

Rotary Club of Leavenworth



Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Program This Week



Club Meeting

Leavenworth
Meets at Kristalls
280 Highway 2
Leavenworth, WA
98826
Time: Friday at
12:00 PM

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Morey Grosse
February 3rd
Shawna Alexander
February 10th

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Our speaker this week will be
John Sutherland, General

Manager of the Leavenworth Adventure Park.

John Sutherland brings nearly 40 years of management, development, and supervisory experience in the leisure and administrative industries in Colorado and Washington. John received his college education from his time in Colorado where he was awarded a B.A. in Business and A.A.S. in Ski and Resort Management. He was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in the Maryland suburbs until he moved to Colorado at age 18 for college.

John's first love has always been (and will always be) the ski industry where he began his career, but has also dabbled in theater and spent many years as an administrator at the University of Washington.

He began his ski industry career in Colorado as a ski area manager of a small, now defunct, ski area named Arapahoe East, which was opened by one of the original founders of Arapahoe Basin. He eventually moved on to Vail where he managed a resort spa and health club for Marriott. He then worked for Vail Associates (now Vail Resorts) by helping open Beaver Creek, and then moved to the corporate offices (in Vail at that time) as a staff accountant responsible for commercial leasing and notes receivable among other duties. John moved to Washington in 1987. He was a ski area manager for the Summit-at-Snoqualmie, and was responsible for introducing commercial mountain biking to Washington state by opening the Ski Acres Mountain Bike Center. John has been a long-time advocate of introducing summer operations to formerly winter-only businesses. He is also a former Director of the Summit Learning Center for the Summit at Snoqualmie (ski areas) on Snoqualmie Pass, Washington with over 350 instructors and volunteers. John was also an instructor and coach for the Colorado Blind Skier Program and a former trainer for Outdoors for All. John just spent his 18th year directing the ski/snowboard guiding program for Whistler Pride, where nearly 2,000 guests were guided over 6 days. John knew, before he ever put skis on his feet, that he wanted to be involved in skiing for his life. John's idea for the Leavenworth Adventure Park was born out of his ski industry experience. His primary business partner is Dave Moffett. John worked for the Moffett family when they owned the ski areas on Snoqualmie Pass.

John spent nearly two decades of his career at the University of Washington (UW), where his most treasured time was as the Director (chief administrative officer) of the Department of Family Medicine. The UW Department of Family Medicine is a nationally recognized leader (#1) in

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-  [Karen Haire](#)
Rotary Youth Exchange Chair

the field of primary health care with over 1,200 faculty and staff across a five-state region. He was also a consultant for various departments and colleges.

John also loves theater, and started a small, independent professional theater company in Seattle, Sidecountry Theatre. He has produced two musicals, (one at A Contemporary Theater, one independent), and is currently writing the book for a third. He's looking forward to eventually producing in Leavenworth, and has introduced the idea of getting a state designation of Creative District for Leavenworth, which is intended to promote and amplify the arts within a defined district.

John does love coasters, and was part of a group of 7 people who were the first to establish the world's record for riding the most number of different coasters in 24 hours in October 2000. (Guinness Book of Records, 2002.) The record was broken the following year. John successfully introduced the idea of a major theme park to Lakewood, Washington. Although the project was never built due to the political climate, he created the concept, persuaded the city to move forward, and introduced a major theme park developer to the city. John was featured in The Puget Sound Business Journal and News Tribune for his work on the Lakewood project.

To see more about the park, visit their website: [Leavenworth Adventure Park | Alpine Coaster Leavenworth WA](#)

Thank You to our Speaker Last Week!



Our speaker last week was **Sara Wittenberg** with the **Pollinator Partnership**.

Sara shared the work of the Pollinator Partnership with us, and how it is making positive strides in rebuilding our pollinator population. She informed us of the many resources we can use as individuals in making a difference in rebuilding our own Leavenworth community pollinator population. We were instructed on how we can build our own pollinator environment regardless of size - from planters on decks to restoring acreage to natural native habitats for pollinator insects and birds (such as hummingbirds).

Sara also graciously said we could email her with any questions we may have. Her email address is: sw@pollinator.org

Unfortunately, Sara didn't want the recording of her presentation shared, so we cannot link it here. But, for more information about the Pollinator Partnership and many resources that Sara referred to in her presentation, go to <https://www.pollinator.org/>

Senior Night with Jesper



Let's cheer Jesper and his teammates on as they play on Senior Night at the CHS Varsity Boys Basketball Game!
Please wear your Rotary Logo hats :)
Details are below:

Boys Varsity Basketball

Senior Night

Tue-Feb-4-2025 7:15 PM

Game Date:
Tuesday, Feb 4th, 2025
Starts:
7:15pm
Home
vs. Manson High School
Location:
Cascade High School - Leavenworth
10190 Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth WA 98826

Registration now Open for Rotaryfest!



Rotaryfest 2025 will be held on **Saturday, April 5, 2025.**

We will be celebrating our 50th "Golden Anniversary" year with a Gold Rush Theme in an old-west style saloon vibe.

