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Join Us This Thursday When We Welcome Dave McEntee - "The Amazing Tideflats"

PLEASE NOTE: This week the meeting will be held at the Landmark's Corinthian Room on the 4th floor



Dave McEntee directs activities related to environment, safety, energy, real estate, and public and governmental affairs for Simpson Investment Company. A 20 year employee, he has developed specific corporate management systems which are being implemented by professional staff in diverse businesses, including pulp and paper manufacture, lumber manufacture and commercial/industrial real estate. He has responsibility for the array of environment, safety and energy procurement and compliance matters. He also directs Simpson's public affairs and governmental affairs at the local, state and national levels.

As part of his strategic planning duties, Dave coordinates outreach efforts to address community issues regarding the environment and economic sustainability. He currently serves on the Board of Citizens for a Healthy Bay, on the City of Tacoma Green Ribbon task force, and on the Governor's technical work group addressing climate change. He is a former Board member and two-time Board President of People for Puget Sound. He has been active on a number of committees and interest groups dealing with issues ranging from sustainable economic development practices, salmon recovery, oil spill contingency planning, forestland preservation and water rights. He coordinates Simpson's participation in redevelopment efforts on Tacoma's waterfront and has extensive experience in Brownfield redevelopment in Washington and

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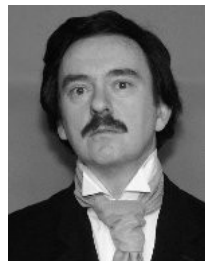


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California. He has been recognized by EPA Headquarters as a national leader in beyond compliance environmental management. He is currently working on a renewable energy project to bring 40 megawatts of renewable green energy to the Tacoma area and assessing the application of cellulosic ethanol research to the pulp and paper industry.

Dave received a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries Sciences from the University of Washington in 1978, he is a Tacoma native, a Stadium High graduate, and resides in North Tacoma with his wife Debbie and their 3 children, Megan, Tom and Kate. He will be talking to Tacoma 8 about "The Amazing Tideflats."



Mini Program

This Thursday come to Rotary and see a fantastic, early Halloween mini-program. Tim Hoban, as Edgar Allan Poe, will recite his short story masterpiece.

I saw Tim perform as Edgar Allan Poe at a community library. The sitting audience alone was double what staff had originally set up for. They had to borrow chairs from every room in the building. Mostly the adults sat and the children stood . . . and the students just kept coming. Even after the performance began they still came in two's and three's. They sat on the floor. They watched through the shelves between books. Tim kept their attention. And when he performed *The Tell-Tale Heart* you could almost hear the beating of the dead man's heart as Tim's character went insane before our eyes. It was captivating . . . and wonderful.

Don Doman
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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Randy Melquist**
Greeter - **Chung Lee**
Badge Board - **Nurhan Karakas** and **Scot Ellis**
Singer - **Doug Dillow**
Birthdays - **Chuck Laguna**
Fine Counters - **Bob Bruback** and **Dick Heaton**
Story Writer - **Kara Duffy**

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Roamers



Sept 20 - **Enid Harris** - ms Oosterdam
Sept 20 - Past President **Jim Harris** - ms Oosterdam
Sept 25 - **Jeff Albers** - Tacoma North
Sept 27 - **John Donovan** - Columbia Valley Daybreak

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Oct 1 - **David Flentge** - Tacoma South
 Oct 2 - **Tish Andresen** - Tacoma Narrows
 Oct 3 - Past President **Pete Taylor** - Highlands Mountaintop, Highlands, NC

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Club Anniversaries

Don Anderson: 17 years on October 11
Jimmy Collins: 21 years on October 09
Peter Hamilton: 24 years on October 13
Ron Lunceford: 19 years on October 13
John Morrison: 3 years on October 07
Beth Sylves: 5 years on October 10

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, October 18 - Landmark Temple Theatre, **David Graybill** - "Creative Cities Project."
THURSDAY, October 25 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Pat Spakes, UWT Chancellor.
THURSDAY, November 1 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Bill Baxter, The Washington Technology Association.

