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Chef Steve Eason, CEC, CCE received his initial degree from the Culinary Institute, Hyde Park, New York. He has served as Executive Chef at the Vail Association, Vail, Colorado, the Fife Executive Inn; Weyerhaeuser Corporation, McChord Officers' Club, and now with Tacoma's Landmark Convention Center. Steve is a Bronze Medalist in the "Ice Magic" Competition, and "Team Ice Works USA" 10th place World Ice Art Championships 2000 held in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Steve has been with the Landmark for nearly two years. He has not only raised the culinary standards of the Landmark in his short time there, but makes sure that communication is always on the menu. Chef Eason listens to suggestions and considers the needs of our weekly lunch visitors.

Steve will speak a little bit about himself and his passion for food. After a few minutes, Chef Eason will be joined by **President Steve Smith** with the Steve & Steve cooking demonstration. Chef Eason promises an interesting menu for the 5th of July AND a fun demonstration for President Steve. Please, eat your lunch before the program!

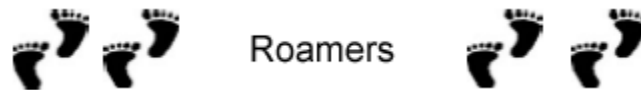
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This Week's Helpers

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

- Invoker - **Brynn Blanchard**
- Greeter - **Kim McHugh**
- Badge Board - **Doug Neff, Rita Morkrid, AJ Gordon**
- Singer - **Linn Larsen**
- Piano - **Barbara Mead**
- Birthdays - **Don Doman**
- Fine Counters - **Don Anderson, Dick Heaton**
- Story Writer - **Bill Kaufmann**

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- Apr 04 - **Stan Kanarowski** - Clover Park
- Apr 25 - **Stan Kanarowski** - Clover Park
- May 04 - **Stan Kanarowski** - Lakewood
- May 11 - **Stan Kanarowski** - Lakewood
- June 05 - **Fred Matthaai** - unknown
- June 14 - **John Donovan** - Kennewick Daybreak
- June 15 - **Gerald Moczynski** - Puyallup South Hill
- June 21 - **John Donovan** - Columbia Valley Daybreak
- June 22 - **Zach Hill** - Gig Harbor
- June 23 - **Steve Rhea** - Bellingham
- June 26 - **Fred Matthaai** - unknown
- June 27 - **Larry Treleven** - Seattle #4
- June 29 - **Bob Krotz** - Gig Harbor
- June 29 - **Larry Treleven** - Gig Harbor

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Club Anniversaries

- Peter Cole:** 2 years on July 07
- David Snow:** 4 years on July 03
- Victoria Woodards:** 1 year on July 06

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, July 12 Joel Hellencamp "Helping Us Get Through Each Day" - Landmark Temple Theatre. See details under Special Announcements.

THURSDAY, July 19 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Off-site Meeting - Chambers Bay Golf Course. Please RSVP to the Rotary office.

THURSDAY, July 26 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Commander Mark McCadden, Coast Guard Station, Seattle - Marine Terrorism and Boating Safety.

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

There were no new members introduced at the June 28, 2007 meeting.

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Special Announcements

Next Week's Meeting

July 12 - For **President Steve's** second meeting we have psychologist and counselor, Joel Hellencamp. "Helping Us Get Through Each Day" is the subject of Joel's presentation. Don't be afraid. You won't be psychoanalyzed. Joel basically just helps people . . . from children to adults . . . with problems and without. Basically, Joel's approach is to listen, offer a kind word and then give a little advice. In his spare time, Joel plays soccer and is a children's soccer coach as well.

Host Families Wanted

If you are even remotely interested in hosting an exchange student, please contact **Cindy Niemi** (403-1671) or **Corey Hjalseth** (318-6222) for more details. Our club has 3 students arriving towards the end of August from Hungary, Bolivia, and Norway. We have people willing to host while you are on vacation or business trips so please don't let that stop you. We look forward to hearing from you ASAP.

Attention: Former Members of Other Clubs!

If you are a former member of another Rotary club, we need to



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ensure that your Rotary International Foundation Paul Harris Fellow recognition points are transferred from your old club to Tacoma 8. So if you are an alum of another club, please call the office and let us know which club it was (if you know the club number, that would be helpful). We will also need to know your Rotary International number (it is on the label on your copy of *The Rotarian*). Thanks!

Need to Make Up a Meeting?

Do you know that it's possible to earn a make-up on-line?

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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.

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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.

July 5 - **Anthony's at Point Defiance** - 5912 N Waterfront Dr - 752-9700.

July 12 - **The Ram** - 3001 N. Ruston Way - 756-7886.

Thank You Letters to Tacoma 8

Just wanted to pass on a hearty thank you. Since we received the grant from Rotary to increase access at the Downtown Family Medical Clinic we have created numerous alliances within our community. Most recently we have teamed up with the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center to be a referral source for male and female victims of Domestic Violence. Also, the Tacoma Police Department and Pierce County Police Department will be using our clinic as a referral source for victims they see on the scene. Additionally, our clinic is becoming a model program for other county programs within the state of Washington. Currently, King County has been soliciting help from our lead provider Desiree White such that they can develop a program like ours. Lastly, we are now applying other grants to improve access to our patients.

