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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre When We Welcome Val Dumond, "Fun with Words and Phrases"



A word person all her life, Val Dumond is fascinated with language and writing. She wrote for newspapers in high school and went on to write for and edit several newspapers in Wisconsin, Ohio and Maryland. Later, she wrote advertising copy and magazine articles, taught writing and grammar, edited books, and compiled technical manuals. In 1975, she moved to the Northwest and formed a business to write for hire and teach writing through community colleges, government agencies, and business groups.

Her first book was published in 1983, the history of Steilacoom's Church. She later wrote the history of the Tacoma/Pierce County Bar Association, the history of the Tacoma Airport, and the history of the Puyallup Fair (a coffee table edition titled *Doin' The Puyallup*). Two books, *Grammar for Grownups* (HarperCollins) and *Elements of Nonsexist Usage* (Prentice Hall), were published in the '90s. Since then she has drifted into editing and writing fiction. Her play, *The Daisy Wall*, was produced by the South Sound Playwrights Festival, and her first published novel, *Mush On and Smile* (a story about Klondike Kate, Queen of the Yukon) followed.

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Val led the Tacoma Writers Roundtable, a dynamic writing group, for eight years, publishing two anthologies written by local authors through Muddy Puddle Press. She acquired MPP and has published several books for other authors. The latest of her own books, *Just Words - The US and THEM Thing*, offers alternatives to language that is sexist, racist, ageist, ableist, and classist.

Val presently is revising *Grammar for Grownups* to make it even easier and more fun for grownups to learn this crazy language of ours. She continues to edit books for other writers, and presents programs on inclusive language, most recently for Girl Scouts - Pacific Peaks Council, Resident Councils of Washington, and the World Trade Center/Tacoma.

Just for fun, take the grammar quiz at Val's website:
www.valdumond.com.

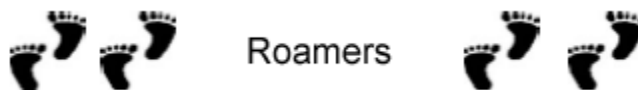
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This Week's Helpers

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

- Invoker - **TBD**
- Greeter - **Louis Cooper**
- Badge Board - **David Fischer** and **Andy Wood**
- Singer - **Chiara Wood**
- Piano - **Jack Warnick**
- Birthdays - **TBD**
- Fine Counters - **Nita Sell** and **Mel Zanjani**
- Story Writer - **Dane Meyer**

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- July 31 - **Laura Runkle** - Tacoma North
- Aug 15 - **John Morrison** - Tacoma Sunrise
- Aug 15 - **Roger Lee** - Tacoma Sunrise
- Aug 17 - **Donald Hansen** - Gig Harbor

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Club Anniversaries

- Stephanie Christensen:** 15 years on August 20
- Dorothy Lewis:** 20 years on August 20
- Rob Roth:** 7 years on August 24

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, August 30 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Vocational Talks with Steve Rhea and Dan Pass.

THURSDAY, September 6 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Dr. Enrique Leon, Community Health.

THURSDAY, September 13 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Col. Paul Gruver, Cmdr. - AF Western Air Defense Sector.

Committee and Other Meetings

TUESDAY, August 21- Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting, Farrelli's - 6th and Union, 5:00pm.

FRIDAY, August 24 - Membership Development Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 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



Doug Rohner

Doug was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Jim Whitacre** on August 16, 2007. He is the Vice President of TAPCO Credit Union. His classification is "FINANCE/BANKING - Credit Union." Welcome to the club, Doug!

