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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre to Hear the Centennial Project Proposals

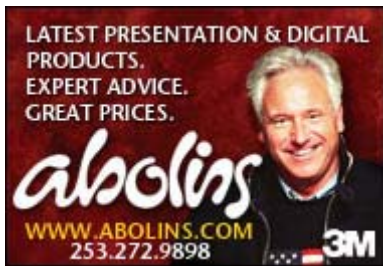


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On May 14, the Board of Directors held a special meeting to review the project proposals which were submitted for consideration as our Centennial signature project. We allotted each presenter five minutes and then allowed five minutes for questions and answers. Following each presentation, board members scored each presentation in accordance with the criteria which were previously provided to proposing parties in conformance with results of our club member survey. The scoring was tabulated following the final presentation and the three highest-scoring proposals were selected as finalists.

At our luncheon meeting this week, you will hear five minute presentations on behalf of each of the three finalist proposals. This will be followed by five minutes of questions and answers. You will be asked to fill out a feedback sheet summarizing your feelings as to which of the projects represents the best fit for the club as it approaches its Centennial. Your feedback sheets may be turned in at the meeting or if you need more time, please note that they must be turned in to the Rotary office by 4:00pm Friday, May 25 and may be faxed to 253-473-7838. At its meeting the afternoon of May 29,

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the Board of Directors will review all feedback information, and from that, determine which is the most appropriate project.

I urge you to attend and participate in this process. For review prior to the three finalist presentations, the proposals and feedback form have been sent to our members. They are also available on our website under *Member Services, Rotary Links - Forms*.

This is our one and only Centennial and here is a way for you to be involved. Please take advantage of this opportunity by helping to select a memorable project which will reflect the spirit of our club and our *Service Above Self* principle in the years to come.

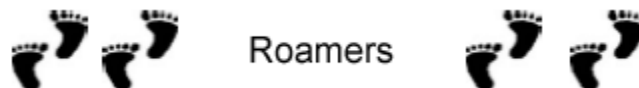
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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **John Spencer**
Greeter - **Lani Powell**
Badge Board - **Shon Sylvia, Brynn Blanchard**
Singer - **Victoria Woodards**
Piano - **Jack Warnick**
Drums - **Chris Kimball**
Birthdays - **Donn Irwin**
Fine Counters - **Nita Sell, Mel Zanjani**
Story Writer - **Dane Meyer**

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Apr 12 **Cathy Hall** - Lacey
Apr 17 **Nita Sell** - Fife/Milton
May 04 **Bob Krotz** - Gig Harbor
May 10 **Chris Kimball** - Kalispell, MT
May 14 **Steve Rhea** - Bellingham
May 15 **David Flentge** - Tacoma North
May 17 **Don Anderson** - Lakewood
May 17 **John Donovan** - Columbia Center, Kennewick
May 17 **John H. West** - Seattle International
May 18 **Chris Kimball** - Kalispell, MT

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

CENTENNIAL PROJECT. By now you will have received complete copies of our three finalist Centennial project proposals, the three one-page summary sheets, and the feedback form.



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Please review them thoroughly and come prepared to hear the presentations on Thursday and to evaluate them. Here's an opportunity to shape the face of the club. I hope you will participate.

PolioPlus PARTNERS. Thank you for your donations to the Rotary International Foundation on behalf of PolioPlus Partners. The 86 clubs in the district have raised nearly \$59,000. We came up with about \$4000 at the same time we were asking everyone to jump up to the next Paul Harris Fellow level and also leaning on you to support our auction. Excellent!

PENNY LeGATE, TONY VENTRELLA and a BARE-FACED DG. What do they all have in common? Glad you asked! They will all be participating in the 2007 District 5020 Conference at the Tacoma Sheraton June 1-3. Surely you remember our District Governor Erik Frederickson who spoke to us in November. His wife Marnie has never seen Erik without a beard. Erik will shave it off at noon Sunday, June 3, if the district has reached a certain level of RI Foundation giving. It is bound to be a hair-raising experience! Come join the fun and festivity of a living, breathing District Conference right here in our own back yard. There will be sign-up sheets on the tables; also you can do it from the web site, www.rotary5020.org (look for the blinking red notice on the home page).

MEMBERS, MEMBERS EVERYWHERE. We will introduce five new members this Thursday and at least one each on the following two Thursdays. Come on by and make them feel welcome. THANK YOU for proposing them!

BRAZIL BECKONS. On May 31, our program will consist of presentations by our GSE team members and leader from Brazil. We have already gotten reports from the Canadian clubs in our district which they have already visited. Their English is better than the Canadians expected and they are a lot of fun; they are also accomplished. Please read about them on the bulletin board near the badges. Their names and pictures are posted as well. Group Study Exchange is another of the great things about Rotary. You will enjoy their presentations so be there!