Committee and Other Meetings

TUESDAY, October 9 - World Community Service Committee Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.
TUESDAY, October 9 - Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45am.
TUESDAY, October 9 - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 12 noon.
THURSDAY, October 11 - Information Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm (please RSVP to Rotary Office).

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



Steve Jewell

Steve was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Mike Dunbar** on October 4, 2007. He is the Deputy Director for Safe Streets Campaign. His classification is "ASSNS: SOC SVCS - Safe Streets." Welcome to the club, Steve!

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Special Announcements

With Sympathy...

Sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to Kristine and Past President **Pete Taylor** in the loss of Kristine's mother.

Nominations for Nominating Committee

At the October 4 meeting nominations were taken from the floor for the Nominating Committee. In accordance with club Bylaws Article III, Section 1:

(a) At the first meeting in October of each year, the President of the Club shall call for twelve (12) nominations to select members for two (2) nominating committees. Such nominating committees consist of three (3) people each, all of whom shall have been members of this Club for at least three (3) calendar years.

(b) The Secretary will record the names of the nominees, and within four (4) business days thereafter the Secretary shall mail to each member a printed ballot showing the names and photos of all members so nominated except those that may have advised the Secretary in writing of their inability to serve if elected on such nominating committee. The ballots will be mailed this week.

Hunger Walk - Great News!

At last Thursday's meeting, \$1,576 (including \$30 in pledges) were donated for the Interact Hunger Walk Team! This is a terrific contribution and a great showing of support. Thank you for your generosity!

Softball Game Rescheduled - Tacoma 8 vs. Lakewood Rotary!

Due to inclement weather last week, the softball game was re-scheduled for this Wednesday, October 11, at Cheney Stadium, 6pm. Once again, if the game needs to be cancelled due to weather, you will receive an e-mail by 2pm on Wednesday.

There is no charge for parking or admittance, so bring the family and support your Tacoma 8 team! Following our victorious game anyone wanting to stick around to celebrate can meet in the Gold Club at Cheney Stadium.

Play ball!

Ethiopia Water Project

Our World Community Service Committee 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. But Rotary works. The money we raise 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. Please contact Nita Sell, EWP3 Team Leader, or send a check made out to "Tacoma 8 International Projects" and mail to the Rotary office, PO Box 1777, Tacoma, WA 98401.

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

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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.

Interested in Receiving Rotary Invoices via Email? If So, Let Us Know!

Our bookkeeping software includes capabilities to invoice our members electronically. Doing so will save money on supplies and postage as well as be a time saver. If you're interested in receiving invoices via email, please send an email to the Rotary office at info@rotary8.org, and provide the email address where your invoices are to be directed. Our target date to have this process in place is October 15. Your prompt reply will help us meet this date!

Questions? Call the Rotary office at 253 473 7723 and ask for Kari or Beverly.

Rotary International Foundation Committee

Mike Politeo, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Bain Associates, is the new Chair of the Rotary International Foundation Committee. You'll soon hear more about the committee's plans.

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).

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.

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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.

Oct 11 - **Sea Grill** - 1498 Pacific Ave, Tacoma 98402 - (253) 272-5656

Oct 18 - **Stanley & Seafort's** - 115 E 34th St, Tacoma 98404 - (253) 473-7300

Oct 25 - **Stadium Bistro** - 204 St. Helens Ave, Tacoma 98402 - (253) 683-4150

Mini-Program - October 25 - Orpheus in the Underworld

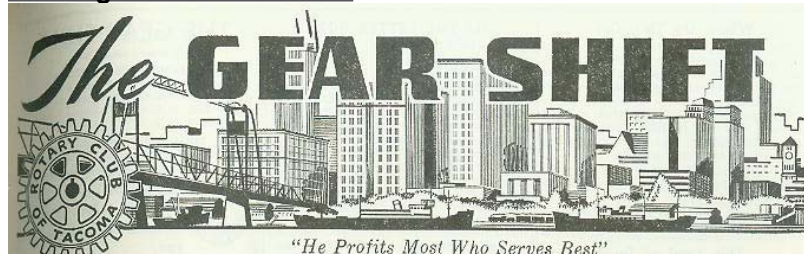
Don't worry about the gods and the classical story, you'll quickly understand what's going on within minutes. And the music? Don't worry; you'll recognize it in nine notes. On October 25 we'll be given a little taste of Orpheus, which runs the first weekend in November at Tacoma Opera.