Thanks to the Rotary for getting the ball rollin'.

*Sincerely,
Chad Krilich MD, MBA
Family Medicine
Downtown Family Medical Clinic*

President Peter V. Taylor:

Thank you and Rotary 8 for the grant of \$1,000 and recognition at your meeting. The grant will provide reimbursement for travel costs and meals at Tacoma Public Schools and Boys and Girls Clubs. The results of your donation will be highlighted in our progress report to you. I enjoyed your meeting and was impressed with the grants you chose to fund.

*Thank you again,
David Olsen
Catholic Community Services*

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Rotary Happenings - June 28, 2007

By: John Morrison



President Pete Taylor rang the bell as President of the prestigious Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 for one last time. **Linda Kaye Briggs** delivered a thoughtful invocation with President Pete in mind and **Bill Kaufmann**, accompanied by **President Elect Steve Smith**, led us all in the National Anthem.

President Pete recognized the following Rotarians for their years of service to Rotary: **Ed Hudson**, **Norb Methven**, **Katie Mathews**, **Teri Trettin**, and **Ralph Klose** (58, 21, 20, 20 and 7 years respectively).

Allan Guitar, **AJ Gordon**, **Maro Imirzian**, and **Chiara Wood** were all welcomed to the club again - all having recently joined within the last three weeks - and all, no doubt, sweating the fact that **Ed Hudson's** 58 years are the benchmark they are required to reach before achieving Blue Badge status.

Pandaka **Christina Ford** introduced our visiting Rotarian and then Past Presidents **Kathleen Olson** and **Nita Sell** took to the Roving Mics. No agenda this time as Rotarians introduced their guests, just words of praise for President Pete and the great job he did this year.

Past President **Jim Henderson** and **Linda Kaye Briggs** then awarded the last Paul Harris Fellowships this year under President

Pete's watchful eye. **Laura Fox** and **Joe Lawless** received their first, while **Dr. Robert Klein** received his third. **Marion Sharpe** and Linda Kaye Briggs were honored as Benefactors - having named Tacoma #8 in their estate plans.

President Pete then called upon **David Gardner** and bestowed upon him the award of *Pandaka of the Year* for all of his great work this year. Who can forget Mr. Gardner in his crazy get-ups, volunteering for birthdays in his first month here playing a sweet guitar in front of all of us, and working like crazy on the auction? For his efforts, he was awarded an honorary Paul Harris Fellowship. Congrats David, an award well-earned.

As President Pete reflected on how things just couldn't get any better, he announced that **Bill Baxter** had donated \$1,000 to the Tacoma Rotary Foundation. He then proceeded to read a letter sent to him from **Chuck Matthaei** and family. Mr. Matthaei thanked our good President for his hard work over the year and to close, announced a gift from the Matthaei family in the amount of \$100,000 to go toward Rotary's Centennial Project! The Matthaei family has strong ties to this club - 168 of them to be exact. That's the total number of years Matthaei family members have been a part of Tacoma 8. It makes a person proud to be associated with the caliber of folks this Club attracts. Thank you, Chuck and family, for setting a terrific example and getting us off to a great start!

Peter Hamilton took the stage to honor this week's birthday recipients. This week's celebrants included **Larry Gaffney, Doug Lineberry, Kevin Phelps, Jack Peterson, Ed Mawe** and **Steve Finnigan**.

Gentlemen, take note. If you weren't present, a few kindly Rotarians took pity upon you and paid your birthday fines. I believe I heard that your fine next week for missing this week is four times the fine paid by your fellow Rotarians!

True Confessions included a number of great items, from businesses being consolidated, to a 61st Anniversary being celebrated, Nita's Birthday Party on July 6 and golf at Chambers Bay on July 19 right after our off-site visit there.

And then it was time for President Pete to sign off and turn things over to President Elect Steve Smith. With these stoic words, "Ok Steve, let's do this" he placed the Club President pin on Mr. Smith's lapel and it was official, President Pete's term had come to an end. President Smith presented **President Elect Jeff Rounce** with the President Elect pin and as quickly as all the chaos that occurred during those brief seconds our club was without its proper officials, all was restored in the blink of an eye.

President Steve took a few moments to recognize Past President Pete for his work and presented him with a wonderful gift of ingredients for the perfect Mai Tai and hand blown glasses from an artist from the Museum of Glass, for him to enjoy as he settled into his new role as Immediate Past President. The gift was memorable for a number of reasons, but mostly in honor of Past President Pete for his efforts in bringing alcohol back to our weekly meetings!

President Steve turned the stage over to **Rusty George** and we all sat back to enjoy "Share the Air" with Pete Taylor. **Jim Crabbe** opened the show with a great intro and Rusty went straight to the question: "Just who is Pete Taylor?" What we discovered was that Pete is somewhat of an enigma - taking on a number of roles over the years, always changing, never remaining still.

