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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 for a Special Offsite Meeting at the Museum of Glass



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Hot Glass. Cool Art.  
 We have an exciting program planned this week at the Museum of Glass! The Museum opened to thousands of visitors and worldwide accolades on July 6, 2002. As it approaches its fifth anniversary, and prepares to welcome its one millionth visitor sometime this summer, its Board of Trustees celebrates with a new name, a new mission statement, and a new director.

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At this offsite meeting, held in the Museum Theater, we will meet Timothy Close, Director/CEO, and learn how the Museum reaches out to the community with exhibitions that focus on glass and education programs that serve people of all ages and income levels. Then we'll participate in a program called Spontaneous Design - where Rotarians get to make all the design decisions! Susan Warner, Director of Public Programs, will lead us through an interactive on the big screen, where we will choose the shape for a vessel, handles, colors, etc. Later (but not as part of the meeting), in the Museum's Hot Shop, the Home Hot Shop Team of glassblowers will create the vessel we design. The Museum of Glass will donate the resulting artwork to Tacoma 8 Rotary's 2008 auction. Our meeting will formally conclude at this time, but Rotarians are welcome to gather for a short, docent-led tour of the

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galleries, as your schedule permits.

**You must let the Rotary office know if you plan to attend his offsite meeting - space is limited! The cost of the lunch, which includes entry to the Museum, is \$15.00.**

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### This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Arvind Phukan**

Greeter - **Jim Arneson**

Badge Board - **Lauren Walker, Laura Runkle**

Singer - **Doug Dillow**

Birthdays - **Randy Melquist**

Fine Counters - **TBD**

Story Writer - **Terry Taylor**

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Roamers



Mar 01 **Cathy Hall**, South Hill/Puyallup

Mar 15 **Brett Thomas**, Federal Way

Mar 27 **Rich Felser**, Tacoma North

Mar 27 **David Flentge**, Tacoma North

Mar 27 **Randy Melquist**, Tacoma North

Mar 28 **David Snow**, Edmonds Daybreakers

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### PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

**CENTENNIAL THOUGHTS.** This is a grand club. It is a significant honor to be a member of a 100 year Rotary club and we will reach that stage in 2010. Steve, Jeff and the Centennial Committee will be working together to make our celebration an event to remember. However, you have a major role in this too since we are asking you to submit your Centennial Project proposals by April 26. Please give this your best.

Elsewhere on the Centennial front, Seattle Rotary, which sponsored our club, will have its Centennial in 2009 and is well underway with fundraising for its signature project. They have asked us to participate. Also, next year, we will have a Centennial booth at the LA International Convention if we send 20 members. Plan ahead!

**PINS.** At the Girls Scouts luncheon last week, I counted 17

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Rotarians attending but only found four Rotary pins. As I said, this is a grand club. Please wear your pins proudly.

**AUCTION AFTERTHOUGHTS.** The auction is a mammoth undertaking and it takes a while to reconcile everything. I hope to have the final figures for you by next week - and also the amounts you raised for our Spring lunches and Polio Plus Partners. Thanks for your patience, and also for your support of all of these.

*President Pete*

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### Club Anniversaries

**Gina Breukelman:** 1 year on April 6  
**Jim Burg:** 20 years on April 2  
**Bill Causin:** 38 years on April 3  
**Glenn Everitt:** 32 years on April 3  
**Dick Heaton:** 28 years on April 5  
**Jim Merritt:** 20 years on April 2  
**Sue Serko:** 1 year on April 6  
**Rainer Willingham:** 26 years on April 2

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### Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

#### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, April 12** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Kemper Freeman, WA Transportation Issues on the West Side  
**THURSDAY, April 19** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Earth Day - Preserve Planet Earth Committee.  
**THURSDAY, April 26** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Ethlyn Gibson - Diabetes

#### Committee and Other Meetings

**TUESDAY, April 3** - **PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE** - Internal Controls & Oversight Committee (ICOC) Meeting, Evergreen office, Noon.  
**FRIDAY, April 6** - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.  
**TUESDAY, April 10** - World Community Service Committee Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.  
**TUESDAY, April 10** - Community Service Grants Committee Meeting, Elks Club - #174, 1965 South Union Avenue, 7:30am.  
**TUESDAY, April 10** - Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45am.  
**TUESDAY, April 10** - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 12 noon.  
**THURSDAY, April 12** - **NOTE NEW DATE** - Attendance Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.  
**THURSDAY, April 12** - Information Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm (please RSVP to Rotary Office).  
**WEDNESDAY, April 18** - Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting, Farrelli's - 6th and Union, 5:00pm.  
**THURSDAY, April 19** - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.  
**THURSDAY, April 19** - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.