President Pete

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Club Anniversaries

Linda Kaye Briggs: 4 years on May 22
Mike Dunbar: 15 years on May 21
Ann Farrell: 4 years on May 22
Jan Schwenger: 11 years on May 23
Don Zemek: 24 years on May 26

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

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THURSDAY, May 31 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Study
Exchange Team from Brazil

THURSDAY, June 7 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Our Exchange
Student, Sebastian Paul from Germany

THURSDAY, June 14 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Pat Redmond,
"Impact of Community Banks & Local Economy"

Committee and Other Meetings

FRIDAY, May 25 - Membership Development Committee Meeting,
Tacoma Club, 7:30am.

TUESDAY, May 29 - Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

THURSDAY, May 31 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee
Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

FRIDAY, June 1 - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement
Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

THURSDAY, June 7 - Attendance Committee Meeting, Landmark,
11:15am.

THURSDAY, June 7 - Internal Communications Committee
Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, June 7 - Public Relations Committee Meeting,
Landmark, 11:00.

Cancelled Meetings in May:

No Preserve Planet Earth meeting in May due to Memorial Day
weekend. The next PPE Committee meeting will be on Monday,
June 25.

**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 May 17, 2007
meeting.

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Special Announcements

Golf Tournament

The Rotary District 5020 Golf Tournament is quickly approaching.
The Rotary Club of Tacoma is hosting the event at Highlands on
Friday, June 1, at 9:30am. It's a nine hole tournament and features
all-you-can-eat pizza, salad, and soda pop and lots of fun and
prizes. The event is only \$40.00 per person. Visit
www.5020golftournament.com for details and a team roster sign-
up sheet.

Upswing Golf is sponsoring the event. Each participant will receive
a certificate for a free Upswing Golf club (value up to \$119.95).
Top prizes for the event and the special drawing feature Upswing

Golf club clubs, thousands of dollars in prizes, and even more give-a-ways. So far we only have a few teams signed up and no women's teams. Each of the men and women teams posting the lowest score will win \$500 worth of Upswing Clubs.

Participating in the District 5020 Golf Tournament will give you a morning of fun, a free lunch, a free golf club, a meeting credit, and the chance to win more Upswing Golf clubs, boxes of Titleist Pro V1® golf balls, and have a great time. It's a win-win-win-win-win-win situation.

Exciting News! - Online Payments Now Available on the Tacoma 8 Rotary Web Site!

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.

If you're not sure where to enter your payment or have questions, please call the Rotary office (253 473 7723), and we'll be happy to guide you through the process.

Special for the month of May only - Any member using the online payment system during the month of May will receive one attendance credit!

Mark Your Calendars

6/01-03 District Conference here in Tacoma (Only fee is the \$125 meal package - no additional registration fee!)

6/02 Oak Tree Park Clean Up, 1-3 pm

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.

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

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

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Rotary Happenings - May 17, 2007

By: Bill Kaufmann



Jim Whitacre gave a eulogy for member **Emerson Wonders** who recently passed away at age 95. We paused for a moment of silence in loving memory of Em.

In consideration of today's nautical speaker, **President (Captain) Pete** rang the ship's bell to call all hands on deck.

As we *cast-off*, a wonderfully thoughtful invocation was shared by **Rick Oldenburg**, Director of Development & Planned Giving, Annie Wright School, followed by the National Anthem led by **Mary Jo Strom-Copland**, Owner/President, The Travel Company, with piano accompaniment by First Mate/**President Elect Steve Smith**, Director of Community Relations, University of Washington Tacoma.

Old salts were recognized for their Club Anniversaries: **Bob Mallon** - 42 years; **Herb Simon** - 34 years; **Jeff Lyon** - 24 years; **Steve Bader** - 23 years; **Edwin Hill** - 11 years; and **LaTasha Wortham** - 1 year.

New Crew Members were welcomed again, including: **Rita Morkrid-Bowman**, **Marilyn Strickland**, **Brynn Blanchard**, **Andy Wood**, **Bryan Flint** who joined the club three weeks ago, and **Mary McNally** who joined our club last week.

Visiting seafarers from Lakewood and Clover Park clubs were introduced by **Brian King**, Attorney, Davies Pearson, P.C.

At the helm, our Rotarian of the Week was **Dorothy Lewis**, President, Financial Insights, Inc. Dorothy has helped raised lots of money for Rotary and the community, and has even biked around the world. We gotta find out how she did this on water...

Cruising the crowd, Roving Mics for visitor introductions were aptly handled by **Larry Treleven**, Vice President, Sprague Pest Solutions, and **Jennifer Durham**. Larry mentioned that there are still openings for 10 couples at their post-auction party.

Chart a course for the upcoming District Golf Tournament on June 1 which **Past President Don Doman**, Co-Owner, PNW Video Productions is organizing. All players will get a certificate for a free golf club, which is great to know if you accidentally bend yours around a tree. You don't have to be attending the 5020 Convention to play - but sign up early!

Galleyside plans for June 28th were introduced by **Jennifer Durham** who will start taking signups next week.

Landlubbers can wait and ride in the Courage Classic on Aug 4-6, with the #8 bike team; see **Pat Nagle** and **Cindy Niemi** for more information. They are also having a contest to name the team (I think they're hoping for something that sounds faster than the "Sea Slugs"?). Workers (and drinkers) are also needed for the Beer

Garden that our club is sponsoring at the end of the ride.

