrying Certified Fundraising Executive. Sue's deft appeal has convinced major givers to sprinkle their surpluses on familiar causes. Notably, she has served in executive leadership roles at:



- The Northwest Burn Association
- The Seattle Central Community College Foundation

And, she's been the lead fundraiser for:

- The combined Seattle Community College District
- Seattle U's School of Law
- The Highline Medical Center Foundation

Now, Sue's the VP and Chief Development Officer at Sound Mental Health – a 50 year old organization providing support to more than 22,000 greater Seattlelites, in desperate need of stabilization from psychiatric trauma.

Sue will join professional colleagues Janet Arthur, her Proposer, and Patrick Evans, her boss, in wearing the Rotary pin with distinction and doing evermore to elevate the lives of others.



Oh – a final Sue Bean tidbit –she has one son, Sam – a law student at Yale.

It's time for me to stop talking about, and for you to start welcoming the first, the newest, 2018 Seattle 4 Rotarian, ... so let's give it up for Sue Bean!