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### Exchange Students Inbound

Sebastian Paul, Germany

**MONDAY, April 23** - Preserve Planet Earth Committee Meeting,  
Snake Lake Nature Center, 19th & Tyler, Noon.

**THURSDAY, April 26** - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee  
Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

**FRIDAY, April 27** - Membership Development Committee  
Meeting, Tacoma Club, 7:30am.

**MONDAY, April 30** - Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

Due to the offsite meeting on April 5 the following committees may  
have a change of schedule and/or location - please check with the  
Chair of the Committee to see if the meeting has been  
rescheduled:

**THURSDAY, April 5** - Internal Communications Committee  
Meeting, Committee Co-Chairs, Kara Duffy and John Morrison.

**THURSDAY, April 5** - Public Relations Committee Meeting,  
Committee Chair - Bev Holland.

If you have a committee meeting that you would like listed in  
the GearShift please e-mail Lori Hansen at  
[lhansen@rotary8.org](mailto:lhansen@rotary8.org).

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## New Members This Week

There were no new members introduced at the March 29, 2007  
meeting.

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## Special Announcements

### Exciting Offsite Meeting at the Museum of Glass!

This week's meeting will be held at the Museum of Glass. They  
have an exciting program planned just for Tacoma 8 Rotary.

It's important that you sign up for this offsite meeting --space is  
limited. You may send or call in your reservation at  
[info@rotary8.org](mailto:info@rotary8.org) or 253 473 7723. Please note: Everyone who  
signs up, including those who participate in the prepaid meal plan,  
will be billed \$15.

As parking space is limited, you are encouraged to carpool.

### Missing Something?

Several items have been left behind after Rotary meetings. These  
can be claimed at the "lost and found" table in the Landmark foyer.

### Circle Your Calendar for The Naval Undersea Museum

The Rotary program for **May 17** features Admiral Bruce Harlow  
discussing the wonders of the Naval Undersea Museum which is  
located at Keyport near Silverdale. The goal of the museum is to  
preserve, collect and interpret Naval undersea history, science and  
operations for the benefit of the US Navy and the people of the  
United States.

Actually, The Naval Undersea Museum is a two-parter. In an effort  
to show our kids and grandkids some of the educational

### **Outbound**

Jennifer Ready, Italy  
Sarah Steinman, Argentina  
Jena Carmack, Argentina  
Caitlin Dally, Finland

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opportunities involved with oceanic studies, the Program Committee is recommending a special bus trip (box lunch) from Tacoma to Keyport on **May 19**. We are trying to arrange a special boating demonstration for kids of all ages where the participants have a chance to explore the bottom of Puget Sound and retrieve wildlife from our local depths.

The Naval Undersea Museum offers educational programs throughout the year for people of all ages ranging from grade school students to adults.

The Education Department serves students in public and private schools as well as those in home school programs. Student programs include focus tours, art and construction projects, films and gallery tours. The museum also participates in special area-wide programs such as Washington Water Weeks and Kids Adventures.

The Rotary Museum trip should be loads of fun. The ocean environment lets visitors experience the remarkable and limitless diversity of the world that lies beneath the sea. Using hands-on activities, visitors learn about the physical properties of the ocean such as buoyancy, pressure, density, heat transfer, light, sound, salinity, and oxygen. A microscope with slides of sea creatures such as starfish and diatoms lets children and adults see some of the fascinating creatures which make up the web of life in the ocean. The exhibit includes a video of the mysterious black smokers and tube worms from the Juan de Fuca Ridge, 300 miles from the coast of Washington State.

Currently complete, and open to the public, is a simulation of the control room of the nuclear fast attack submarine, Greenling (SSN 614), which was decommissioned in 1994. The museum has installed major equipment such as periscopes, ship control panel, and ballast control panel from the Greenling in a simulation of Greenling's control room.

Outside Exhibits include:

Deep Quest, the Navy's research submersible which explored the ocean to a depth of 8,000 feet. This submersible was used to retrieve an atomic warhead off the coast of Spain.

Trieste II (DSV-I), the deep submergence vehicle which descended to 20,000 feet and was used to explore the Marianna Trench.

Please, circle both dates and invite friends and family to both parts of our Undersea Rotary program.

### **Attendance Credits**

The Attendance Committee is wrapping up the statistics for the last half year, July 1 through December 31. Certificates for 100% attendance for that period will soon be distributed. Please make sure you've turned in everything Rotary related, including Werlin tutoring and the Thursday social hours. Send attendance information to the Rotary office by regular mail, fax or E-mail.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

SPECIAL DATES. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar:

4/21 Oak Tree Park Clean-up Day  
4/26 Centennial Project proposal deadline  
5/01 Fireside  
5/10 Community Service Award (Pierce County-wide)  
6/01-03 District Convention here in Tacoma (no registration fee!)

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.

