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**Join us at the Landmark Temple Theatre  
when we will hear about Tall Ships and  
the Point Defiance Garden Show**



### Lady Washington

Please join us on Thursday for a special program that features two exciting events coming to Tacoma in June! The Point Defiance Flower and Garden Show at the beginning of June will be previewed by the shows coordinator, Debi Schmid. We will also receive an update on the Tall Ships Festival, scheduled at the end of June, from Ruthie Reinert, President/Executive Director of the Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitor Bureau.

Whether you're a green-thumb gardener, a new weeder, or one who just enjoys gazing at gardens, the Point Defiance Flower & Garden Show, June 3-5, is an adventure you can really sink your trowel into.

In the style of England's glorious Chelsea Garden Show, Tacoma's grand event will be held outdoors, gracing 10 acres at the Point Defiance Park garden and bowl area. The three day show will offer world class exhibits, exciting events, and learning opportunities for the

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From June 30 to July 5th, Tacoma will welcome "Tall Ships" from countries around the world participating in the Tall Ships Challenge Race created by the American Sail Training Association. This event alternates between the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic and the Great Lakes. Tacoma was selected for the five-day Tall Ships Festival on the U.S. West Coast because of its rich maritime heritage & long seafaring history -- which the Port of Tacoma continues today as the 6th busiest container-handling port in the U.S.

Approximately 30 Tall Ships will be in Tacoma June 30 to July 5th, 2005, including Tacoma's own flagship, the Lady Washington -- recently used in the film "Pirates of the Caribbean." The projected attendance is 400,000 people, based on past attendance figures. While in Tacoma, the Tall Ships will host a wide array of shipboard educational experiences, tours and related maritime adventures, including a swashbuckling swordfight demonstration and simulated canon battle.

There will be a "Parade of Sails" June 30 when the Tall Ships first arrive. There will also be crew contests, and several Tacoma museums will display maritime-related exhibits in conjunction with the Tall Ships Festival. More details are available at [www.tallshipstacoma.com](http://www.tallshipstacoma.com).

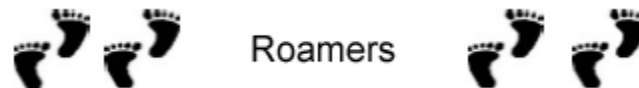
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### This Week's Helpers

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

- Greeter** - Candis Jordan
- Badge Board** - Doug Dahlgren & Brett Thomas
- Invocator** - TBA
- Singer** - Doug Dillow
- Drums** - Chris Kimball
- Piano** - Steve Smith
- Birthdays** - Don Doman
- Fine Counters** - John West & Frank Ault
- Story Writer** - Pete Taylor

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- Mar 16 **Al Hanson**, Poipu Beach, HI
- Mar 30 **Al Hanson**, Poipu Beach, HI
- Apr 06 **Al Hanson**, Poipu Beach, HI
- Apr 13 **Al Hanson**, Poipu Beach, HI
- Apr 14 **Kara Duffy**, Puyallup South Hill
- Apr 20 **Al Hanson**, Poipu Beach, HI
- Apr 22 **Bob Ecklund**, Gig Harbor
- Apr 27 **Al Hanson**, Poipu Beach, HI
- Apr 27 **Brett Thomas**, Tacoma Sunrise

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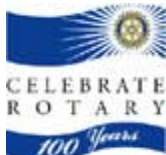
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Apr 28 **Chris Kimball**, Kalispell, MT  
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May 04 **Lee Gingrich**, Palm Desert, CA  
May 05 **Peter Stanley**, Gig Harbor  
May 09 **Greg Rolisma**, Tacoma South

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## Club Anniversaries

**Michelle Cate**: 3 years on May 9  
**Rusty George**: 3 years on May 9  
**Stan Kanarowski**: 4 years on May 10  
**Loree Lord**: 14 years on May 9  
**Bob Mallon**: 40 years on May 13  
**Larry Nelthropp**: 23 years on May 13  
**Peter Norman**: 26 years on May 10  
**Jeff Rademaker**: 8 years on May 8  
**Lloyd Silver**: 45 years on May 12  
**Scott Sutherland**: 16 years on May 11

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## Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, May 19** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Tod Leiweke - CEO of the Seattle Seahawks  
**THURSDAY, May 26** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Judge Ron Leighton - Federal Judging at its Best  
**THURSDAY, June 2** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Col. Schatz - Mchord Airforce Base and the World.

### Committee and Other Meetings

**THURSDAY, May 12** - Communications Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 11:00am  
**THURSDAY, May 12** - Pandaka Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 11:15am  
**WEDNESDAY, May 18** - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, The News Tribune, 7:15am  
**WEDNESDAY, May 18** - Projects Committee Meeting, Associated Ministries, Noon  
**THURSDAY, May 19** - Sports and Activities Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 11:00am  
**THURSDAY, May 19** - Rotary Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 11:15am  
**MONDAY, May 23** - Preserve Planet Earth Committee Meeting, Tacoma Nature Center, Noon  
**MONDAY, May 23** - Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm  
**THURSDAY, May 26** - Internal Controls and Oversight Committee Meeting, Evergreen Staffing, 10:00am

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## New Members This Week

There were no new members introduced at the May 5, 2005 meeting.

