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The Gearshift is a weekly publication to inform you about current happenings in Rotary Club of Tacoma #8
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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre When We Welcome the GSE Team from Brazil



One of the great things about Rotary is Rotary International. It allows us to expand our horizons into other cultures. In this case, the Group Study Exchange team from Brazil will be visiting with us May 29-June 3. They have already visited Rotary clubs throughout the district (British Columbia, Bremerton, Olympia, Gig Harbor) and are saving the best for last - Tacoma 8.

All of them are from Aracatuba in Sao Paulo state. Team leader MARLENE KATO is a retired educator. She has been president of her club and is currently serving as Assistant Governor and chair of the district's GSE program. EDUARDO ANTONIETTO is a physiotherapist. CLAUDIO JOSE BORTOLUSSI is a professor and a business consultant specializing in import/export. VENANCIO FORTI is a mechanical engineer and business administrator. EDUARDO GRACIA is a former exchange student (Metamore, LI, NY) and is a farm manager. TATIANA KAJIMOTO works at the Brazilian post office and helps her mother manage an English language school. She is very much into environmental issues. ANA CRISTINA SENCHE CASTILHO is a former exchange student (Atascadero, CA). She is editor of the family-owned newspaper (circulation 35,000). They will be seeing the sights Wednesday and Friday and have a vocational day on Thursday thanks to **Cheri**



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Loiland, Chris and Chris Ford, Steve Smith, Bill Kaufmann, Stan Eastberg, Jeff Rounce, Jim Henderson and some others not yet confirmed as of this writing. Thanks also to hosts **Arlene Schubert, Mike Dunbar and Cindy Niemi**, who along with Jeff and Bill, will be home-hosting our visitors. Thanks also to transportation specialists **Terry Conner and Peter Darling** plus some members of Tacoma Sunrise and Tacoma Narrows.

Please plan on attending. These are really great people and their command of English in some cases is probably better than yours. They are here to both learn and share. Let's make it a positive experience for them by extending a warm welcome.

PS - If you are in a field related to some of theirs and would like to share, please let me know. We will try to work in a visit to your place, or perhaps you could host them for dinner.

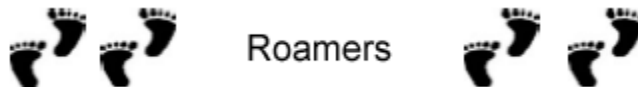
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This Week's Helpers

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

- Invoker - **Pat Steel**
- Greeter - **Kim McHugh**
- Badge Board - **Mary McNally, Laura Runkle, Brynn Blanchard**
- Singer - **Don Hansen**
- Piano - **Barbara Mead**
- Birthdays - **Donn Irwin**
- Fine Counters - **Roger Lilley, John H. West**
- Story Writer - **Beth Sylves**

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- May 15 **Bill Matthaei** - Tacoma North
- May 18 **Bob Krotz** - Gig Harbor
- May 23 **Rita Morkrid-Bowman** - Tacoma Sunrise
- May 25 **Lee Gingrich** - Gig Harbor

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

NEW RECORD. My congratulations to **Donn Irwin** for establishing a new club record. Last week, fifteen minutes after new member **Jared Smidt** was introduced, Donn nailed him for a birthday fine. Surely this sets a new record for a donation extraction!

IT'S HAPPENING. Several months ago, members contributed about

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\$530 toward having senior active member **Herb Simon** attend a lunch (senior actives don't have attendance requirements and Herb is one busy guy!). Herb is scheduled to join us this Thursday May 31. Herb was very gracious about the whole thing so I hope you will join me in welcoming him. Who knows, he may enjoy it so much that he will join us more often!

THANKS! A lot of members are helping out tending to our Group Study Exchange visitors - hosting, driving, and providing vocational assistance. I just want to thank you all very much (see GearShift lead article). It's GREAT the way this club comes together on something like this!

See you Thursday and at the District Convention!

