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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre to Hear Senator Mike Carrell Speak on Prison Reform



Leadership: Deputy Republican Floor Leader, 2007-08.

Elective Office: House of Representatives, elected 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002. Senate, appointed July 6, 2004, elected November 2004, current term expires January 2009.

Standing Committees: Human Services and Corrections; Judiciary; Early Learning, K-12 and Higher Education.



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Special Committees: Joint Legislative Task Force on Offenders Programs.

Occupation: Retired science/math teacher (31 years); state legislator.

Education: B.A. in education from Pacific Lutheran University; post-graduate studies in science.

Community Involvement: Founder and past president of Washington Families; past member and chief negotiator for Franklin Pierce Education Association; past executive board member, 28th District Republican Club; 28th District Initiative 602 coordinator. Member: Christ Lutheran Church; Lakewood Chamber of Commerce; Lakewood First Lions; Lakewood United.

Personal: Mike is a life-long resident of the Tacoma area. Mike has three sons: Matthew, Larry and Carlton; and four grandchildren. He and his wife, Charlotte, live in Lakewood.

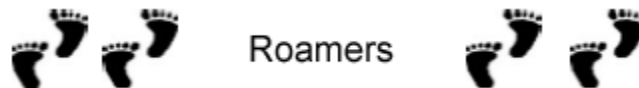
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This Week's Helpers

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


- Invoker - **Pamela Transue**
- Greeter - **Tim Daly**
- Badge Board - **Tom Brown, Kevin Glackin-Coley**
- Singer - **Victoria Woodards**
- Piano - **Jack Warnick**
- Drums - **Chris Kimball**
- Birthdays - **Peter Hamilton**
- Fine Counters - **Jack White, Don Zemek**
- Story Writer - **Kathleen Olson**
- Photography - **Jim Harris**

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- Nov 27 **Ray Schuler**, Tacoma South
- Nov 28 **Barry Benson**, Mazatlan
- Dec 05 **David Flentge**, Tacoma North
- Dec 05 **Fred Mattheaei**, Tacoma North
- Dec 05 **David Snow**, Queen Anne (Seattle)
- Dec 06 **David Snow**, Clover Park
- Dec 07 **David Snow**, Federal Way
- Dec 07 **Brett Thomas**, Federal Way

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

YA GOTTA LOVE THIS CLUB! You did it! You filled all the Salvation Army bell ringing slots last Friday! Thank you for rising to the occasion. We raised a total of \$2,020.00! Good going, all of you who participated (see pictures below). Thank you **David Gardner** and **Jacob Hall** for organizing this.

TACOMA 8 ROTARY HONORED. Kristine and I went to the Dickens Holiday Ball Saturday night at Stadium Bistro, where ten people/organizations were honored for their contributions to the community and beyond by the Stadium Historic Business District Association. I was happy to accept the award for our club for its contribution toward the eradication of polio worldwide. The queen of the event, and the person who made this happen, was former member, Judie Guthrie. Judie didn't renew her membership in our club in July only because she was all set to sell her house and move to Scranton, PA. However, unfortunate market conditions have prevailed and she is still here.

ROTARY FLOAT. I am sure if you have watched the Rose Bowl Parade in the past, you have observed the Rotary float. This is probably the greatest exposure the organization gets each year. However, it is not sponsored or funded by RI; the project is taken on by the multi-district Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee, Inc. The parade is viewed by 40 million people in the U.S. and 300 million people internationally in more than 150 countries. The 2007 Rotary float theme is "Lead the Way." If you would care to help support the float with a contribution, that would be great. We will have forms on the table Thursday.

ETHIOPIAN TRIP ON TV DEC. 19 - Six of our members plus one spouse were part of a Rotary contingent of 60 people who traveled to Ethiopia in October to administer polio vaccine to children. Thanks to KIRO-TV Anchor Penny LeGate, who has now been on six of these forays, a special program covering this trip will be telecast on Channel 7 Tuesday evening, December 19 at 9:30pm. This is Rotary at its best, so be sure to tune in. (Our troopers went on to South Africa to help at the Lilydale B School and will present a recap of the whole trip as our feature luncheon program on January 4. Don't miss that, either!)