Duncan, BC

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

Rotary District 5020  
Rebecca Morgan  
Gig Harbor, WA

Kari Schoenrock, Club Administrator  
Janet Frostad, Gear Shift Editor &  
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April Perry, Administrative Coordinator

**Exchange Students  
Inbound**

Barbora Buriankova, Slovakia  
Dorothee Dillion, Belgium  
Murilo Pastana, Brazil

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## Special Announcements

### **Show Your Support for Interact and Relay for Life**

The Interact students will be at our meeting on Thursday, May 12 promoting Relay for Life. You will be able to purchase luminaries to honor a cancer survivor or in someone's memory. Please help support our Interact students team and the American Cancer Society with a donation to this worthwhile cause.

### **Thank You from John Morrison and Cascade Regional Blood Services**

It's no wonder my Pandaka badge was red. Having just finished coordinating Tacoma 8's Annual Blood Drive with Cascade Regional Blood Services, a red badge seemed fitting to remind me of the importance of giving blood in our community. Ironically, I recently graduated to a Blue Badge, and although I'm not a doctor, I'm told blood runs blue in the veins. The similarities continue to astound.

On behalf of Cascade Regional Blood Services and Tacoma Rotary 8, thank you to everyone who gave blood on Thursday or gave blood at another time due to a scheduling conflict. We had 17 Rotarians give blood on Thursday, two shy of last year's turnout, but a great effort nonetheless. Thank you, too, to Scott Seelye for his work in helping me prepare the publicity materials, and to Doug Dillow, for his guidance in putting it all together. In the all-time great irony, I discovered after all my hard work in putting this together, I was ineligible to give blood as I had lived in England during the 80's. Ah, I knew those years would come back to haunt me...

For all you Pandakas coming in, if you are looking for a great project to get your feet wet, work with and meet a lot of great Rotarians, the Blood Drive is an excellent opportunity. I've just about completed the hardest part for you; I've already-scheduled next year's Blood Drive. Currently, it is tentatively booked for February 9 or 16 and we are simply awaiting confirmation from Cascade. It's never too early to mark your calendars and save another life!

### **Just Didn't Get Enough at the Auction?**

Fret no more... Venture Bank has donated a six night stay at Kihei Sands in Maui for up to four people! This magnificent six night stay, valued at \$900, will be auctioned off at our meeting on May 12th so come prepared to bid!

The condo unit is a one bedroom which offers an ocean front swimming pool and barbecue. The unit is fully furnished, air conditioned, and equipped with cable TV, telephone, kitchen and microwave and may be reserved April 16th - November 15, subject to availability.

### **Get on Down to the Hersey Hoedown!**

There is still room for 5 couples to attend the Hersey Hoedown on Saturday, September 10th, 5:00 pm-10:00 pm, 2005 at the Valley Acres Ranch located at the home of Rusty and Janet Hersey. This Rotary 8 tradition is a party not to be missed!

You will enjoy an old fashioned Western style BBQ along with Country Western Dancing with one of the area's long-time Country Callers. Learn how to square dance and line dance with the best caller this side of the Mississippi. Hungry participants will feast on delicious BBQ ribs, homemade chili, corn bread, salads and a selection of desserts that will make your head spin. And don't forget the selection of beverages. Before dinner we might even get you into a horseshoe toss competition.

If you are ready to get down at the Hoedown, please give the office a call at 253-473-7723. Tickets are \$200 per couple.

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## **Rotary Happenings - May 5, 2005: By: Jeanne Werner**

Past President, **Mike Jones**, owner Jones Animal Hospital, filling in for President **Kathleen Olson**, opened the meeting with the news that he was filling in for Past President **Pat Steel**, who was to fill in for Kathleen.

He then introduced **Jayasri Ghosh**, Headmistress, Annie Wright School, who gave a very thoughtful invocation. **Judie Guthrie**, Co-owner, Etiquette and Protocol, led the National Anthem, accompanied by **Jack Warnick**, President, Puget Sound Mfg., on piano, and **Chris Kimball**, Chris Kimball Financial Services, on drums.

**Mel Zanjani**, Tacoma Community College, graciously welcomed visiting Rotarians. President Elect **Nita Sell**, President, Venture Wealth Management, and **Lori Duester**, President, Evergreen Custom Homes, took charge of the roving mics for guest introductions. They also reported on the recent Firesides and asked members to think about a signature project and doing something to impact Tacoma and Pierce County this year.

