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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 Tacoma #8 Member Linda Tieman, Executive Director, Washington Center for Nursing

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The aging of the workforce and the complexity of care that the population requires are colliding to produce a shortage of professional nurses unlike any in the past. Reasons behind the shortage, what this means in Pierce County now and in the future, what's being done to mitigate the shortage, and why Rotarians should care, will be discussed Thursday.

Linda Tieman is the Executive Director of the Washington Center for Nursing, a statewide non-profit nursing workforce and resource center. Its mission is to contribute to the health of the citizens of Washington State by ensuring there are enough nurses to care for the population now and in the future. Linda is a Registered Nurse

who's been working in healthcare for over 30 years, and in Washington for 16. She's been the Chief Nursing Executive at a 500 bed hospital in Ohio, Director at Scripps Hospital in San Diego, and District Administrator over multiple counties for Group Health Cooperative. She's a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, the University of Florida, a Fellow from the Wharton Nurse Executive Program and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Drew Ebersole**

Greeter - **AJ Gordon**

Badge Board - **Jared Smidt** and **Chad Krilich**

Singer - **Brynn Blanchard**

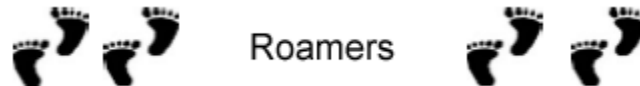
Piano - **Jack Warnick**

Birthdays - **Terry Conner**

Fine Counters - **Roger Lilley** and **John H. West**

Story Writer - **Bob Fredrickson**

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- Aug 14 - **Tish Andresen** - Tacoma Narrows
- Aug 28 - **Bill Kaufmann** - Paddington, England
- Aug 31 - **Tish Andresen** - Riga Latvia
- Sept 3 - **Tish Andresen** - Riga Latvia
- Sept 3 - **Bill Kaufmann** - Dingle, Ireland
- Sept 7 - **Dan Pass** - Lakewood
- Sept 7 - **Larry Treleven** - Leavenworth
- Sept 11 - **Lee Gingrich** - Gig Harbor Mid-day
- Sept 11 - **Kathleen Olson** - Tacoma North
- Sept 11 - **Scott Smith** - Gig Harbor Mid-day
- Sept 11 - **Chiara Wood** - Tacoma North
- Sept 12 - **David Snow** - Ballard
- Sept 13 - **John Donovan** - Columbia Valley Daybreak
- Sept 18 - **Rita Morkrid** - Fife/Milton
- Sept 18 - **Larry Treleven** - Fife/Milton

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Club Anniversaries

Bruce Dammeier: 11 years on September 19

John Winskill: 21 years on September 20

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, September 27 - Landmark Temple Theatre,
Chuck Valley - "Why Marriott Was Built Downtown."

THURSDAY, October 4 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Governor
Christine Gregoire.

THURSDAY, October 11 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Dave
McEntee, "The Amazing Tideflats."

Committee and Other Meetings

TUESDAY, September 18 - ICOC Committee Meeting, Rotary
Office, Noon.

TUESDAY, September 18 - Relationship Building Sub-Committee
Meeting, Farrelli's - 6th and Union, 5:00pm.

THURSDAY, September 20 - Youth Exchange Committee
Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, September 20 - Rotary International Foundation
Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

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



Eric Lind

Eric was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Dave Thomas** on September 13,
2007. He is a General Manager of Great American RV. His classification is
"AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Recreational Vehicles." Welcome to the club, Eric!

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Special Announcements

Membership Proposals

Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by
September 30, 2007, the following individuals will be considered
for membership:

Charlene Lagen

First Stop Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc.

Classification: BUSINESS SERVICES - Fire & Safety Equipment

Sponsor: Mike Medrzycki

Joe Lagen

First Stop Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc.



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James Padley

Northwest Medical Specialties
Classification: HEALTH SERVICES - Oncology
Sponsor: Mike Medrzycki

Keep your Rotary membership in good standing!

All annual dues for 2007-2008 were to have been paid by July 31, and unfortunately several are past due. This puts us in a bit of a predicament, as the Club has paid both Rotary International and District dues for all our members. According to our policies, if 2007-2008 dues are not paid by the end of September, members in arrears are subject to suspension.