ELECTIONS. Thank you to those of you who filled out and returned your ballots. About 65% of you voted. As usual, you voted in a strong team to lead us through the forthcoming years. Congratulations to all of those who were elected (see the meeting write-up). Thanks also to those who were nominated but were not elected; I hope if you are nominated that you will run again. It was a strong slate and everyone on it should feel proud!

President Pete



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Pictured above are
Bob Denomy and **Kara Duffy** at Starbucks at 11th/Pacific



Jim Whitacre, Michelle Roberts and Mike Dunbar at Stanley & Seafort's.

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Club Anniversaries

Connie Brown: 4 years on December 12
Jennifer Durham: 6 years on December 14
Corey Hjalseth: 10 years on December 12
Ted Kennard: 51 years on December 15
Dave Schmitz: 32 years on December 12
Dave Senner: 16 years on December 13

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, December 21 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Tim Farrell, Executive Director, Port of Tacoma
THURSDAY, December 28 - No meeting due to holidays
THURSDAY, January 4 - Landmark Temple Theatre, World Community Service Committee Africa Trip

Committee and Other Meetings

TUESDAY, December 12 - World Community Service Committee Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.
TUESDAY, December 12 - Community Service Grants Committee Meeting, Elks Club - #174, 1965 South Union Avenue, 7:30am.
TUESDAY, December 12 - Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45am.
TUESDAY, December 12 - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 12 noon.
TUESDAY, December 12 - Auction Committee Meeting, Brien Elvin's home, 2420 Union Avenue, 6:00pm.
THURSDAY, December 14 - Internal Communications Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.
THURSDAY, December 14 - Public Relations Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00.
THURSDAY, December 14 - Information Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm (please RSVP to Rotary office).
WEDNESDAY, December 20 - Relationship Building Sub-

Larry Ghilarducci
Lee Gingrich
Michael Hansch
Ottie Ladd
Pete Taylor
Steve Smith

Committee Meeting, Farrelli's, 3518 6th Avenue, Tacoma, in the new Poole's Center, 5:00pm.

THURSDAY, December 21 - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, December 21 - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

NO meetings in December for the following:

Attendance Committee
Board Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
Military Affairs Committee
Preserve Planet Earth Committee
Rotaract
Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee

Other Changes in Meetings:

No Regular Rotary Meeting for December 28

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



Jann Gay

Jann Gay was introduced to membership by her sponsor Laura Fox on December 7, 2006. Jann is AVP - Commercial Sales of Chicago Title Insurance. Her classification is "Insurance - Title." She enjoys golf, boating, travel and her grandchildren. Welcome to the club, Jann!

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Special Announcements



Rotarian of the Week

Please join us this Thursday as we honor Rotarian of the Week, **Rusty George**. Rusty is Owner of Rusty George Design in Tacoma. He joined Tacoma 8 in May 2002. His classification is "Business Services - Graphic Design," and his sponsor was Jim Crabbe.

Election Results (2007-2008):

President: **Steve Smith**

Treasurer: **Phil Berggren**

Secretary: **Beth Sylves**

President Elect: **Jeff Rounce**

Club Directors:

Jack Dauer

Brien Elvins

Jim Harris

Carolyn McDougal

Scott Winship

Culture Vulture News

Upcoming activities for the 2006-2007 Rotary year:

December 15 - *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* - Tacoma Actors Guild. Contact Mike Jones 253-383-2616 for more information.

February 3, 2007 - *Young Artist Showcase: A Bernstein Evening featuring Trouble in Tahiti*. Contact Mike Jones at 253-383-2616 for more information.

February 17 - *Buddy* - The musical version of the life of Buddy Holly at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in Seattle. This is the Culture Vulture Valentine Celebration Event. Contact Bill Kaufmann at 253-572-5221 for more information.

March 18, 2007 - *Hooray for Hollywood* - Pantages Theater. Tacoma Symphony will be playing songs from the movies.

