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*The Landmark Convention Center is holding other events that may impact our free parking. You are encouraged to carpool to the Rotary meeting. Also, please refrain from parking in spots reserved for local businesses, as your vehicles may be towed away at your expense. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

**This Thursday's Rotary Meeting will be held upstairs in the Corinthian Ballroom at the Landmark Temple Theatre.**

**Please Join Us for a Mini Club Assembly and Community Service Grants Awards by President Jeff Rounce**

This week's Rotary program will focus on our club's endeavors in local community service. Hear how your donations to the Tacoma Rotary Foundation, "Rotary Unplugged" auction and other #8 fundraisers are put to good work in the community.

We will also be awarding Phase II Community Service Grants. The Grants Committee will summarize the overall focus/emphasis that drives decisions by the committee and discuss possible large grant opportunities in coming years.

Remember, we will be upstairs in the Corinthian Ballroom this week and parking may be tight.


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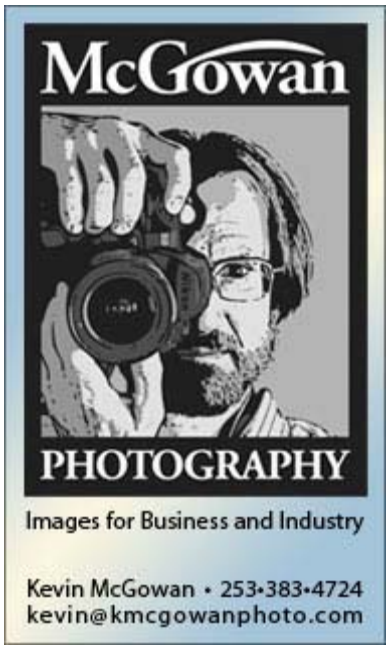

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## This Week's Helpers

Thanks so much to the people who will be helping at this week's meeting:

Invocator - **Tim Waer**
Greeter - **Art Jarvis**
Badge Board & Roving Mics - **Cameron Fellows** and **Brian Simpson**
Singer - **Linn Larsen**
Piano - **Barbara Mead**
Birthdays - **Nita Sell**
Fine Counters - **Justin Anderson** and **Amelia Benitez**
Story Writer - **John Morrison**
Speaker Introduction - **President Jeff Rounce**

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## Roamers

Feb 05 - **Charlotte Chalker** - Palm Desert
Feb 05 - **Lee Gingrich** - Palm Desert
Feb 06 - **Don Anderson** - Lakewood
Feb 10 - **AJ Gordon** - Tacoma North
Feb 10 - **Becky Fontaine** - Comox Valley
Feb 13 - **Charlotte Chalker** - Palm Desert
Feb 13 - **Lee Gingrich** - La Quinta
Feb 13- **Becky Fontaine** - Powell River
Feb 12 - **Bob Swanson** - Tacoma West
Feb 12 - **Larry Treleven** - Jacksonhole, Wyoming
Feb 13 - **Juanita Carbaugh** - Gig Harbor
Feb 17 - **Erik Hill** - Tacoma North
Feb 17 - **Vanessa Hurley** - Tacoma North
Feb 17 - **Laurie Kastenbaum** - Tacoma North
Feb 18 - **John West** - Bellevue Overlake
Feb 19 - **Richard Jamison** - South Hill
Feb 20 - **Ross Hjelseth** - Unknown

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## Club Anniversaries

**Carroll Dickson**: 21 years on 2/25
**Ray Velkers**: 3 years on 2/23
**Jack Warnick**: 29 years on 2/28

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## Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

**Next Three Meetings**
**THURSDAY, March 5 -** Landmark Temple Theatre, Dale A. Anderson, BCRA - Influence in Pierce County
**THURSDAY, March 12 -** Landmark Temple Theatre, Vocational Talks - **Peter Comfort** of Propel and **Brett Willis** of Tacoma Radiation Oncology Center
**THURSDAY, March 19 -** Landmark Temple Theatre, **Jim Merritt**, speaking on Sound Transit