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Special Announcements

Membership Proposals

Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by August 31, 2007, the following individuals will be considered for membership:

Amelia Benitez

Sterling Savings Bank
Classification: FINANCE/BANKING - Private Banking
Sponsor: Arlene Schubert

Tony Camoroda

Dayton Superior
Classification: BUILDING MATERIALS - Sales
Sponsor: Arlene Schubert

Daryl Hembry

Union Bank of California

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Juan Gabriel Salas Justiniano, Bolivia

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Classification: FINANCE/BANKING - Family Investments
Sponsor: Pete Taylor

Alex Trettin

Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency
Classification: RETAIL - Travel
Sponsor: Jim Mattson

The following members have a change in Classification:

Richard Jamison - AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Vehicle Leasing
Ann Farrell - CONSULTING - Leadership Development
Rick Oldenburg - CONSULTING - Non-profit

With Sympathy...

Sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to members **Jim and Karen Whitacre** in the loss of Jim's Mother-in-law, Karen's Grandmother.

Rotary Apparel for Sale!

At the August 23 meeting, the Communications Committee will have a limited amount of Rotary-logo apparel for sale. Among the items are polo shirts, long sleeve sports shirts, fleece jackets, vests, ties and t-shirts.

The items may be purchased with credit cards, checks, and cash only - no apparel will be billed to Rotary accounts.

Committee Sign-Up Forms

You should have received Committee Sign-Up forms in your mailbox. Also in the mailing was your contact information from the roster. Be sure to complete the sign-up form as well as make any corrections on your roster info and return both forms (no later than September 7 please) to the Rotary office using the envelope that was also provided. If your contact information is correct, please return the form indicating there are no changes. If you turn in both forms before August 31, you will also receive an attendance credit.

Attention All Pandakas

Our next Pandaka graduation will be scheduled in September, date to be determined. If you have been a member of our club for at least 90 days and have completed your Pandaka requirements, please let David Gardner (253-377-8588, e-mail: davidg@asei.ws) know you are ready to become a Blue Badge. If you need another Pandaka checklist, contact the Rotary office.

Back to School Supplies

Provide useful and needed school supplies for children from low income families. We're partnering with a local non-profit to give children tools to begin a successful school year. Bring new school supplies to any of our Rotary meetings between now and the end of the month. For more information, contact LaTasha Wortham 253-593-6536.



New Face at the Rotary Office!

You may have seen a new face at recent Thursday meetings and at the Rotary office. Shannon Meline began interning in the Rotary office July 23. Shannon is a 2005 graduate of Stadium High School and is part of the Tacoma-Pierce County Youth Building Tacoma program. Her interests include traveling, hiking, water

skiing and photography. An honest, hard-working young lady, Shannon has been instrumental in completing the classification revisions on badges and databases, as well as assisting the Rotary staff in various assignments.

Shannon's internship ends August 30, and she'll be looking for full-time employment. Her goal is to work in an office setting. She can be reached until August 30 at the Rotary office.

A Fun Excursion to Portland

Once again we are considering a trip to Portland. The dates would be November 2, 3, and 4. We will take Amtrak from Tacoma to Portland on Friday afternoon, grab a bite to eat and then take the trolley to Portland Improv (we'll ask them to save us front row seats again). Saturday will give us time to visit the Portland Art Museum, shop and have dinner at a nice restaurant before attending *The Underpants* (adapted by Steve Martin) at the Portland Center Stage. Sunday will find us sleeping in and then lunching before going to the World Trade Center for Coco Bliss and her one-person performance of skits and songs in *Chocolate Confessions*. Afterwards actress Joan Freed (Coco Bliss) and her husband will join us for dessert at The Heathman before we move on to Powell's Book Store. We will Amtrak back to Tacoma on Sunday evening.

Details:

We will look for hotel booking via The Portland Big Deal (starts in mid-September) for hotel rooms, which usually offers \$20 off per night, a continental breakfast for two, wine tasting in the evening and free overnight parking. FYI: I don't think we've ever had time for the free wine tasting. The Improv has accommodated us twice before by holding our seats allowing us to waltz in just before curtain time for our front row seats. They should be able to do this again.

