In attendance: Monique, Kelly Lane, Mike Dunbar, Ann Voves, Carolyn Weyrick, Pamela Transue, Evelyn Ryberg, John Schneider, Michelle Roberts, Jim Whitacre

1. **What are the greatest needs in our community?** Homelessness, mental health, food security, Early childhood education, health care
2. **In what ways can Rotary best serve our community?** Use our members who represent many different agencies to determine where we can have the most impact. But we need to focus on something well defined and doable to have success. Our grants support organizations that are serving our community. Our auction helps organizations like Habitat for Humanity, which is this year’s beneficiary. We need better information about our community. Too many people are not counted during the census. The leadership of all the Rotary groups in Pierce County should meet and develop a unified approach. There are also many coalitions who can advise us on community needs. We need to try to think differently – not just projects – but a broader vision.

January 30, 2018 Fireside - Carol Webster
Excellent gathering . . . friendly atmosphere, constant chatting and laughing during social hour.
Lovely salmon dinner with baked baby reds, asparagus, salad, tiramisu, sorbet - wine and ginger ale
In attendance: Carol Webster, Marty Lough, Chris Serface, Alex Trettin, Don Doman, Donna Haynes, Greg Rolsma, Don Hansen, Robin Echtle, Gordon Neu

**What are the greatest needs in our community?**
**In what ways can our Rotary club best serve our community?**

Greatest problems/needs and perhaps how we can help
Twelve problems were identified, but additional comments were only made on seven.

**Results:**
- Illiteracy - Keep up with the little libraries
- Mental Illness - Cascade Park was asked by the state to convert one room to handle mental illness patients
- Veterans Assistance - PTS problems growing with 17 years of war, part of the homelessness problem, Marty knows of an organization on Shaw Road in Puyallup to help female veterans
- Homelessness - Help out Pierce County Homeless Connect (Health Department and South Sound Outreach), possibly adopt a family, provide individual (a person) grants, work with Goodwill Industries to help with jobs
- Healthcare Costs - Defensive Medicine to fight the cost of medicine
- Affordable Housing - Work with Connie Brown
- Trafficking - Perhaps work with other organization already involved
- Lack of a sense of community

Financial education for students
Liveable wages
Emergency Room overuse
Opioids
Fireside at Jim Merritt’s home Co-host Maria Harlow
Diane Kelleher, Cynthia Darland, Mark Anderson, Mark Lindquist, Mary Lynn Pannen, Barry Benson
Corey Hjalseth, Missy Zenczak

What is our communities greatest needs that need to be addressed

Opioid Crisis and other addictions
Homelessness
Youth Homelessness
Human Trafficking
Affordable Housing
Education, Skills and higher wage jobs
Sexual Harassment Awareness, Training and Changing the culture in our companies, organizations and even in our own club.
Mental Health

How can Rotary engage and make a difference?

Bring visibility
Advocacy
Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Training.
Bias awareness and how to avoid them

There was lots of discussion, but these were the topics.

Ideas include having programs to help people with awareness of the issues and opportunities of how they can volunteer, donate or help.

Rotary club 8 and others could champion a cause and work together with the community to move the solutions forward. Invite non-Rotarians and other Rotarians to join us.