Only a Frenchman, Jacques Offenbach, could write a story of so much infidelity and still pull off a happy ending. When Offenbach rewrote the tragic Greek love story of Orpheus and Eurydice, he transformed it into a comedy of mythological proportions. In Offenbach's version, Orpheus is no longer trying to save his beloved wife, but is almost as eager to get rid of her as she is to run off with a new lover. The gods Pluto and Jupiter are happy to assist in the breakup, as both are busy scheming for Eurydice's affections. Along the way, all the gods and a few mortals join Pluto in the underworld as he throws a party for the ages.

Please, bring a friend to enjoy the mini-programs and let me know of any other mini-programs you would like to see at Tacoma #8.

Don Doman

Looking Back Just for Fun!



Here is the front story that appeared in the October 11, 1956 *GearShift*.

Program

The Military Affairs Committee
Capt. Chester Chastek, Chairman

PRESENTS

Rotarian

Col. Thomas J. Brascher
Commanding Officer, Personnel
Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.

SUBJECT:

**The Army Replacement
System and Personnel
Center Operations**

Here's your opportunity to learn what goes on at the big Army Post by one who knows. Tom has been at Fort Lewis for the past 18 months, coming there from active service in Korea.

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Rotary Happenings - October 4, 2007

By: Bill Kaufmann



President Steve Smith, Director of Community Relations, University of Washington, Tacoma, rang the bell to start this week's very full meeting. The tables and chairs were beautifully decorated with white linen and crystal candle centerpieces...someone would think the Governor was coming or something.

A very motivating invocation was given by **Louis Cooper, Jr.**, Director, Port of Tacoma.

The National Anthem was led by **Barry Benson**, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Bain, accompanied by **Barbara Mead**, Partner, Moss Adams LLP, on piano.

The following Club anniversaries were celebrated: **Ryan Petty** - 1 year; **Cathy Hall** - 6 years; **Jack White** - 8 years; **Rusty Hersey** - 9 years; **Rose Johnson** - 10 years; **Pamela Transue** - 10 years; **Kevin McGowan** - 14 years; **Roy Kimbel** - 22 years.

President Steve welcomed our newer members and recognized all members who attended this week's Fireside meetings.

Derrick Hochstatter, Development Director, Community House, introduced our 3 visiting Rotarians, including Governor Chris Gregoire, who is a member of the Olympia club.

President Steve introduced Past President **Mike Dunbar**, Executive Vice President, Financial Planners NW, Inc., who introduced new member **Steve Jewell**, Deputy Director, Safe Streets Campaign.

President Steve called for nominations for the Nominating Committee. He also thanked Past President **Chuck Hellar**, Chuckals Office Supplies, for sending a letter to the News Tribune about Tacoma 8's past efforts to help a city in Mexico with emergency vehicles.

Ross Hjelseth, Life Christian School, made an announcement about our Interact Club's participation in the upcoming Hunger Walk and asked members to pass around the bag on each table for donations.

Past President **Don Doman**, PNW Video Productions, discussed the need for volunteers and raffle ticket sales for the upcoming Woodstick event.

It was announced that the ball game against Lakewood has been rescheduled for next Wednesday at Cheney Stadium, due to wet field conditions last week.

President Steve recognized our 3 exchange students who were all in attendance and looking quite cheerful.

Dean Hanks, Tacoma Goodwill, announced a meeting of the Projects Committee on Friday at 8am.

Past President **Kathleen Olson**, Executive Director, Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County, celebrated birthdays by giving 'virtual pets' to each member celebrating a birthday: **Lee Gingrich; Timothy Grant; Chuck Laguna; Jeff Lyon; Carolyn McDougal; Ron Mladenich; Denise Timm; and Scott Winship.**

True Confessions were quite popular today with members feeling a need to confess in front of Governor Chris Gregoire. You had to be there.

President Steve introduced **Pamela Transue**, President, Tacoma Community College, who introduced Governor Chris Gregoire.

The Governor glowingly thanked Pamela for her leadership at TCC. I don't think I've ever seen Pamela blush so much.