June 1, 2007 - *District 5020 Golf Tournament*. This is going to be a fun event much like our Great Indoor Golf Tournament of the 90's. Lunch will be at Roundtable Pizza for all-you-can-eat pizza, salad, and soda. There will be tons of fun, lots of prizes AND each participant gets a free golf club from Upswing Golf valued up to \$119.95. The cost for the tournament? Only \$40.00 per person. For more information call Culture Vulture Don Doman at 253-759-6639.

Program Survey for November

Please try out our new system for surveying our weekly programs. To complete an on-line survey click on this link:

[November Program Survey.](#)

The information is automatically collected, and results are sent to the Rotary office. We will still have the usual pink survey forms available at the meeting this week. It is also available on our website under the "Rotary Services" section, "Rotary Links/Forms."

Lost & Found

The office is beginning to accumulate a few lost articles found at the Landmark on meeting days. We have an earring, a plaid scarf, and most recently a pair of reading glasses. If you think one of these items belongs to you, please call or email the office with a description to claim!

Upcoming Relationship Building Socials

The 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.

December 14 - Harmon Brewery Co & Restaurant, 1938 Pacific Ave, Tacoma 98402, (253) 383-2739.

December 21 - Masa (New: across the street from Asado), 2811 6th Avenue (corner of 6th and Pine), Tacoma 98406.

December 28 - Vertigo (the lounge at the top of the Sheraton) Come celebrate the New Year early! 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma 98402, 253-591-4155.

Other Social Events

May 2, 2007 - Three night cruise sailing from Vancouver to Seattle aboard Holland America's ms OOSTERDAM. **GET THOSE PASSPORTS NOW!**

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DELUXE VERANDAH - \$545.22 PER PERSON
SUPERIOR VERANDAH SUITE - \$705.22 PER PERSON
DELUXE VERANDAH SUITE CONCIERGE - \$1005.22 PER PERSON

Availability is on a first come first serve basis.

*Transportation to Vancouver from Tacoma and from Seattle port back to Tacoma will be provided via charter bus. Price dependent on number of participants; cost should be under \$50 per person.

Visit www.hollandamerica.com for more info on this itinerary and ship.

For further information, availability, or to confirm participation contact: Mary Jo Strom Copland, 253-564-8189
mj@thetravelcompany.net

WALKING GROUP - fresh air, fellowship and exercise. Informal walking group on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30pm on Ruston Way - meet at Johnny's. Saturday, 8:30am meet at the duck pond at Pt. Defiance.

Other activities on the horizon - game night, cosmic bowling, LeMay party and possible Christmas light boat cruise.

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Rotary Happenings - December 7, 2006

By: John Morrison



The Fortnight before Christmas

(Names in parentheses are for clarification purposes only – read through them to stay in time)

'Twas the fortnight before Christmas and all through the 'Mark
Rotarians gathered for a holiday spark...

Prez Pete (Taylor) rang the bell to get our attention
And **Linn Larsen** stepped up, gave the invocation

Doug Dillow took the mic with great joy and pride
With **(Steve) Smith** & **(Chris) Kimball** joining him at his side
Together we sang the Star Spangled Banner
And prepared for the day in a quite festive manner

When up on the stage there arose such a clatter
And **(Beth) Sylves** was there addressing this matter
Our leaders were announced for the upcoming year
And we applauded with joy and howls of good cheer

There was **Rounce** and **Sylves**, and **Berggren** and **Smith**
Our chosen directors who are to serve with
Five other fine people to lead our great ship
(Jack) Dauer, **(Brian) Elvins**, **(Jim) Harris**, **(Carolyn) McDougal**,
& **(Scott) Winship**

When what to my wondering eyes should I see
But seven Rotarians with anniversaries
(Jim) Henriot, **(Brandt) Bede**, **(John) Spencer**, and **(Roger) Lee**,

(Kathi) Willis and **(Peter) Comfort** and **Mario Menconi**

We took a moment to welcome once more
Those people who've recently come through our door
New members included **(Zach) Hill**, **(Dan) Pass**, and **(Jeff) McGinnis**
(Louis) Cooper, **(Jim) Arneson**, and **(Chuck) Laguna** on the list

