

September 2019

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## PHE Staff in the Community

Pilkey-Hopping & Ekberg is #Heartwalking together on October 5th to improve the health of our communities.



American Heart Association

Heart and Stroke Walk™

The name of our team is "Stomp Heart Disease". You can join us to support our efforts to make our cities a healthier place for all of us by helping us in several ways. First, you can help us reach our fundraising goal of \$2500 through the American Heart Association 2019 South Sound Heart Walk by making a donation at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/StompHeartDisease> to accelerate science to save lives and impact the overall well-being of Americans. We're not just walking for our health. We're funding big science that created the artificial heart valve.

Second, you can join our team! Visit the [web page above](#) and click the button to "Join This Team". We would love to see you on October 5th!

### Walker Routes

5K Route



Warrior Route



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## Local Events

September 6

**Soroptimist Intl of Tacoma  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
Fundraiser**

Oakbrook Golf Club

8102 Zircon Dr SW, Lakewood

11am to 7pm

Fundraiser for annual scholarships and helping local women and girls organizations in Pierce County.

To reserve your spot, send a Facebook message to SI Tacoma or email [l.bittner@Comcast.net](mailto:l.bittner@Comcast.net)

[www.soroptimistnwr.org](http://www.soroptimistnwr.org)

August 30 – September 22

(closed Tuesdays & Sept 4)

**Washington State Fair**

Puyallup Fairgrounds

The place that brings people together, generation after generation – 20 days of fun!

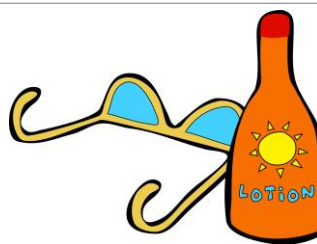
[www.thefair.com](http://www.thefair.com)

## Did you know?

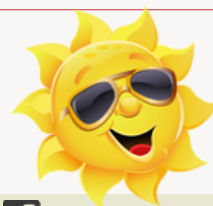
Get sunglasses and more with your HSA or FSA

Did you know that you can use the pre-tax dollars set aside in your health savings account (HSA) or flexible spending account (FSA) to visit a dermatologist? Whether you need a general checkup of have a specific skin concern, your HSA or FSA can help you save.

Aside from doctor visits, you can use HSA or FSA funds for sun protection. Prescription sunglasses qualify as an eligible medical expense. Sunscreen and lip balm with an SPF of 15 or higher, as well as medicated sunburn ointments, are also eligible.



The last hurrah of summer -- Our office will be closed Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day



## NON-PROFIT OF THE QUARTER

### Pilkey-Hopping & Ekberg's Non-Profit of the Quarter:

#### Greater Gig Harbor Foundation

serving Washington's greater Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula communities since 2006!

Pilkey-Hopping & Ekberg is pleased to support Greater Gig Harbor Foundation, the Non-Profit of the Quarter. For every referral we receive this quarter, we'll donate \$5 to this organization.



For more information about the Foundation or to get involved, please visit [www.gigharborfoundation.org](http://www.gigharborfoundation.org) – or contact via email [info@gigharborfoundation.org](mailto:info@gigharborfoundation.org) or call 253-514-6338, ext. 103



Building, Bridging, Enriching!

The Greater Gig Harbor Foundation (GGHF), a 501 (c)(3) community foundation brings people together to work toward healthy, thriving and sustainable communities.

Over the past 12 years, the Foundation has put philanthropy into action to help meet diverse community needs across Washington's greater Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas. The holistic and cross-disciplinary community foundation has provided more than \$7 million in resources to support a diversity of core community projects and programs vital to arts and culture, education, parks and our environment, youth sports and recreation programs, community-based hunger relief, and our region's ever-increasing senior population, since 2006.

Among the Foundation's varied efforts are:

- Commitment to **higher education** and academic excellence through the *Students of Distinction Program*. The scholar recognition program annually awards post-secondary scholarships and recognizes 36 graduating seniors from the Peninsula School District for their superior accomplishments in seven different categories.
- **Food insecurity** through both its *Gig Harbor Thanksgiving Basket Brigade* and the *#Community Harvest* – a community-wide hunger relief project has actively engaged thousands in works to help address food insecurity across our Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas. In 2019, the program has already surpassed its 2018 goal, through the provision of essential ingredients to provide some 5,400 area children and their families a total of about 18,500 meals! While the *Basket Brigade* packaged and delivered some 1,500 Thanksgiving baskets to area families in need.
- *Community Spirit Grants* awarded to five area nonprofit organizations, provided support to projects impacting our community in at least one of the Foundation's five focus areas. Core *Spirit* grant requirements include, community participation, volunteerism, and fun!