**Committee and Other Meetings**
**TUESDAY, February 24** - Fellowship & Relationship Committee Meeting, Farrelli's Gourmet Wood Fire Pizza, 3518 6th Avenue, Tacoma, 5:00pm.
**TUESDAY, February 24** - Auction Committee Meeting, The Humane Society (upstairs board room), 2608 Center Street, Tacoma, 6:00pm. $5 for dinner.
**TUESDAY, February 24** - Intro to Rotary Social (see article under Announcements for details), Varsity Grill, 1124 Broadway, Tacoma, 5:00-7:00pm. RSVP to Pete Taylor, peterotary8@comcast.net.
**THURSDAY, February 26** - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.
**FRIDAY, February 27** - Membership Development Committee Meeting, Knapp's Restaurant, 2707 N. Proctor, 7:30am.

**If you have a committee meeting that you would like listed in the GearShift please e-mail Lori Hansen at lhansen@rotary8.org.**

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## New Members This Week

**Krysta Willoughby**
Krysta was introduced to membership by her sponsor **Karyn Whitacre** on February 19, 2009. Her classification is "ASSNS: Performing Arts." Welcome to the club, Krysta!

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## Announcements

**Membership Proposals**
Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by March 5, the following individuals will be invited to membership:

**Ryan Backlund**
Regional Manager
Wells Fargo
Classification: FINANCE/BANKING - Private Banking
Sponsor: **Don Anderson**

**Jim Charboneau**
Director of Project Development
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**On the Mend...**
Warm thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Robert Klein** who was recently hospitalized.

**Intro to Rotary**
On Tuesday, February 24, the Membership Development Committee will be holding an "Intro to Rotary" social at the Varsity Grill, 1124 Broadway, between 5-7 p.m. This is an opportunity for prospects to learn about Rotary and our club in an informal and informative setting. If you have a membership candidate who is thinking about joining but who has not yet been proposed, please invite him/her to attend. Please RSVP their names to the Rotary office, 473-7723 or info@rotary8.org or to Pete Taylor, peterotary8@comcast.net.
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**NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**
**RI Convention**
Need an excuse to visit Europe in June? Think about attending the Rotary International Convention June 21-24 in Birmingham, England. The International Convention is an awesome way to be part of the global family of Rotary. Discounted registration is available through the end of March. Visit www.rotaryconvention2009.com for detailed information. (And—if you decide to attend, please let the Rotary office know.)

**District Conference Right Around The Corner…**
…And in our own backyard! District 5020 Rotarians from Port Hardy, BC, to Woodland, Washington, will meet April 24-26 for the "Celebrating Our Dreams" District 5020 Conference in Bremerton. There you will see and hear inspirational Rotarians, programs and displays. Visit www.rotary5020.org for more information.

ROTARY UNPLUGGED

**Practice Makes Perfect!**
At our Rotary meeting this week we will have a sample of how the Bid-o-gram will work at this year's auction. There will be a few items to bid on, so bring your checkbook!

**Auction Donations**
If you haven't already done so, now is the time to bring your auction donations and certificates to the Rotary office. We'd like to have all the items by the end of the week so we can get them

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**MultiCare**
**Tacoma Goodwill Industries**
**Trio NW Business Solutions - In Kind**
**Carol Webster**

BLUE Level - $1,000
**Bruce Titus Chevrolet -**

cataloged. If your item is too large and must be delivered to the auction directly, please let the Rotary office know.

**Second Auction Meeting in February**
Now that the auction is right around the corner, there will be another February auction meeting held at THE HUMANE SOCIETY, 2608 CENTER STREET on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 PM. The entrance for the meeting is the staff entrance on the West side of the Building. (To the right of the main entrance.) Proceed up the stairs to the conference room. Kathleen's cell is 988-0827. Dinner will be served for a bottle of wine or $5.00.

**PANDAKA CORNER**
Pandakas - Are you tired of red? Ready to graduate? The next Pandaka graduation is scheduled for Thursday, March 12. If you are ready to graduate, contact Pandaka Chair, **Jan Brazzell**, at jan@advancementconsulting.com to let her know. Please be sure you have updated your master checklist in the Pandaka binder. The binder is kept at the back table at each Rotary meeting.