Governor Gregoire then shared an exciting announcement that a new state organization - the Puget Sound Partnership - would be locating its offices on Tacoma's Foss Waterway along with UWT and Urban Waters as a way "to create good results using good science to clean up Puget Sound." The Governor discussed the benefits of such partnerships, mentioning an announcement last Saturday about a partnership with Central Latino and the Hilltop Association to help improve that area, and partnerships by the Port of Tacoma with NYK Line which would have an amazing economic impact.

The Governor said Washington is known for such innovation and creativity, and this uniqueness helps us with international trade. We are the most trade-dependent state in the US, and the only state that has a trade-surplus with China. Wow, we should have used chopsticks to eat lunch.

"We need a business plan to take us to a new level," stated the Governor. She called this the "Next Washington" plan, which includes innovations in growing education and improving health care at all levels. She feels education should focus on the student, be seamless at all levels, create innovative partnerships and reverse concerning trends by starting with new early education programs. The Governor also outlined a process to make health care more affordable, accessible, quality focused and especially, available for all children. She criticized President Bush's recent veto of child health insurance programs - I'm sure we all expected that one.

Governor Gregoire ended her formal presentation by thanking Rotary for being a good partner with numerous state programs.

Randy Melquist asked a question about insurance reform, to which the Governor discussed a pilot 'connector' program that will provide more health care choices to employees, create an insurance pool, enable insurance to follow employees to different jobs, and enable small businesses to provide health care benefits to employees.

David Gardner asked about the Sonics, and the Governor indicated she is doing everything possible to keep both the Sonics and the Storm in Washington.

In response to a question about the upcoming transit bill, Governor Gregoire said it's not perfect, but that's no reason to not approve it. There are too many transit needs and we have a lot of good momentum right now.

President Steve thanked Governor Gregoire as well as her staff for visiting with us, and for some of her nice comments about Tacoma.

Next week's speaker will be Dave McEntee from Simpson Investment Company. The topic will be "The Amazing Tideflats."

President Steve reminded everyone that the Thursday night social would be at The Harmon, and ended the meeting with a ceremonial ring of the bell.

Happy Birthday Rotarians!



10/7 - Brian Fitzgerald
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Spouse/Partner: Ella Fitzgerald



10/11 - Stephanie Shinn
"FINANCE/BANKING - Financial Planning"
Investment Advisor Representative
Purcell Advisory Services, LLC
Elected: 6/23/2005
Sponsor: Layne Alfonso
Birthplace: Minden, NE
Spouse/Partner: Tommy Shinn



10/8 - Paul Opgrande
"HEALTH SERVICES - Retirement Facilities"
President/CEO
Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community
Elected: 6/2/2005
Sponsor: Don Lloyd
Birthplace: Dickinson, ND
Spouse/Partner: Lolita Opgrande



10/12 - Rusty Hersey
"BUSINESS SERVICES - Linen Supply"
President
Superior Linen Service
Elected: 10/1/1998
Sponsor: Andy Laycock
Birthplace: Olympia, WA
Spouse/Partner: Janet Hersey



10/9 - AJ Gordon
"FINANCE/BANKING - Community Bank"
VP Commercial Real Estate Lending
Rainier Pacific Bank
Elected: 6/7/2007
Sponsor: Don Lloyd
Birthplace: Burien, WA
Spouse/Partner: Bethany Gordon



10/12 - Andrea Olson
"EDUCATION - Vocational"
Vice President Economic Development
Clover Park Technical College
Elected: 3/19/2003
Sponsor: Kay Harlan
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



10/9 - John Winskill
"PHYSICIANS - Dental"
President
Winskill DDS PS
Elected: 9/20/1986
Sponsor: Bob Gee
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Jan Winskill



10/12 - Karen Seinfeld
"PAST SERVICE - Government Services"
Elected: 3/30/2006
Sponsor: Carolyn Else
Birthplace: Los Angeles, CA



10/10 - Layne Alfonso
"ENGINEERING - Geo Technical"
Development Market Director
Geo Engineers
Elected: 12/18/2003
Sponsor: Don Lloyd
Birthplace: Hammond, LA
Spouse/Partner: April Alfonso