

# Rotary Club of Sumner

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



GUEST SPEAKER

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### Jill Starks – President Sumner Main Street Association

Jill Starks is now the President of Sumner Main Street Association. It has been rebranded and also now eligible to receive donations that could have the “win-win” result of granting the donee a discount on B&O Taxes.

It’s called the Main Street Credit Incentive Program. Go to the Dep’t. of Revenue (<https://dahp.wa.gov/local-preservation/main-street-program/main-street-tax-credit-program>) and pledge a donation to Sumner Main Street Association, make that donation and the next year, get a rebate on the taxes at 75% of the amount of the donation.

Jill also outlined the many 2020 Accomplishments despite the difficulties of this past year. 1) Outreach - serving 90 businesses in Sumner, 2) “Light Up” Sumner — with lights outlining the business buildings, 3) Created a new “Walking Map” and calendar of events, and more.

## New Members

- Bonney Lake Food Bank  
*representatives: Jenson Isham and Stacey Crnich*



### Monica Hurley Covid Vaccination Program

Monica Hurley sent this information about the Covid Vaccination program. It sounds like you need to keep trying to find a site with vaccines.



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# Happy Bucks

Bud — 2 new fire trucks in service

Sherm — Sad buck — his daughter recruited Sherm for a painting party at her new house which was Tim Thomson's house.

Tim T — for a good sale with Sherm's daughter

Steve Starr — happy buck for rain in Arizona and sad buck because he couldn't get the covid vaccine because he's not old enough.

Marilee — Thank you to Sumner Rotary for contributing to the fund that provides financial assistance to

students and families that have emerging needs such as the initial deductible for medical expenses.



Sherm Voiles — Sherm reminded us that his son, Luke, died 18 years ago from cancer. His college initially made a memorial to be placed in front of the soccer stadium for each game and then removed after the game. However, with an updated stadium, new coach, etc., his college has now placed a mural behind one of the goals with Luke's name and in Luke's honor.

## Quick Notes

Pop Quiz:

Rotary International magazine, February issue is out! What's the cover/main article about?

- A. Ron Mulner
- B. Covid-19
- C. Polio Vaccine
- D. Tainan City, Taiwan

{Answer on p. 4}

## Bill Heath

Bill Heath died on January 17, 2021. He was 97 years old. Bill retired as the Sumner High School principal.

He was Sumner Rotary's "poster child" for what we aspire to be as Rotarians. He had a way of drawing people in and getting the most they could contribute to whatever good cause he championed. He is best known for the park and sports complex

now known as the Bill Heath Sports Complex. However, for those that knew him personally, he was much more than a person who did lots of good things.



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## Guest Speakers – cont'd

I know folks are anxious – the best advice I can offer is keep trying, and know that the people who are working to get this out are doing the best they can with the information that they have at the moment. In previous times, we have had years to work on vaccines for small pox and polio – this roll out has been less than 10 months. There is a lot that changes rapidly. Keep masking, washing hands and stay safe.

Vaccine information for our patients and other members of the public is available on our new vaccine information site, including who is eligible to get the vaccine and when. While waiting, register for mycharts – tip sheet above.

### Laurie Dent Sumner Superintendent

She started her presentation by emphasizing how we all are a community of serving others. She acknowledged us Rotarians as always answering the call when the community needs help.

Her main presentation: Return to In-Person Learning

Some of our children back to school. She gave us an update on the school district re-opening and where we are currently situated. There are six stages. Stage one is no school and stage six is back to normal. We are currently at stage 4 where kindergartner through second grade can meet in person. Grades 3 through 5 starting on February 2 as a



highbred system. This means that some students return to school and some stay at home.

Stage 5 is where middle school starts and then high school starts much later.

Tim Thomsen reports on sports: Sports

will start up in early February. Fans will not be allowed to attend. It will be a short in season for winter sports followed by spring sports. Baseball and basketball will probably start around the first week of May.

Ron Mulner asked why Washington is so slow in starting the sports programs compared to other states. Tim responded by saying that Washington takes a safer approach than other states.

Ms. Gaines reported how the schools are preparing for school in person. She is proud of the teachers in their efforts with remote learning and everyone is very excited as students start to return. Students have many different ways to connect to their home school. We are giving our children every chance to succeed and graduate on time.

Mr. Gaines explained the various safety features in place for operations. They will have temperature scanners available. Some people need different kinds of masks or can't wear any at all.



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# LAURIE DENT (CONT'D P.3)

With some adjustments, the band and choir will also be able to meet.

Ms. Finigan reported about the special services in special education programs. In person special education learning began in September. It started at two hours at a time and now it is based on an a.m./p.m. schedule. They also operate the Community Based Transition Program. This program integrates special students into the job market and the community can

continue to provide support for this program by providing various work opportunities. To learn more about this program contact Larren Moraz 253-891-5078.

Sumner high school has a Daffodil princess. Both high schools are engaging in activities and events throughout the school year.



Any students who have contracted Covid have gotten it from home or relatives, not from school. If teachers are concerned about getting Covid, there are options for them to continue distant learning from home or take leave.

## Bill Heath – cont'd from p. 2

He truly cared for others above himself. He left a legacy of being a good citizen to Sumner and through Rotary, the world. An excellent news article was written about him and many of you are quoted in it. It is well worth reading and more than I could say to honor him.

[Read the Tribune/Herald Article Here.](#)



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## Answer to Pop Quiz (p.2)

C. Polio vaccine. See full article on page 28.