Captain Pete discussed the process to review three centennial project proposals which will begin with presentations at next week's meeting. They each sound very promising.

Rear Admiral and Past President Don Doman prepared to recognize member birthdays. However, since no one showed up (a first for Don!) he kept their gifts.

Walking the Plank, True Confessions were celebrated by quite a few members this week. President Pete especially thanked **Jeff Rounce** and the Business Examiner for great articles about three of our members in the last issue; **Beth Sylves** talked about an inspiring trip to New Orleans; **Don Zemek** celebrated his 50th Anniversary; **Jim Whitaker** lost another 5 pounds; **Pamela Transue** thanked members who helped TCC raise over \$100k at their recent Wine Classic event; **Jim Crabbe** celebrated his 4th Anniversary; **Layne Alfonso** shared his recent visit to San Diego and reminded everyone about the downtown Farmers' Market starting today; **Cindy Niemi** is excited that her daughter was accepted into Med School at the University of Michigan; **Bob Swanson** shared his company's lunch with Warren Buffet; and **Dane Meyer** counted 118 birds for the Audubon Birdathon.

Captain Pete turned the program over to Past President Don Doman who introduced Admiral Bruce Harlow, of the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport. Don discussed the upcoming trip to the museum then turned it over to the Admiral, who shared a personal story about helping recover an American torpedo which had been seized by the Soviets and was returned with a bottle of Vodka strapped to the side.

The Admiral discussed the Museum's origins with the "School Educational Alliance" (SEA) program to help both students and teachers improve science learning and education. The programs which are supported by the Navy, school districts, as well as various grants and fundraising efforts, include unique experiences such as a Submarine simulator and having students create a remote operated vehicle. There are presently 14 school districts from the West Sound to the west coast of Washington which are involved in the program. He described their goal of creating a "hands-on" program with real-world content which makes science fun, meets all educational standards, engages all the senses and gets kids on a boat. Their partnership with teachers has been the key to success; SEA provides the support and experiments, and teachers are each in charge of teaching their own students.

The Museum reaches about 4,000 students annually, and has served a total of over 23,000 to date, without losing anyone. An outreach program serves an additional 530 students. Students participating have shown results with higher test scores in science, math, reading and writing.

During questions, the Admiral indicated the program received \$500k in government funds last year, and approximately \$1.2 million of in-kind support. They need about \$500,000 annually to operate the program. He indicated they are interested in exploring synergies with Tacoma's Sea Scouts, Maritime Center and new UWT Marine Studies program. What really makes the program worthwhile is to see kids who decide they want to pursue a career in science or biology after completing the program.

The Admiral also discussed his experience with counter-terrorism and felt we can deal with it best by how we control "force multipliers" such as suicide bombers, weapons access, training and government support. He commented that the war in Iraq makes sense only in helping to eliminate a breeding ground and support base for terrorism.

Captain Pete thanked Admiral Harlow for his presentation and made a donation in his name to the Tacoma Rotary foundation. Before ringing the bell for adjournment, he reminded members

about the bowling social at the Chalet Bowl and reminded members to "Share Rotary and Have Fun While We Get Things Done!"

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



5/20 Karen Lytle
"FINANCE/BANKING -
Branch Management"
AVP & Manager
KeyBank
Elected: 4/06/2006
Sponsor: Strom-Copland
Mary Jo
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



5/24 Jeff McInnis
"ENGINEERING - Civil"
Owner
Petra Engineering
Elected: 11/16/2006
Sponsor: Akiyama Paul
Birthplace: Olympia, WA
Spouse/Partner: Sarah
McInnis



5/21 Kara Duffy
"CONSULTING - Fitness"
Elected: 1/20/2005
Sponsor: John Schneider
Birthplace: San Bernadino,
CA



5/25 Terry Conner
"FINANCE/BANKING -
Retirement Plan Consultant"
Retired
Elected: 3/1/1984
Sponsor: Jack Hamilton
Birthplace: Culver City, CA
Spouse/Partner: Beverly
Conner



5/21 Josh Waltier
"HEALTH SERVICES -
Physical Therapy"
Clinic Manager
Apple Physical Therapy
Elected: 8/11/2005
Sponsor: Pat Steel
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



5/25 Becky Fontaine
"EDUCATION - Child Care
Administration"
Executive Director
Pierce County Reading
Foundation
Elected: 7/23/1992
Sponsor: Cece Funkhouser
Birthplace: Salt Lake City, UT
Spouse/Partner: Gary
Fontaine



5/24 Tim Daly
"MACHINERY: Small Tools"
Vice President
Stellar Industrial Supply Inc.
Elected: 10/19/2006
Sponsor: Andy Laycock
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Sharon Daly



5/25 Merritt Nelson
"CONTRACTING &
CONSTRUCTION - Sewage
Disposal Systems"
Elected: 1/21/1954
Sponsor: Bruce G. Nelson
Birthplace: Oshkosh, WI
Spouse/Partner: Marjorie
Nelson

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