President Pete

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Club Anniversaries

Ken Bose: 6 years on May 31

Steve Cofchin: 2 years on June 02

Kela Crisp: 2 years on June 02

John C. Dimmer: 46 years on June 01

Dean Hanks: 2 years on June 02

Joe Loescher: 3 years on May 27

Paul Opgrande: 2 years on June 02

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, June 7- Landmark Temple Theatre, Our Exchange Student, Sebastian Paul, from Germany

THURSDAY, June 14 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Pat Redmond, "Impact of Community Banks & Local Economy"

THURSDAY, June 21- Landmark Temple Theatre, TBA

Committee and Other Meetings

FRIDAY, June 1 - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

THURSDAY, June 7 - Attendance Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, June 7 - Internal Communications Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, June 7 - Public Relations Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00.

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



Dawn Lucien

Dawn was introduced to membership by her sponsor **Jan Brazzell** on May 24, 2007. She owns and manages Los Arcos Bed & Breakfast in Mexico. Her classification is "HOSPITALITY: Bed & Breakfast." Welcome to the club, Dawn!



Doug Neff

Doug was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Pete Taylor** on May 24, 2007. He is a shareholder of Johnson, Stone & Pagano. His classification is "ACCOUNTING: Tax Services." Welcome to the club, Doug!



Jared Smidt

Jared was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Bobby Arkills** on May 24, 2007. He is Vice President of Brothers Northwest Homes. His classification is "REAL ESTATE: Development & Construction." Welcome to the club, Jared!



Scott Smith

Scott was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Mike Politeo** on May 24, 2007. He is a Vice President/Financial Advisor for KeyBank. His classification is "FINANCE/BANKING: Financial Consultant." Welcome to the club, Scott!

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Special Announcements

Golf Tournament

The Rotary District 5020 Golf Tournament is quickly approaching. The Rotary Club of Tacoma is hosting the event at Highlands on Friday, June 1, at 9:30am. It's a nine hole tournament and features all-you-can-eat pizza, salad, and soda pop and lots of fun and prizes. The event is only \$40.00 per person. Visit www.5020golftournament.com for details and a team roster sign-up sheet.

Upswing Golf is sponsoring the event. Each participant will receive a certificate for a free Upswing Golf club (value up to \$119.95). Top prizes for the event and the special drawing feature Upswing Golf club clubs, thousands of dollars in prizes, and even more give-a-ways. So far we only have a few teams signed up and no women's teams. Each of the men and women teams posting the lowest score will win \$500 worth of Upswing Clubs.

Participating in the District 5020 Golf Tournament will give you a morning of fun, a free lunch, a free golf club, a meeting credit, and the chance to win more Upswing Golf clubs, boxes of Titleist Pro V1® golf balls, and have a great time. It's a win-win-win-win-win situation.

Exciting News! - Online Payments Now Available on the Tacoma 8 Rotary Web Site!

After being tested and re-tested, the Tacoma 8 online payment system is up and running! Secure and user-friendly, this system, along with your Visa or Mastercard, can be used to pay all your

Tacoma 8 Rotary invoices as well as make donations to the Tacoma Rotary (Art Wickens) and Rotary International (Paul Harris) Foundations.

To access the system, go to www.rotary8.org, find and click on "Make An Online Payment" under the Member Services heading, located on the left hand column. Enter your Username and Password (the same you use for accessing the Membership Roster), and then enter the amount of each item you are paying for under the appropriate account. Whenever possible, include an invoice number and/or description in the appropriate spaces.

If you're not sure where to enter your payment or have questions, please call the Rotary office (253 473 7723), and we'll be happy to guide you through the process.

Only a few days left - May Special! - Any member using the online payment system during the month of May will receive one attendance credit!

Mark Your Calendars

6/01-03 District Conference here in Tacoma (Only fee is the \$125 meal package - no additional registration fee!)