There is also a backlog of unpaid charges for Galleyside and offsite meetings. Remember the rule: if you sign up to attend Galleyside and/or an offsite meeting, you are still obligated to pay even if you were a no-show.

Past due invoices have been mailed. Please help us avoid unnecessary charges for supplies, postage and labor by paying your account balances immediately. Thank you!

Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee

The Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee has set a new goal for 2007-2008, after the club's achievement of reaching the one million dollar mark prior to the end of the 2006-2007 year. Our new goal is member participation. You will be hearing from this committee and seeing us in the lobby each quarter to encourage you to sign up for regular donations to the Foundation. Making regular quarterly donations is the easiest way to contribute to the Foundation, earn your Arthur Wickens Fellowship and help us give more money back to the club for local community service. Please consider a regular gift to the Foundation. Just \$25 per quarter will fulfill the recommended, annual \$100 donation. We will see you all in the lobby next Thursday!

Attention All Tacoma Rotary Club #8 Pandaka Members:

You are invited to join me and other leaders of the club for a "Pandaka Roundtable" at noon on Wednesday, September 26, at the Rotary Office, 1326 Tacoma Avenue South, 98402. In addition to getting to know you better, we can answer any questions about the club and discuss ways for your continued involvement in club activities.

We'll have pizza and pop, but feel free to bring a brown-bag if you prefer. RSVP to the Rotary office (253 473 7723) or info@rotary8.org by Monday, September 24. **Space is limited to the first 20 responding. Others will receive an invitation to the next Roundtable which will be scheduled in the next quarter.**

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
President Steve Smith

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Jennifer Durham
Larry Ghilarducci
Lee Gingrich
Michael Hansch
Ottie Ladd
Pete Taylor
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Questions? Call the Rotary office at 253 473 7723 and ask for Kari or Beverly.



Thank You Message

"Steve & Tacoma #8:

Thank you kindly for hosting Doris Hayes-Clark and me at your July 12 lunch meeting. We had a wonderful time! The food was delicious, the hospitality abundant, and the company, unparalleled! Rotary's good works and community support is both overwhelming and inspiring. I consider my goals, mission, and ambitions quite similar to those of Rotary International's. I look forward to future opportunities for ways I may become involved in the exemplary efforts of your organization. It is my sincerest hope to make you, and our statewide community proud as I prepare to compete for Miss America!

*Warmly,
Elyse Umamoto
Miss Washington, 2007*

A Fun Excursion to Portland

We need payment for our play tickets in Portland (\$43.00 each for *The Underpants* at the Portland Center Stage and \$27.00 each for *Chocolate Confessions* at the World Trade Center).

Here are the people who have said they want to go (Nov. 2, 3, 4):

Rick and Kathleen Olson
Bill and Sharon Kaufmann
Don and Peg Doman - Confirmed
Rita Morkrid
Jan Brazzell and Wolfgang Opitz
Jeff and Betsy Gellert
John Reding and Nan Peele (Probably)
Jan Runbeck and Mike Mowat (Probably)
Vickie and TJ Staupe - Confirmed
Jim Burg and Ann Johnson (Probably)
Rich and Jackie Felser - Confirmed
Roy and Susan Kimbel
Rob and Vickie Erb
Donn and Debbie Irwin
Betty Ann Pope and husband - Confirmed

I need to know who is definitely going. We also need to discuss likes and dis-likes for hotels. My favorite hotel has changed names and the price is now \$100 more per night even with the Portland Big Deal. Send me your thoughts.

Also, we have an opportunity to see Garrison Keillor at the Broadway Center (Pantages) on January 10. David Fischer is holding 25 tickets for us at \$65.00 each. Who wants to go? Please let me know immediately...*with payment*. We'll do dinner first and have a great time at the *Prairie Home Companion*.

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Win Two Weeks in Tahiti!!!

About the only way to spend two weeks at Bob Hammar's Tahitian home, Fare Hamara (www.farehamara.com), is to win it in the Woodstick Raffle. Bob has graciously donated his home as the top prize. His home will accommodate two couples easily and up to eight people for a family with young children. The prize also includes \$2000 for airfare. The value of this prize is over \$5000.