Through these and other programs and services, the GGHF provided over 9,000 hours of service and more than 600 volunteers, totaling over \$360,000 in support to area organizations, events, projects and activities in 2018 alone!

## Rate and Review Us!

Thank you to all who have taken the time to complete our past customer surveys. It really helps us to know how we are doing. We have a new Rate and Review system on our website, [www.pheinsurance.com](http://www.pheinsurance.com). You can leave your comments there or please feel free to email us at [insurance@pheinsurance.com](mailto:insurance@pheinsurance.com) any time with any concerns you have or if you just want to give kudos to one of us.

*On behalf of our team, we sincerely thank you for your business and look forward to your feedback.*

*"Appreciate the quick responses...AnnMarie is a Rockstar!." Bill G.*

*"Pam was fabulous! Very knowledgeable and incredibly helpful...she was a wealth of knowledge pertaining to Medicare as well." Ed T.*

## CUSTOMER FEEDBACK





## Puttin' for Teens



#GOLFFORTEENS

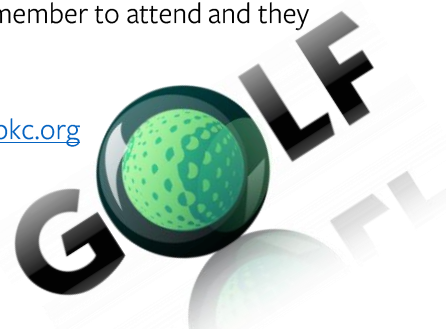
CANTERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

The YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties' 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament for Teens was held on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Canterwood Golf & Country Club. This event benefits Late Nite Teens.

Teen Late Nite encourages the development of youth in grades 6-12 by providing a safe environment, consistent adult involvement, and fun activities that foster excellence and a positive attitude. Free to any teens in the community. You do not need to be a member to attend and they encourage you to bring your friends!

For more info, visit their website [www.ymcapkc.org](http://www.ymcapkc.org)

The team of Donna, Reid, Jessica and Andrew came in one over par!



## Just for Fun - Employee Appreciation Day

Our annual Employee Appreciation Day was on a beautiful day in July. The office was split into teams for the first ever PHE Open Championship at Highlands Golf Course. The teams were drawn up with an even mix of golf experience levels and an easy playing format that meant no pressure, just a walk in the park and a couple putts.

Congratulations to the team of Reid, Pam and AnnMarie for taking first place!

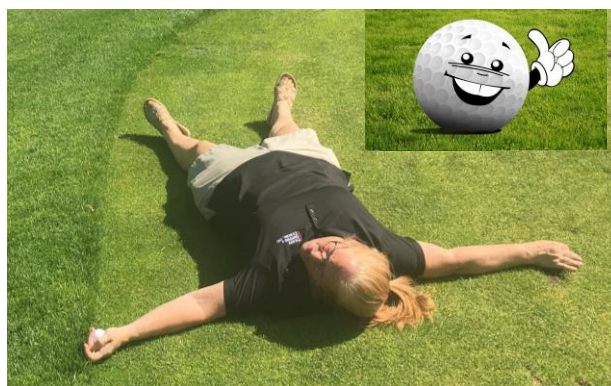


^ The winning team – Pam, Reid and Ann Marie



← Putting with Pam – winner winner!

This picture says it all...it was a very warm day! →



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*Refer someone to Pilkey-Hopping & Ekberg Insurance and get something back!*

What qualifies as a referral? A referral is when we get a call for a quote from someone saying you referred them to us.

For every referral, you get:

- A \$5 Starbucks gift card!
- We also match this with a gift to a non-profit of the quarter. This quarter, the recipient is Greater Gig Harbor Foundation.

That's it! The person you refer is under no obligation to purchase a policy from us. Give it a try! We appreciate your trust in us.