Keeping the schedule, it is not for the meek
Prez Pete honored our fine Rotarian of the Week
Dave Thomas, a banker, has done so much for the club
We listened with pride while we ignored our grub

Laura Fox stood up and took the mic away
And introduced a new member, whose name was **Jann Gay**

Our hearts filled with joy and we danced with glee
To welcome this friend to our family

Then **(David) Gardner** and **(Dean) Hanks** had a great story to tell
On roving mics they pressed us to ring the bell
We all knew that our efforts were toward a great cause
And we'd all feel better helping Santa Claus

With time still on our side, we began True Confessions
And we laughed and we cried at our friends' indiscretions

And then in a twinkling our business was done
The lights were toned down and the curtain was drawn
And at the piano sat Prez Elect Steve (Smith)
To lead us in song as we neared Christmas Eve

On Frosty, on Dreidel, on Joy to the World
We sang our hearts out to all boys and girls
Until off to the side came St. Nick with a bound (who shall remain
anonymous to protect the believers...)
And made another appearance in Puget Sound

Wee Zach (Wigstrom) dressed in fur from his head to his toes
Met Santa up close and they compared clothes
Santa's eyes how they twinkled, his dimples like cherries
Reached into his sack and made everyone merry

And **(Amy) Wigstrom**, she sang from atop of the stage
And **Doman** and **Fischer**, they read from the page
Our memories were jogged as we listened to tales
Of holidays past in wondrous detail

Our time was at end, and Steve took us home
Songs from the heart could be heard to the Dome
We all joined together, our spirit so bright
And sang one last song, my fav'rite, Silent Night

Happy Holidays Rotary!

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



12/10 John Lantz
"FOODS & BEVERAGES -
Food Decorating Supplies"
Grand Strategist
Lucks Food Decorating Co.
Elected: 10/2/1980
Sponsor: Ernie Whatley
Birthplace: Duluth, MN
Spouse/Partner: Pat Lantz



12/14 David Gardner
"HEATING & AIR
CONDITIONING - Marketing"
Sales and Business
Development
Air Systems Engineering, Inc.
Elected: 4/27/2006
Sponsor: Mary Jo Strom-
Copland
Birthplace: Seattle, WA
Spouse/Partner: Patty
Gardner



12/10 Gordon Pickering
 "WOOD PRODUCTS - Plywood Overlay Manufacturing"
 Elected: 5/1/1975
 Sponsor: Bill Shaub
 Birthplace: Seattle, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Virginia Pickering



12/15 Brian Haynes
 "TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Telephony"
 General Manager
 Rainier Connect
 Elected: 1/20/2005
 Sponsor: Don Lloyd
 Birthplace: Lakewood, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Aimee Haynes



12/10 Linda Tieman
 "ASSOCIATIONS - Washington Center for Nursing"
 Executive Director
 Washington Center for Nursing
 Elected: 3/21/2002
 Sponsor: John R. Long
 Birthplace: Cincinnati, OH
 Spouse/Partner: Bill Reed



12/15 Candis Jordan
 "ASSOC: SOCIAL SVS - American Heart Association"
 Executive Director
 American Heart Association
 Elected: 1/20/2005
 Sponsor: Chuck Hellar
 Birthplace: Yakima, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Michael Jordan



12/11 Tom Oldfield
 "LAW PRACTICE - Banking & Commercial"
 Attorney
 Sloan Bobrick & Oldfield & Helsdon, P.S.
 Elected: 1/4/2001
 Sponsor: Kelley Caldwell, Pete Norman, Mary Lynn Pannen
 Birthplace: Seattle, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Mary M. (Skip) Oldfield



12/16 Fulton Buntain
 "RELIGION - Protestant Churches"
 Pastor Emeritus
 Life Center
 Elected: 1/27/1966
 Sponsor: Frank Bentley
 Birthplace: Winnipeg, MB
 Canada
 Spouse/Partner: Lorraine Buntain

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