**Upcoming Relationship Building Socials**
The Fellowship/Relationship Building Committee invites all members of Tacoma 8 to join them on Thursday evenings at 5 pm in Tacoma unless otherwise noted. These socials are a great way to meet some new Rotarians or catch up with old friends. Pandakas, these meetings will fulfill your "social" requirement prior to graduation and, for all members, it's a fun way to earn attendance credits.

**February 26** - Wingers Bar & Grill, 5221 Tacoma Mall Blvd, Tacoma - 253-471-9464
**March 5** - New Frontier Lounge, 301 E. 25th St., Tacoma - 253-572-4020
**March 12** - Spar, 2121 N 30th, Tacoma - 253-627-8215
**March 19** - Game On Sports Grille, 6409 - 6th Ave., Tacoma - 253-460-1400
**March 26** - Crown Bar, 2705 - 6th Ave., Tacoma - 253-627-8622

**Read Across America**
Volunteers who have signed up for Read Across America should pick up their hats and books at the February 26 Rotary meeting.

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## Rotary Happenings - February 22, 2009

By: **Bill Kaufmann**

**President Jeff** welcomed everyone with a ringing 'stimulation' of the bell opening the first meeting following this past week's economic stimulus.

The Invocation was shared by **Pamela Transue**, EDUCATION: Community Colleges, followed by singing of the National Anthem led by **Bill Kaufmann**, BUSINESS SERVICES – E-Commerce, with Past President **Steve Smith**, EDUCATION: Universities, on the piano. In recognition of Presidents Day, **Bill** noted that "Hail Columbia" served as our original National Anthem beginning with

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**Jim Fry - $300**
**Joe Gordon, Jr. - $300**
**Jack Hamilton - $100**
**Dick Heaton - $250**
**Kara Hefley - $250**
**George Howe - $250**
**Read 2 Me - $100**
**Roy Kimbel - $250**
**Kathy Martin - $100**
**Martinson, Cobean and Associates - $250**
**Mike McCluskey - $100**
**Peter Norman - $100**
**Doug Rohner- $100**
**Stephanie Shinn - $100**
**Tacoma Tent & Awning - $100**
**Linda Tieman - $200**

George Washington's inauguration until 1931 when President Herbert Hoover made it the "Star Spangled Banner." **President Jeff** commented that Past President **Whitacre** probably remembers President Hoover.

Member Anniversaries recognized this week included: 2 years **Andrea Peterson**, **Laura Runkle**, and **Lauren Walker**; 3 years: **Michele Johnson**, **Bill Kaufmann**, and **Cheri Loiland**; 7 years: **Richard Jamison**; 9 years: **Jeff Gellert**; 12 years: **Ed Mawe**; 26 years: **Ron Anderson**; 34 years: **Dave Thomas**, and 35 years: **Larry Gaffney**.

Visiting Rotarians introduced by **Kara Hefley**, MUSEUMS – Maritime, included Rotarians from Tacoma 4, Mercer Island and Lakewood clubs. We had 18 other visitors who were introduced with the Roving Mic help of **Cameron Fellows**, MUSEUMS – Art, and **Felichia Schaefer**, ASSOCIATIONS: Social Services – Human Services. **Cameron** and **Felichia** were also re-welcomed as new club members.

**Karyn Whitacre**, BUSINESS SERVICES – Computer Software, introduced our newest member **Krysta Willoughby**, ASSOCIATIONS – Performing Arts, with the Broadway Center. **Krysta** has been recognized as one of Tacoma's top "40 Under 40," was recently married and honeymooned in Thailand, has 2 doggy kids, still has her tonsils, and is a "Lantern Society" member. **President Jeff** gave a Rotary pin to **Krysta**, thanked **Karyn** for sponsoring her and gave her a sponsor pin.

**President Jeff** noted that a get well card was being circulated for **Robert Klein** who is in the hospital but hopes to be released soon.

Rotary Youth Exchange Co-Chair **Cindy Niemi**, HEALTH SERVICES – Major Gifts, introduced two recipients of the District 5020 Lee Belas Scholarships (Olivia Hale and Hannah Buck), who are also Tacoma outbound RYE students. Cindy explained that our club board is also considering a program to help cover travel expenses for high quality outbound students.