Of course, there are other fantastic prizes as well. Tickets are \$20 each and proceeds go to Rotarians for Hearing Regeneration. The estimate of sold raffle tickets is about 3000, so your odds are really, really, really good for winning. The drawing will be held at Woodstick which is scheduled for October 27 at the ShowPlex in Puyallup. For more information visit www.woodstick2007.com.

Need to Make Up a Meeting?

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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.

Sept 20 - **Fircrest Golf Club** - 1500 Regents Blvd, Fircrest 98466 - (253)564-6756 (no jeans allowed).

Sept 27 - **Two Koi Japanese Cuisine** - 1552 Jefferson Avenue, Tacoma, (253)274-8999.

Looking Back Just for Fun!



Here is the front story as it appeared in the September 20, 1956 *GearShift*:

Program

Speaker:
Mrs. Everett G. Griggs II

Subject:
"The Three Goals of American Forestry"

Mrs. Griggs is a Director of the Keep Washington Green Association, a member of the Washington Education and Forest Industries Committee, and also serves on several State Conservation committees.

Mrs. Griggs is an excellent speaker, greatly in demand throughout the Northwest.

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Rotary Happenings - September 13, 2007

By: Christine Quinn-Brintnall



President Steve rang the bell. **Ross Hjelseth**, Headmaster, Life Christian School/Academy, gave the invocation. **Barry Benson**, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Bain led the National Anthem with **Barbara Mead**, Partner, Moss Adams LLP, on piano.

Anniversaries were celebrated as follows: **David Curry** - 2 years; **Terry Taylor** - 2 years; **Dane Meyer** - 14 years; **Linn Larsen** - 25 years; **George Lackermayer** - 37 years.

Brian Forth, **Jon Flora** and **Tony Camoroda**, who joined last week, and **Elliot Stockstad**, who joined two weeks ago, were re-welcomed.

Mary McNally, Owner, Johnson, Stone & Pagano, PS introduced our visiting Rotarians.

Dave Thomas, Vice President, Venture Bank, introduced new member **Eric Lind**, General Manager, Great American RV.

Bryan Flint, Executive Director, Tahoma Audubon Society, and **Jennifer Durham**, Owner, Host - Hospitality, LLC, promoted the Fall Firesides coming up on Tuesday, October

2. The topic for discussion has yet to be selected. The last day to sign up is Thursday, September 20.

Pamela Transue made a paid announcement for Tacoma Community College's grand re-opening, which will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, from 3 until 7. **Chuck Laguna** and **Linn Larsen** introduced fascinating guests and presented Roving Mic announcements for non-Rotary sponsored events. Both Chuck and Linn were "required to post-pay" (fined) for these announcements as a reminder that only Rotary-sponsored events may be announced. (Linn is believed to be considering an appeal since the person he introduced was not even present at the time of the introduction.)

Past President Pat Steel, Corporate Mystic, Community Strategies presented the birthday honorees and put them through their paces without prizes! Although **Julio Quan** won rave reviews for the "thing that makes him smile" (seeing his wife beside him when he first wakes up in the morning), the vast majority of the women members were heard to be changing their vote for favorite movie from *Gone With the Wind* to *Top Gun* after being entertained by the Commander of the Western Air Defense Sector, McChord Air Force Base, Colonel Paul Gruver.

President Steve introduced **Past President Nita Sell**, Certified Financial Planner, Montauk Financial, and **Mary Jo Strom Copland**, Owner/President, The Travel Company, who made an announcement regarding the Ethiopian Water Project III. Nita and Mary Jo relayed many sobering facts of Ethiopian life caused by contaminated water. For example, about 500,000 Ethiopian children die each year from diseases caused by contaminated water. That means approximately 45 Ethiopian children died of water-related disease while we ate lunch. But Rotary works. The money raised for the EWP III project before December 31, 2007, will grow with matching grants from the District, then Rotary International, then World Vision and then Conrad Hilton Foundation to turn each dollar into 8. This means that if we raise \$150,000 we will be able to build more than 100 wells and provide clean healthy water for thousands of people. The World Service Committee's EWP III plan has designs on your wallets and/or checkbooks so be sure to keep them handy at all times until we reach our goal.