**April 5:** Paddy Coyne's - 815 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma 98402

**April 12:** Ale House Pub - 2122 Mildred Street SW, Tacoma 98466

**April 19:** Game Night!!! Bring your favorite game... Scrabble, Pictionary, Whatever!!! The Tacoma Club Wells Fargo Plaza, 1201 Pacific Avenue, 16th floor, Tacoma 98402 - (253.272.3218)

**April 26:** Europa Bistro - 2515 North Proctor St, Tacoma 98406 (253.761.5660)

**May 3:** The Tempest - 913 Martin Luther King Jr., Tacoma 98405 (253.272.4904)

**May 10:** Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza - 3518 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tacoma 98406 (253.759.1999)

**May 17:** Let's Bowl and be Merry!!! Chalet Bowl 3806 North 26<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma 98407 (253.752.520) Reggie, the owner, has reserved 4 lanes for Tacoma 8!! Get on down here!!

**May 24:** Katie Down's - 3211 Ruston Way, Tacoma 98402 (253.756.0771)

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

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**Rotary Happenings - March 29, 2007**  
**By: Kathleen Olson**



**Becky Fontaine** started the meeting with a reading from The Buddha as the invocation, followed by **Jan Brazzell**, **Steve Smith** and **Chris Kimball** leading the club in the National Anthem.

Club anniversaries were noted for **Jim Harris**, 28 years; **Paul Doty**, 24 years; **Brien Elvins**, 10 years; **Carolyn McDougal** (Rotarian of the Year) 3 years; and one year for **Gary Biando**, **Karen Clemens**, **Dean Curry**, **Karen Lytle**, **Gerald Moczynski** and **Karen Seinfeld**.

Our newest members, **Chris and Chris Ford**, **Dr. Chung Lee**, **Mark Meier**, **Kim McHugh**, **Jennifer Gilbert**, **Shon Sylvia** and **Doug Danstrom** were recognized and welcomed.

**Lauren Walker** introduced two visiting Rotarians.

On roving mics to help introduce guests of Rotarians, **Past Presidents Jim Henderson** and **Kathleen Olson** announced the 5020 District Conference June 1-3 at The Tacoma Sheraton. Registration forms are available at the meetings as well as online at [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org). Attendees pay just \$125 for the meal package and registration fees are complimentary. The Conference kicks off Friday morning with a fun golf tournament at Highland Hills. The opening ceremonies are preceded by a dessert reception at 7:00pm and will conclude at 9pm.

Auction Co-Chairs **Brien Elvins** and **Mike Stewart** called forward the auction committee sub chairs for recognition and a rose. It is anticipated that the net proceeds will top \$150,000.

Paul Harris Fellowships were presented to **Emily Reiter**, **Cathy Hall**, **Don Hansen** and **Judie Guthrie**.

**President Pete** urged members to support the Polio Partners Plus campaign to eradicate polio in the four remaining countries still experiencing outbreaks.

**Michelle Roberts** pointed out the brown paper sacks on each table marked "Spring Food Baskets" and asked each Rotarian to consider a \$20 donation to cover the cost of providing breakfast and lunch for children on spring break who normally receive free breakfast and lunch at school. Goal is \$2000.

**Jennifer Durham** announced the Spring Fireside for Tuesday, May 1, and encouraged potential hosts, co-hosts and guests to sign up. **Bill Kaufmann** was awarded an Art Wickens Fellowship for donating \$1000 to the Tacoma Rotary Foundation. **Chris Kimball** and our German exchange student **Sebastian** handled birthday greetings in two languages. A cake was presented to **Joe Gordon, Sr.**, who celebrates his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. Present to hear their special greetings were **Bobby Arkills**, **Jerry McLaughlin**, **Mary Grubbs** and **JR Reding**. True Confessions included travels, conferences, business success, one bighorn sheep sighting on a golf course and some belated birthday fines.

**Past President Don Doman** introduced guest speaker Debbie Wooten, whose theme of "laughter is a bridge" resounded through her 25-minute presentation. A part-time stand-up comedian who has opened for Jamie Foxx and other big name stars, Debbie was born on the south side of Chicago in the 1950s. Polio vaccine had been available for seven years, but had not filtered down to the poorer communities yet, so she contracted the disease at the age of five months. She recalled watching the civil rights movement activities on the TV at the age of 7 and telling her mom that she was so sorry that her momma was black and subject to fire hoses and dogs. Her mom told her she was also black. She protested, that "no," as a student who was isolated in special classes for polio victims, her label was "polio" not black! Debbie has five grown children - an attorney, real estate professional, football safety headed for the NFL, a teacher and a nurse. She noted that this is not too bad for a poor black child with polio whose parents were

told she would never have kids or lead a "normal" life. She remembers Rotary throughout her childhood as the kind old men who brought the polio classes candy and gifts and took them to White Sox games. She appreciated that they treated her as special and helped her escape the black, poor, crippled box where society wanted her to stay. She thanked Rotary for being a real box cutter and encouraged our ongoing support for polio vaccinations so that no more children suffer as she did. When asked how she developed her sense of humor, she said that she learned very young that if she was funny and made people laugh, they would see the real person on the inside, and not the child in leg braces on the outside, and that this is what helped her make friends. Her humor, positive attitude and upbeat message earned a standing ovation.