Lee Belas' mom was introduced and explained how the outbound student scholarship program was originally created by the Port Orchard Club and named in honor of her son, a former Youth Exchange Student, who became a strong advocate of the program until he was killed in the first Iraq Gulf War. The program has since expanded district-wide, has awarded 35 scholarships totaling $30,000 and has $56,000 invested (safely) for future awards targeting students with high grades and strong interests but who need financial help to participate.

**Mike Politeo**, REAL ESTATE – Residential, presented Paul Harris fellowship awards to **Terry Conner** (2nd); **Tim Daly**; **Jack Harding**; **Barbara Mead** (2nd); and **John Reding** (3rd). **Mike** noted that we have reached 102% of our club's Foundation goal for this year, with nearly $110 per member.

Birthdays were presented by **Jim Whitacre**, PRINTING & PUBLISHING – Instructional Design, who **President Jeff** noted is 'living proof that God has a sense of humor.'

True Confessions: (As there was no time for True Confessions this week, members are encouraged to post confessions on the Tacoma 8 Talks Blog - accessible from the member section of our website).

This week's program: Keeping Business Growing in Tacoma. **Pamela Transue** introduced Tacoma 8 member **Ryan Petty**, HONORARY – Government Services, Director of The City of Tacoma's Community and Economic Development (CED) and Bruce Kendall, President/CEO of the Economic Development Board (EDB) for Tacoma-Pierce County.

**Ryan Petty** shared the city's "action plan" for creating transactions in Tacoma, which includes a re-definition of the 'downtown' area, fresh objectives, goals, studies, strengthened relationships, improved permitting, targeting of key industries, and an emphasis on the International Financial Area and Dome District.

Tacoma's goals include positioning Tacoma as the "South Sound Downtown," growing downtown by 40,000 employees, creating a solid mix of historic preservation, being opportunistic, flexible, agile, generating leads and preparing for the recovery ahead.

Bruce Kendall reviewed how the EDB is looking to bring in businesses that bring new dollars to the area. They feel the key for future growth will be provided by “innovation” in the areas of law, education, medical, arts, information and financial industries.

The EDB is looking for people to help learn what is going on in other companies, to be “storytellers” about our area, to do purposeful networking and sell our area when you have opportunities.

The speakers fielded questions about the importance of Brown & Haley and a Sound Transit link to SeaTac, indicating support for these issues.

**President Jeff** thanked **Ryan** and Bruce for their thoughtful presentations, welcomed **Krysta Willoughby** to the club and thanked **Karyn Whitacre** for sponsoring her. He congratulated Hannah and Olivia for receiving the Lee Belas scholarships, and the many Paul Harris fellowship recipients.

Members were asked to turn in procurement items for next month’s auction, invited to attend the social at Fujiya, and reminded to “BE Engaged in Tacoma 8” as the bell was rung for adjournment.

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# Happy Birthday Rotarians!

**2/25 - Cap Pearson**
"GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Structural Engineering"
Principal Engineer
City of Tacoma, Public Works Dept.Bldg & Land Use
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Sponsor: Paul Gingrich
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA

**2/27 - Warren Barde**
"RETAIL - Pawn Broker"
Partner
Randy's Loan Inc.
Elected: 11/14/1974
Sponsor: R. Fred Elstrom, Jr.
Birthplace: Portland, OR
Spouse/Partner: Adelyn Barde

**2/25 - Dave Thomas**
"FINANCE/BANKING - Business Banking"
Vice President
Venture Bank
Elected: 2/20/1975
Sponsor: Dutton Hayword
Birthplace: Pasadena, CA
Spouse/Partner: Carol Thomas

**2/27 - Andy Laycock**
"TRANSPORTATION - Parcel Delivery"
Owner
MC Delivery Inc.
Elected: 1/12/1984
Sponsor: Bill Durand
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA

**2/26 - Sharon Babcock**
"ASSNS: American Leadership Forum"
Executive Director
American Leadership Forum
Elected: 1/9/1997
Sponsor: Franklin Thompson
Birthplace: Minneapolis, MN

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