President Steve announced that Pandaka graduation is Thursday, September 20th. President Steve introduced "Table Conversations." These are 5 minutes of focused, unscripted opportunity to get a glimpse of the real person sitting next to you. This week's topic was *Share your Passion*. Each person at the table had seconds to state something they were passionate about.

Passion was on the minds of many Rotarians as **Bill Rogers**, President, Evergreen Staffing, introduced our speaker, Colonel Paul Gruver, Commander of the Western Air Defense Sector, McChord Air Force Base. He said he loves speaking to Rotarians because they are intelligent, ask probing questions and hold him accountable. Col. Gruver outlined his duties as commander of a National Guard unit, three quarters of which are reserve forces. Acknowledging the frightening brilliance of the 9/11 perpetrator's strategy and tactics, Col. Gruver discussed the readiness capability of the NORAD defense system between October, 2001 and the present. My short interpretation follows: In September, 2001 we had our eyes and our (radar) guns fixed and permanently pointing outward from our borders looking for external invaders. Now, we have a radar web covering the entire North American continent and can identify anything that flies over

Alaska, Canada or the continental United States and determine whether it is a friendly or unfriendly "dog."

The colonel, who described himself as a "floozy with a big ego," presented photos of himself flying armed jets upside down. He discussed the improved communication and working relationship between various branches of our armed forces and jovially expressed his confidence in the superiority of his men, machines and various toys. He briefly complained about 70-hour work weeks due to decreased manpower and financial resources, but noted that his unit had come a long way from a windowless room filled with picnic table desks.

Col. Gruver moved through his presentation at mach speed displaying courage, irreverence, a facile knowledge of his subjects and self-deprecating humor. Using terms like "away-games" and "home-games," he explained the homeland mission: detect, identify, correct or eradicate, and outlined the expansion of US domestic and overseas defense capability since 9/11. He also referenced technological advancements in radar and weapons tracking that make surgical strikes possible and infallible target identification a necessity, and noted that this same technology can benefit civilian search and rescue operations by reducing the area of a search site from 500,000 square miles to 500,000 square feet.

Although the Colonel's subject was serious, thought provoking and more than a little frightening, with new information about foreign governments' shifting flight plans from unarmed to armed maneuvers, his confident characterization of such activities as "making us nervous but giving us a chance to practice identifying and distinguishing lost Rotarians flying private planes from unfriendly dogs," was low key and calmly reassuring.

In short, knowing Col. Gruver is flying an armed fighter upside down identifying unfriendly dogs, but always on the lookout for that friendly Rotarian pilot dog who has merely lost his way, assures me that we are in good hands.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



9/16 - Jim Henriot

"LAW PRACTICE -
Employment"
Of Council
Eisenhower & Carlson
Elected: 12/9/1982
Sponsor: Hal Cline
Birthplace: Chehalis, WA



9/19 - Juanita Carbaugh

"ASSNS: SOC SVS -
American Heart"
Sr. Vice President, Health
Strategies
American Heart Association
Elected: 9/23/1993
Sponsor: Eileen Ales
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



9/17 - James Shoemake

"PAST SERVICE -
Education"
Retired Superintendent
Elected: 10/31/1996
Sponsor: Angelo Giaudrone
Birthplace: Kansas City, KS
Spouse/Partner: Phyllis



9/21 - Phil Berggren

"ACCOUNTING - Auditing"
CPA
Martinson Cobean &
Associates, P.S.
Elected: 8/16/1984
Sponsor: Dick DeVine
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Nancy



9/18 - Jeff Albers
"INSURANCE - Employee
Benefits"
Vice President
Albers & Company, Inc.
Elected: 1/21/1999
Sponsor: Peter Hamilton
Birthplace: Keokuk, IA
Spouse/Partner: Kimberly



9/22 - Jann Gay
"INSURANCE - Title"
AVP - Commercial Sales
Chicago Title Insurance
Company
Elected: 12/7/2006
Sponsor: Fox Laura
Birthplace: Houston, TX
Spouse/Partner: Joey



**09/18 - Tony
Camoroda**
"BUILDING MATERIALS -
Sales"
Regional Sales Manager
Dayton Superior
Elected: 9/06/2007
Sponsor: Pete Taylor
Birthplace: Fresno, CA

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