Peg and I saw *The Underpants* at A.C.T. in Seattle and it was hilarious. In this side-splitting reinvention of a turn-of-the-century German sex comedy (if you can imagine a German sex comedy), the incomparable Steve Martin (yes, that Steve Martin) focuses his zany eye on the relationship between a prudish butcher and his delectably voluptuous young wife, Louise. Set in 1910, when a glimpse of stocking was something shocking, two very different men face cardiac arrest when they are witness to the full descent of the luscious Louise's lingerie during an outdoor celebration. Louise becomes something of an instant celebrity and a magnet for romantic intrigue in this hilarious, frothy, naughty comedy.

At the Art Museum there will be two exhibits. In presenting some 60 drawings, prints, and artist books, mainly from the Museum's collection, *Graphic Force, Humanist Vision* reveals the immediacy and poignancy of Leonard Baskin's artistic legacy: the common consciousness of humankind. Highlighting the creative collaboration between the artist and master printers, *Chuck Close Prints* demonstrates the ways in which the artist has challenged the accepted boundaries of the printmaking tradition.

In *Chocolate Confessions* we'll be welcomed to the chocolate shop of Coco Bliss, where a mixed assortment of hilarious customers share their deep, dark secrets. In this one-woman musical comedy, you'll meet over a dozen unique characters and hear amusing anecdotes about chocolate, like how M&M candies came to be, the surprising origins of the chocolate chip cookie and a courtroom drama of chocolate on trial for its sins. *Chocolate Confessions* has appeared in 25 cities across the country with rave reviews.

Please, let me know your interest (759-6639 or

trainingmedia@yahoo.com), so I can get you on the short list. We're going to have a wonderful time.

Don Doman

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.

We'll be selling raffle tickets in the lobby for the next couple of weeks with posters and a video to show off the great time you could have in Paradise.

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.

Aug 23 - **Woody's Wharf** (Formerly The Blue Olive) - 1715 Dock Street - 272-1433.

Aug 30 - **Johnny's Dock** - 1900 East D Street - 627-3186.

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Rotary Happenings - August 16, 2007

By: Chuck Laguna



President Steve Smith, Director of Community Relations, University of Washington Tacoma, rang the bell to start the meeting at 12:17.

Jayasri Ghosh, Educational Consultant, gave a thought-provoking invocation from "Sacred Journey," on the things God uses to speak to us.

The National Anthem was led by **John Spencer**, Attorney, with **Barbara Mead**, Partner, Moss Adams, on the piano.

Club Anniversaries were recognized as follows by President Steve: **Chris Hayes** - 5 years; **Mike Bitterling** - 23 years; **Phil Berggren** - 25 Years; and **John Reding** - 25 years. Our newer members were also re-introduced: **James Chikwinya**, **Scot Ellis**, **Nick Leider**, **Drew Ebersol**, **Ethan Smith** and **Derrick Hochstatter**.

President Steve took a moment to remind every member to talk to everyone with a red badge, so they can become acquainted, and learn why we feel that Tacoma 8 is such a great club for the community and the member.

Bryan Flint, Executive Director, Tacoma Audubon Society, introduced the visiting Rotarians: Doug Tailor from Queen Anne Seattle Rotary, and Frank Erickson, Tacoma Narrows Rotary.

We celebrated an *old*, new member introduction today. **Doug Rohner**, Vice President, TAPCO Credit Union, was re-introduced by his friend, Past President **Jim Whitacre**.

Doug was a Tacoma 8 member from 1992 - 2004. He is a full Paul Harris fellow. He was born in Iowa City, Iowa, ("go Hawkeyes") and now lives in Fircrest. Doug's classification is FINANCE/BANKING - Credit Union. The introduction ended with a group hug with President Steve, Jim and Doug. A tear was seen running down their eyes.

On Roving Mics were **Carolyn McDougal**, Executive Director, Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children, and **Jennifer Durham**, Owner, HOST-Hospitality, LLC.