6/02 Oak Tree Park Clean Up, 1-3 pm

6/15-20 Rotary International Convention, Salt Lake City

6/28 Turnover Day

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Upcoming Culture Vulture Activities for 2007:

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.

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.

May 31: Masa - 2811 6th Avenue, Tacoma 98406 (253.272.7770). If it's nice we can sit outside on the roof garden!!

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Rotary Happenings - May 24, 2007
By: Dane Meyer



President Pete rang the bell promptly at 12:10 and asked that all participants in the afternoon's luncheon be brief. The meeting scheduled was likely to run long. Much planning had been put into our program, which was the presentation and discussion of Centennial Project proposals.

John Spencer gave the invocation. **Victoria Woodards** led the National Anthem, with **Jack Warnick** on the piano. I think Jack was a little up-tempo...

Celebrating anniversaries were:

Don Zemek - 24 years

Mike Dunbar - 15 years

Jan Schwenger - 11 years

Linda Kaye Briggs - 4 years

Ann Farrell - 4 years

Mary McNally - 2 weeks

New member **Lani Powell** welcomed two Rotarians visiting from Clover Park.

Don Doman and **Donn Irwin** took on the duties of Roving Mics to publicize an upcoming Rotary Culture Vultures activity. There is a golf tournament slated for June 1. It is a 9 hole "cheap and easy" course and tournament.

Pete brought **Lori Duester** to the head table to honor all her leadership/involvement with the Interact group, among her other volunteering efforts.

Four new members were introduced starting with **Dawn Lucien**, whose history of community involvement and leadership was purely astonishing. **Jan Brazzell** did a very nice job of covering the highlights. Pete Taylor introduced **Doug Neff**, a UPS grad with 26 years as a CPA. **Bobby Arkills** introduced **Jared Smidt** who does public relations work for a builder. **Mike Politeo** introduced **Scott Smith**, a VP with Key Bank.

Steve Smith presented part two of our Community Service Awards to Bart Dalton. Bart has served on many boards and has volunteered in many positions helping youth.

A paid announcement from **Don Meyer** was played broadcast style, as we've grown accustomed to, with our radio voice president. Mark your calendars for "Fun on the Foss" during the Fathers' Day weekend, June 16 & 17. Try out boats of all types down by the Museum of Glass. Prizes and other fun are expected. www.discovernwboating.com is the web site.

Jennifer Durham brought our attention to Galleyside coming up June 28 immediately following the Rotary meeting. She reminded that it is a Rotary event. Anyone interested in going should sign up. Anyone who wishes to be a captain should also come forward at this point.

Donn Irwin returned to the microphones to help celebrate birthdays. **Merritt Nelson** is turning 90, **Kara Duffy**, **Becky Fontaine**, **Jeff McGinnis**, **Josh Waltier** and even new member **Jared Smidt** were all asked Italian trivia questions before being released to their seats.

Only time for one True Confession. Pete asked **Ross Hjelseth** to come talk about being honored as Pierce County Coach of the Year. Ross diverted the praise to the players, some of which were there to see him honored, including his son Tyler.

Starting our special program earlier than normal, Pete explained the format for our Centennial Project presentations.

The proposals discussed were: MultiCare - Family Housing, Metro Parks - Wrights Park Play and Spray Ground and Tacoma Goodwill - Youth Career Development Center. All presenters gave compelling reasons for our participation. All have the support of other funders and all intend to carry out their projects with or without Rotary

participation. More information can be found through the Rotary office. In fact, information was sent out by the Rotary office in an email two days before. Feedback forms were distributed so that Rotarians can give their individual impressions and opinions to the board. The forms were to be received by the Rotary office no later than Friday at 4:00p.m.

Closing comments included reminders that the District Conference is happening here in Tacoma June 1-3, welcomes to Dawn, Doug, Jared and Scott and wishes for a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. Next week's program will be with our Group Study Exchange visitors from Brazil.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



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