

Rotary Club of Sumner

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



President Sherm

HIGHLIGHT MOMENT

President Sherm Happy New Year

Go to this [YouTube link](#) to see our favorite Sumner High School choir's song:



I hope all of you have had a wonderful Christmas and holiday break thus far. At least the best possible during our "year of separation".

When I was first approached about being our club's president for the 2020-21 Rotary year, I certainly didn't imagine that it would take place during a world wide pandemic. Almost the last ten months of 2020 has had us isolated in our homes, "masked up"



when we do manage to venture out, and has kept our children and grandchildren out of school since March. It has put many in our community, and throughout the world, in a great deal of financial stress. Many have lost friends, loved ones, and family members to the disease. It's been a year that most of us never dreamed would happen, even though many professionals long warned of pandemic possibilities.

Eleven months after the initial

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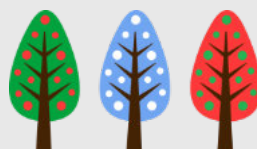
Zoom Meetings

- Our Zoom Meetings through June 2021 will have the following ID and Passcode:

Meeting ID: 838 6409 5155
Passcode: 455768

New Members

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



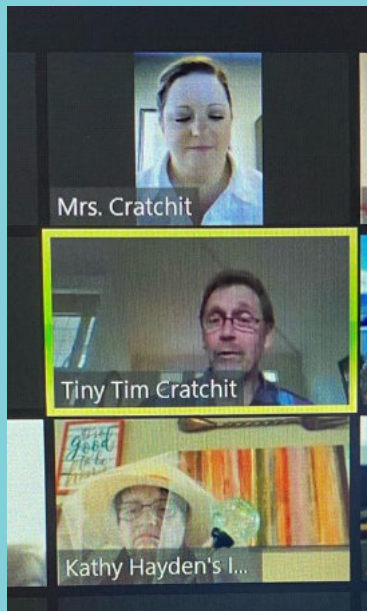
At the Meetings *Scrooge*

December 22, 2020

Marilee Hill-Anderson reported that over 175 families were helped with gifts and food for the holidays. Sumner Rotary arranged for bikes that were donated from Waste Connections.

More info - Kathy Hayden

Pat Duffy put on a Holiday Trivia Quiz. Liz Ringer was the winner of the contest with 6 correct answers. She won a Starbucks Card.



Mike Dobb - Bob Cratchit

Mayor Bill Pugh - Ebenezer Scrooge

Martha - Tina Pries

Carmen Pollastro - Woman on the Street

Ron McCorkle - ? Man on the street

Tim Thomsen - Tiny

Tim

The program ended with Ron McCorkle presenting a Charlie Brown Christmas. Robyn Honeysett did a Christmas reading about what Christmas is all about.



Sumner Rotary Playhouse Players presented

"A Christmas Carol" directed and arranged by Sherm Voiles

Sherm Voiles - Orson Wells

Kathy Hayden - Spirit of Christmas Present

Liz Ringer - Mrs. Cratchit

Skip Pries - Man on the Street

Quick Notes

Pop Quiz:

Which one of these people was not a founding member of Rotary?

- A. Gustavus Loehr
- B. Paul Harris
- C. Silvester Stallone
- D. Silvester Schiele
- E. Hiram Shorey

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Committee Reports SMS Interact Report



On Monday mornings, SMS Interact Club members have started a Reading Buddy program to help students at Daffodil Valley Elementary. It has beneficial for both the Interact Club members and students from Daffodil. They plan to start a program with Maple Lawn after the New Year.

SMS Interact Club thanked Sumner Rotary for the \$500 donated for the Toy Box, a holiday gift program.



President Sherm – cont'd

Happy New Year 2021

U.S. coronavirus diagnosis, I sit in front of my computer as the first “virtually inducted” President in the 94 year history of the Rotary Club of Sumner. While being “first” in something that is often to be admired, this certainly wasn’t a “first” that I was anticipating or looking toward, nor is it a first that is particularly admirable. For most of us the pandemic has brought many “firsts” that have proven to be a challenge, even to the point of causing some mental anguish. We are in a world where we are often not able to shake hands, hug, or be physically close to many of our friends and family. None of us are connected to people in the way we are normally accustomed to. There are friends in our club that I haven’t seen face-to-face in months. No longer do I go to Starbucks two or three mornings a week for coffee with “the boys”. The last nine months of 2020 has certainly been a challenge!

Fortunately we are in an age where we can be a little less disconnected because of Zoom conferencing. Some of our members have attended all of our weekly

club meetings since the inception of Zoom meetings in April. Others have been able to join in almost all of the Zoom gatherings. It’s been a welcome way to take an hour out of a week to “see” some of our friends who share the same goal of helping others. If you haven’t been able to join us regularly, please take the time and opportunity to do so in 2021. I think you’ll be glad you did and find that it is time well spent during this pandemic when we have so little opportunity to visit with people. (Plus it will keep your attendance numbers up! :))

The setting of dates for our traditional big events is on hold until we have more certainty as to what lies ahead. With the arrival of the new Covid19 vaccines we “may” be able to resume some, or all, of our normal activities by this Spring or early Summer. In the meantime, let’s try to “reimagine” (the new buzzword for 2020) what we can do for club activities and fundraising during this new virtual era. Please contact me with any ideas you may have.

*Here’s to a Happy and
Wonderful New year
in 2021!!*

*With Gratitude for all
of you!*

Sherm Voiles



6 Tips for Looking Good on Zoom



We want to look great, be safe, happy, and might I add, look great?

In our new normal of the COVID-19 era, many of us have turned to the webcam and video meetings in place of school, work conferences, and many of us are spending our days on video conferences hosted by Zoom . . .

Here are some helpful tips on how to look great on zoom:

1. Appearance — Start with the basics. Comb your hair . . . Wearing a really busy plaid or patterned outfit will make the viewers' eyes go numb. . . .

2. Lighting — Here's where most people fail in web conferences. They have . . . "Shady Face," that is, half of their face is shaded or blocked in some way. . . . face the window, which will give you soft, people-pleasing light.

3. Background — You want people focusing on your face, not on what's behind you. . . . sometimes the "trinkets" on the shelf will cause distractions.

4. Perspective

— Here's the biggest no-no. Get rid of what he calls "wide-angle face." The cameras on smartphones and webcams are wide-angle. So if you get too close to it, you will look distorted. In other words, step back from the camera.

5. Eye Level — Don't have the webcam looking up at you, because that will turn you into "Look up my nostrils dude." Let's put it this way. The camera under the face is the oldest unflattering look in the books. . . . "Eye to eye contact is the best connection." Look at that camera directly, straight ahead.

6. Sound — While we just told you to step away and not be so close, don't be so far away that the microphone won't hear you. Remember to put the kids and other sound distractions in another room during your meeting, if you can.



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Birthdays in January

Brian Anderson	Sherm Voiles
Lee Hansen	Lowell Baird
Liz Ringer	Trudy Bleiler
Mike Carnahan	Mike Dobbs



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Answer to Pop Quiz (p.2)

C. Sylvester Stallone is a living actor known for his series of movies, Rocky.