Immediate Past President **Pete Taylor**, Owner, Taylor Voice and Proofreading Works, gave a talk on membership focus. He mentioned a friend he had known for years and worked on getting into the Scandinavian club, but never thought to ask him to join Rotary. Pete mentioned that overall Rotary membership is down. We lose members each year due to the financial commitment, moving out of the area, and death. We need to add a new member for each one we lose, plus some. We need to ask people if we expect to get new members. There also was a blue sheet at each table for members to write down names of prospective members that we can invite to an information meeting at the Tacoma Club.

President Steve, speaking on membership, has asked that no members die this year under his term. Anyone not complying will pay a fine at the next meeting they attend.

President Steve announced that there was a sympathy card being circulated for **Arlene Schubert**, who recently lost her mother, and a get well card for **Pete Norman** who is recovering from surgery.

Bill Kaufmann, E-Commerce Manager, Goodwill Industries gave the birthday announcements. Bill recently spent \$20,000 on a new roof. He asked each of the birthday celebrants what they would have done with the money if he had given it to them instead.

Ken Olson would give it to the Boys and Girls Club.

Warren Foster would put a down payment on a sailboat.

Scott Seelye would fly friends in a Lear jet to Pebble Beach to play golf.

Betty Ann Pope would put the money into the grandchildren's college funds.

Bill, for what its worth, there is this Harley I have my eye on the next time you have \$20,000 burning a hole in your pocket.

True Confessions included **Tracy Peacock** thanking the Rotarians that attended their kick-off breakfast; **Ray Schuler** was happy to pay a fine just to see Past President **Jeff Lovely** in a tie; **Becky Fontaine** has been in Bolivia working on service projects; **Jayasri Ghosh**, enjoyed working with the kids at Camp Goodtime, plus a few others that this reporter missed due to slow handwriting.

Jeff Lovely introduced our speaker, Linda Criddle, author of the

book, "Look Both Ways." You can find the book at www.look-both-ways.com.

Linda gave us a look into the mind of a predator, and shared things we should avoid when posting information on our blogs, e-mail, Myspace, etc. She mentioned that there are 60,000,000 sexual victim survivors around the world.

Linda stated that it is not that we should avoid using the internet, we just need to think about how we use it. She pointed out that when we send or post something, we need to ask ourselves, what am I sharing, and who am I sharing it with. Remember, when you share something, a *friend of a friend* is a stranger.

There are main reasons we expose ourselves on the Internet: lack of knowledge of the tools we are using; carelessness; unintended exposure by others; flaws or gaps in technology; flaws or gaps in laws and the government; deliberate criminal acts.

Her talk was extremely enlightening, and I know I will think twice prior to posting information on the Internet. I have ordered her book and think it will be a good read for everyone.

President Steve thanked Linda for her presentation, asked us to live Rotary and rang the bell for adjournment.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



8/20 - Paul Akiyama

"CONTRACTING & CONSTRUCTION - Heavy Commercial"
Partner
Rushforth Construction
Elected: 2/12/2004
Sponsor: Don Lloyd
Birthplace: Seattle, WA
Spouse/Partner: Linda Akiyama



8/23 - Robert Mallon

"AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Retailing"
Mallon Ford Inc.
Elected: 5/13/1965
Sponsor: William Gregory
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Roney Mallon



8/21 - Mitch Mullan

"AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Auto Collision Repair"
Owner
Mullan's Collision Center
Elected: 4/13/1972
Sponsor: Jim Cavanaugh
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Aggie Mullan



8/25 - Pete Taylor

"MARKETING - Public Relations"
Owner
Taylor Voice & Proofreading Works
Elected: 1/17/2002
Sponsor: Dave Schmitz
Birthplace: Montclair, NJ
Spouse/Partner: Kristine Taylor



8/22 - Fred Matthaei

"EDUCATION - Universities"
Adjunct Professor
Pacific Lutheran University
Elected: 3/19/1981
Sponsor: Chuck Matthaei
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Dianne Matthaei



8/20 - Gabriel Justiniano

"Exchange Student"
Bolivia
Host Family: Becky Fontaine
Birthplace: Santa Cruz, Bolivia

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