Registration is now open! Click the link below to register:

<https://leavenworthrotarywa.com/rotaryfest-2024.php>

All members interested in volunteering are welcome to the next Rotaryfest planning meeting:

Tuesday, February 11

4:30 pm

Blue Spirits Distillery Tasting Room

Join us in making this a big and successful fundraiser!

Procurements

Let's start NOW asking for or getting donations for our live and silent auction items! A printable procurement form will be sent to all members in an upcoming email, or you can pick up forms at our Friday or Satellite meetings.

Jane Dingman will be in charge of accepting donations. You may drop off donations at our Friday meetings, and we will get them to her, or you can contact Jane directly to arrange a drop-off at **509.433.8397**.

We are seeking sponsors ASAP!

If you know of possible sponsors for our event, please contact Mahala Murphy-Martin at mahalamartin@outlook.com.

Differences in Cultural Norms



We are fortunate to have Youth Exchange students from around the world wanting to spend a year with our Leavenworth club and community. The students get the opportunity to learn about our culture from us, as we learn about theirs from them.

We have an opportunity this year to practice one of the cultural norms that our Rotary Youth Exchange Committee would like to see become a club standard in communicating with our Youth Exchange students. This cultural norm is the practice of **no physical contact, including hand shakes, touches on the arms and shoulders, and any other greeting involving physical touch unless the student initiates it first.**

Let's all work together when meeting with our Youth Exchange students to help them feel welcome and comfortable in their Leavenworth club and community.

If you would like to learn more about this and other Rotary policies working with youth, please contact Gary Schuster at GaryMSchuster@yahoo.com who administers the Youth Protection and Awareness course and Youth Exchange background checks.

Greeter This Week



Our Greeter this Week will be **Mike Smith!**

Greeter spots have been filled through March 21st, with spots remaining for the rest of the Rotary year. Sign-ups will be available at our Friday meetings, or you can contact melanieabaur@gmail.com if you'd like to reserve a date.

What is the job of a Greeter?

- Show up 20-30 minutes early for the meeting
- As people come in, hand club members their badges and greet all guests
- If guests are Rotarians from other clubs, please have them sign our guestbook
- As a Greeter, if you would like to give an inspirational message after our 4 Way Test, please let the Co-President know before the meeting (*this is optional*)
- During introductions of guests: the Greeter will introduce the guest(s) or the club member who brought the guest, who will then do introductions

For those who have red badges, being a Greeter for a meeting is one of the requirements of achieving a blue badge.

Thank you for volunteering!

Rotary International Fellowships

Do you currently belong to a Rotary (International) Fellowship? If so, please contact Melanie at melanieabaur@gmail.com. We would like to compile a list of our members and the Fellowships they belong to. Maybe others in our own club would like to join you in your Rotary Fellowship?

If not, you are missing out on an opportunity to connect with others world-wide:

"Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience."

I noticed a few Fellowships on the list that might be of interest to our current members, including:

- Pickleball
- Cycling
- Skiing
- Wine
- Gourmet Cooking
- Whiskey
- Urban Gardening
- Wildlife Conservation
- Vintage Collectibles
- Horseback Riding
- Home Exchange
- Hiking
- Golf

- Flying
- Motorcycling
- Mountains
- Mentoring
- Startup Investors
- *and many, many more!*

To find out more about Rotary Fellowships, the ones available, and how to start your own, visit the Rotary Fellowship website: [Rotary Fellowships | Rotary International](#)

Satellite Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
8 am
Renaissance Cafe



Our Satellite Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 am at the Renaissance Cafe.

Jane Dingman hosts these meetings, which incorporate downtown business community news with a Leavenworth Rotary Club report.

Join us as we meet members of the our local business community in this unique blend of meeting and fellowship.

Get Ready for Calgary!



There is still time to register for the **2025 Rotary International Convention** in Calgary, Canada.

The conference runs from **June 21–25, 2025**.

For more information and to register, visit [Rotary Convention](#) or click [here](#).

Rotary Foundation Moments

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WHAT ARE DISTRICT AND GLOBAL GRANTS?

The Rotary Foundation has spent more than US\$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects around the world. Rotary members can work with communities through Foundation grants, and two key options are district and global grants.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Your district chooses what activities it will fund with these grants, such as humanitarian projects, scholarships, youth programs, or vocational training teams.

Global grants fund large, international activities with sustainable and measurable results in Rotary's areas of focus. These can include humanitarian projects, scholarships for graduate-level study, or vocational training teams.

Learn about another kind of grant next week!

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February Birthdays



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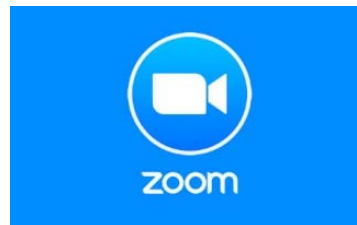
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If you wish to contact the Rotary Club of Leavenworth by mail, our address is:

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Weekly Meeting Zoom Link



If you cannot join us in person, the ZOOM link is listed below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84344654802>

Password: Rotary