Past President Mike re-introduced **Steven Starlund**, Executive Director, Tahoma Audubon and made several announcements. \$22,825 was garnered during the Rotary Auction's Raise the Paddle, held on April 30. Past President **Ottie Ladd**, will match fifty cents to the dollar for donations up to 20,000 and dollar for dollar for any donations above 20,000. He asked members to see Kari after the meeting today to do so. He also announced there is room for five more couples to sign up for the "Hersey Hoedown" on September 10. Please see Kari to sign up.

Auction Chair Emeritus, **Pete Taylor**, Owner, Taylor Communications, gave us the good news that the auction has grossed (so far) \$135,000. HOORAY! In appreciation for their excellent help, Pete presented flowers to Kari Schoenrock and a lei placed on the shoulders of Janet Frostad. Pete explained that Janet was formerly the concierge at the Princeville Hotel on Kauai and brings the warmth, hospitality and spirit of Aloha to Rotary. Warm applause approved his appreciation.

Birthdays were "almost" celebrated by **Randy Melquist**, Chartered Life Underwriter, Mass Mutual Financial Group. **Tanya Andrews**, Children's Museum of Tacoma, **Jeff Cathersal**, Account Executive Portfolio Strategies, **Kathy Willis**, Development Director, Group Health Community Foundation, and, **Bill Matthaei**, filling in for **Chuck Matthaei**, Chair, Roman Meal Company, were present for Randy's amazing greetings. (You had to have been there.)

During True Confessions, **Harry Pritchard** covered the recent visit by five couples from District 9700 in Australia. They were here as part of an Exchange Friendship program and were hosted by **Bob Hammar**, **Peter Darling**, **Arlene Schubert**, the Pritchards and fellow Aussie, Graham Fenton, Val Kramer's former business partner. **Don Anderson**, Eisenhower & Carlson, who, at the Goodwill breakfast, was given an autographed football by Steve Largent, intended for **Bill Baarsma**, Mayor of Tacoma, treated us to a skilled and accurate pass to Bill. Good job, Don.

**Bill Rogers**, President, Evergreen Staffing, introduced our speaker, Bob Williams, President, Evergreen Freedom Foundation. His power point presentation listed some of the problems with United States elections and, in particular, the State of Washington. The EFF findings encountered a number of concerns and gave their perspective and proposed solutions. Suggested were requiring complete re-registration of all Washington voters; require photo ID and proof of citizenship to register; mail military ballots in a timely manner; and to minimize vote by mail even though it is popular. He encouraged voters to support re-

registration and to implement and enforce state election law changes of 2003 and 2005.

Past President Mike thanked Mr. Williams and let him know of the honorarium to be donated in his name to Werlin Reading Teams. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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## Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**09 Jerry Hansen**  
"ASSOC. Soc. Ser. - TACID"  
TACID  
Director  
Elected: 06/05/03  
Sponsor: Don Lloyd  
Spouse: Mara Hansen



**12 Kathleen Nelson**  
"GOVERNMENT SERVICES -  
Judicial"  
Pierce County Superior Court  
Superior Court Justice  
Elected: 10/29/1998  
Sponsor: Greg Murphy  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



**10 Bev Holland**  
"WOOD PRODUCTS - Public  
Relations"  
Simpson Investment Group  
Public Affairs Manager Elected:  
06/17/1993  
Sponsor: Kurt Jacobson  
Birthplace: Sheboygan, WI  
Spouse: Ken Olson



**13 Barbara Mead**  
"ACCOUNTING - Management  
Advisory"  
Moss Adams LLP  
Managing Partner  
Elected: 08/10/1995  
Sponsor: Harry Pritchard  
Birthplace: Aberdeen, WA  
Spouse: Joe Mead



**10 John Kloes**  
"COMPUTERS - Sales"  
Elected: 01/26/1978  
Sponsor: Bob Huesers  
Birthplace: Brooklyn, NY  
Spouse: Vicky Kloes



**13 Gary Mustain**  
"FOOD & BEVERAGES -  
Distributing - Beer"  
Elected: 09/03/1998  
Sponsor: Bob Cammarano  
Birthplace: Morton, WA  
Spouse: Jan Mustain



**10 Greg Murphy**  
"LAW PRACTICE -  
Employment Law"  
Law Offices of Gregory J.  
Murphy  
President  
Elected: 03/11/1993  
Sponsor: Ann Kirk Davis  
Birthplace: Ellensburg, WA



**14 Sarah Ross**  
"Past Service"  
American Medical Response  
Business Development Mgr.,  
Southern Div.  
Elected: 04/02/2003  
Sponsor: Juanita Carbaugh  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



**12 Rob Erb**  
"ENGINEERING - Land  
Surveying"  
Sitts & Hill Engineers Inc. Vice  
President - Director of  
Surveying Elected: 08/02/1990  
Sponsor: Andy Laycock  
Birthplace: Seattle, WA  
Spouse: Vickie Erb

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