Born in New Jersey to a family of modest means, Pete came from good genes, having a father who was a world record holder in the hurdles of all things. Early on, Pete showed an affinity for the news and as a kid started his own paper called the Belle Haven Bugle. Pete's uncanny ability to sniff out a story soon caused ripples in the media empire of his home town and he was all but run out of town by his competition the Greenwich Times. With such a frosty send off, it only seemed appropriate that Pete would find himself in sunny Florida where he pursued his two great passions - radio and women.

Pete not only became a pioneer of college radio where he broadcasted his show from his dorm room on a 1 watt channel, but he also became Public Enemy #1 by pirating the signal! A call from Officer Haggerty (played by a daunting **John Schneider**) 30 years later put Pete on notice that his running days were over, the law had finally caught up to him.

Where else do you go when you're running from the law? The Coast Guard, of course. It was here that Pete found his sea legs and found his way to Hawaii where he landed his first real radio gig and eventually moved his way up into management. Pete flourished in management as he quickly realized the benefits of power. He hobnobbed with the rich and famous, made many "connections" with the ladies, and ruled the airwaves with his influence.

Never satisfied, Pete wanted more, and he hopped a ship back to the mainland where he wound up in San Francisco and joined a motley group of radio enthusiasts who helped put together a little radio concern called KFOG. Now that's impressive! And it was at this time that he became a Rotarian, joining San Francisco #2 Rotary Club. Unfortunately, he soon realized that while he enjoyed Rotary, it wasn't exactly the best place to "make connections," and so he quickly joined the local tennis circuit where his prowess on the court impressed many. We were treated to some footage of Pete in action during his heyday, and while he may have shown signs of brilliance, we realized that **Joe Gordon Sr** has still got it going on!

Pete headed to Boston for another gig, but soon realized he left an important organ behind. With a heart as big as the one Pete carries, it wasn't long before he noticed it missing, so he went back to get it. What happened next will give anyone a reason to leave his heart in the City by the Bay. Kristen Eddings, Miss Washington, took the stage and sang that great song to Pete, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." The song ended with the line "your golden sun will shine on me" and I couldn't help but think that Pete's golden influence on our club will shine down on us for some time to come.

As Pete was busy making connections back in San Francisco - and making connections - and making connections - he met a woman named Kristine, the woman he soon came to marry. By now, Pete had it all figured out and knowing exactly what he wanted, went right after Kristine by inviting her to a party where she found him kissing another girl! Of course, Pete knew that in psychology, you always want what you can't have, and that was just the trick needed to win his future wife's heart.

They soon started a family and Pete started Taylor Communications, his own PR company. Fate brought them north to Tacoma as his family and business grew and Pete slipped right into his natural mode - making connections.

As Rusty fielded calls from all over town from eager listeners, the show soon focused on who the real Rotary Game Night Champion was this year. To decide the champion once and for all, Rusty called up 10 ladies from the audience and explained the object of a game called "Chubby Bunny." Let's just say it involved a group of people touching each others' faces and two bags of marshmallows. I'm still chuckling...(Nice job, **Rose Johnson** and **Pam Andersen** on the marshmallow stashing!) What Pete didn't realize was that each time Rusty touched Pete's face, he was being marked with black shoe polish.

This was followed by a blindfolded pie eating contest against Past Presidents Kathleen Olson and Nita Sell and President Steve. Pete, you da man! Once the contest began Pete was the only one competing - the other three removed their blindfolds and enjoyed watching Pete chow down!

And finally, a coin trick game that involved a large funnel, a roll of quarters, a blindfold, a pitcher of water and a whole lot of suspense.

In the end, it didn't really matter who won the games - but man, were they amusing. Regardless of the game, Pete is our champion and he shows that every day through his leadership, dedication, and

love for this club and all its members. In the end, we are judged by our actions, and judging by the actions of Mr. Taylor, he will forever remain a pillar of this club and an example of true leadership. We thank you, Mr. Taylor, for your hard work, vision, and unflinching belief in each and every one of us Rotarians.

To close, Officer Haggerty deputized all of this Club's Past Presidents and they made their way up on stage to haul Pete away.

President Steve closed the meeting and brought in the new Rotary year. To Galleside we went.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



7/4 - Bill Causin
"REAL ESTATE - Apartment
House Management"
Elected: 4/3/1969
Sponsor: Dick Haley
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Bianca



7/7 - Maureen Fife
"ASSOC: Soc Svs: Habitat
for Humanity"
Deputy Director
Tacoma/Pierce County
Habitat for Humanity
Elected: 7/19/2001
Sponsor: Kathleen
Olson/David Ottey
Birthplace: San Diego, CA
Spouse/Partner: Mark Fife



7/4 - Karen Clemens
"ARTS - Museum of Glass"
Corporate Relations/Event
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Museum of Glass
Elected: 3/30/2006
Sponsor: Jan Brazzell
Birthplace: Seattle, WA
Spouse/Partner: Mark
Clemens

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