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## Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**4/1 Barry Benson**  
"RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE"  
Realtor  
Coldwell Banker Bain  
Elected: 12/20/1990  
Sponsor: K. Jacobson/N. Herb/B. Rogers  
Birthplace: Dekalb, IL  
Spouse/Partner: Sharon



**4/5 Pamela Transue**  
"EDUCATION - Community Colleges"  
President  
Tacoma Community College  
Elected: 10/2/1997  
Sponsor: John Lantz  
Birthplace: Caldwell, ID  
Spouse/Partner: Stuart Grover



**4/1 David Curry**  
"ASSOCIATIONS - Social Svs. - Tacoma Rescue Mission"  
Executive Director  
Tacoma Rescue Mission  
Elected: 9/15/2005  
Sponsor: Jim Harris  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Kathleen Curry



**4/5 John H. West**  
"EDUCATION - Universities-Fund Development"  
Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations  
Seattle Pacific University  
Elected: 3/14/2002  
Sponsor: Stan Johnson  
Birthplace: Seattle, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Dianne



**4/1 Dean Curry**  
"RELIGION - Protestant Churches"  
Senior Pastor  
Life Center  
Elected: 3/30/2006  
Sponsor: Henry Harding  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Anne Curry



**4/6 Rick Andersen**  
"AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Auto Dealer Management"  
President and General Manager  
Friendly Chevrolet  
Elected: 9/12/1996  
Sponsor: Randy Rushforth  
Birthplace: Detroit, MI  
Spouse/Partner: Pam



**4/1 Paul Doty**  
"ACCOUNTING: Accounting Service"  
Shareholder  
Doty Beardsley Rosengren & Co  
Elected: 3/29/1983  
Sponsor: John Allen  
Birthplace: Portland, OR  
Spouse/Partner: Deborah



**4/6 Brian King**  
"LAW PRACTICE - Business & Commercial"  
Attorney  
Davies Pearson, P.C.  
Elected: 1/18/2007  
Sponsor: Bill Kauffman  
Birthplace: Spokane, WA



**4/2 Don Lloyd**  
"CONTRACTING & CONSTRUCTION - Heavy Commercial"  
Director of Development  
Rushforth Construction  
Elected: 8/11/1994



**4/6 Marion Sharp**  
"ASSOC: SOC SVS - Girl Scouts of America"  
Fund Development Director  
Girl Scouts - Pacific Peaks Council  
Elected: 9/7/2006

Sponsor: Randy Rushforth  
Birthplace: Enumclaw, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Judie



**4/3 Ed Hudson**  
"PAST SERVICE - Linen  
Supply"  
President/CEO  
Peerless Laundry & Linen  
Supply  
Elected: 6/30/1949  
Sponsor: Todd Corning  
Birthplace: Seymour, MO  
Spouse/Partner: Margaret

Sponsor: Becky Fontaine  
Birthplace: St Paul, MN  
Spouse/Partner: Noel Blyler



**4/7 Paul Gingrich,  
Jr.**  
"ARCHITECTURE &  
DESIGN - General"  
Retired  
Elected: 5/3/1973  
Sponsor: Robert Knight, Joe  
Baker & Chuck Pearson  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



**4/3 Jan Rogers**  
"EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
- Temporary Help Service"  
Owner  
Evergreen Staffing  
Elected: 1/20/1994  
Sponsor: Kurt Jacobson  
Birthplace: Colfax, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Bill



**4/7 Ottilie Ladd**  
"F & B - Franchised Food  
Distributing-Fried Chicken"  
President  
Ladd Family LLC  
Elected: 3/23/1972  
Sponsor: Archie McLean  
Birthplace: Cordell, OK  
Spouse/Partner: Clara



**4/5 Peter Cole**  
"BUSINESS SERVICES -  
Market Research"  
Manager-Customer  
Satisfaction Programs  
Interviewing Service of  
America  
Elected: 7/7/2005  
Sponsor: Don Lloyd  
Birthplace: Logan, UT  
Spouse/Partner: Jesalyn



**4/7 Diane Powers**  
"ASSOC: SOC SVCS -  
Associated Ministries"  
Deputy Director  
Associated Ministries  
Elected: 7/21/2005  
Sponsor: Connie Brown  
Birthplace: Seattle, WA

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