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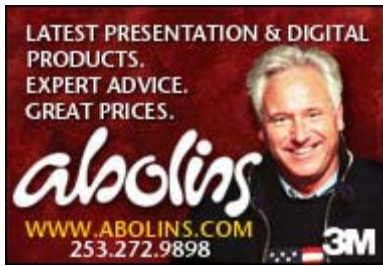
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**Carl A. Gibson, MD, FACP** is currently serving on active duty as chief of the endocrinology clinic and Medical Director for the Diabetes Care Center at Madigan Army Medical Center at Ft. Lewis, . He holds a Doctorate of Medicine (MD) from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is double board certified in Endocrinology, Metabolism & Diabetes and Internal Medicine. He has practiced medicine for over 18 years. He volunteers as a member of the American Diabetes Association South Sound Leadership Council. He also serves as director for the newly founded Health Coalition for Communities of Color, community-based organization that targets health education and initiatives for the Tacoma community.

**Ethlyn Gibson, MSN, RN, C.** is a clinical nurse specialist in adult health and currently works as the community outreach liaison and practitioner for the Multiple Sclerosis Center at MultiCare Health

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System in Tacoma, . She holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA; a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Ursuline College in Cleveland, Ohio and a certification in Medical Surgical Nursing from the American Nurses Association. She has practiced nursing for over 25 years. She holds appointments as adjunct faculty for Pacific Lutheran University and Tacoma Community College Schools of Nursing. She serves as chair for the American Diabetes Association South Sound Leadership Council and the Stroke Advisory Council for the American Heart Association. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

Both Carl and Ethlyn are members of the NAACP and Tacoma Urban League. They are active members of St. John Baptist Church in Tacoma, (Pastor Lee Arthur Madison) and serve on the church's Health Care Ministry. The Gibsons have been married for over 20 years and are the parents of two daughters, Faith and Carla.

The Gibsons' presentation will address the connection between diabetes and heart disease and its toll on both the individual as well as an employer's bottom line. Learn how you can prevent becoming another statistic in a health problem that has escalated to near epidemic proportion.

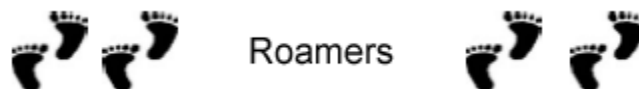
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### This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Kathleen Olson**  
Greeter - **Pam Andersen**  
Badge Board - **Mark Meier**  
Singer - **Nita Sell**  
Piano - **Steve Smith**  
Drums - **Chris Kimball**  
Birthdays - **Kathleen Olson**  
Fine Counters - **TBA**  
Story Writer - **Tracy Peacock**

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Apr 13 **Stan Kanarowski**, Lakewood  
Apr 17 **Fred Moisio**, Fife/Milton  
Apr 17 **Doug Danstrom**, Fife/Milton  
Apr 17 **Jan Schwenger**, ?????  
Apr 18 **Pete Taylor**, Puyallup  
Apr 18 **David Snow**, Overlake  
Apr 19 **Gerald Moczynski**, Puyallup South Hill  
Apr 19 **John Donovan**, Kennewick

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## PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

**OAK TREE PARK.** Well, the rain held off enough so as to not interfere with our horticultural pursuits last Saturday and a good time was had by all. We had Rotaractors (UPS), Interactors (Life Christian), Metro Parks people, students from various other schools, walk-ins and Rotarians all functioning at max levels. Good going Preserve Planet Earth Chair **Ralph Klose!** Attending were **Richard Brady, Terry Conner, Nancy Davis, Carol Duris, Jennifer Gilbert, Dean Hanks, Don Hansen, Jim Henriot, Kim McHugh, Ron Mladenich, Jack Peterson, John Schneider, Karen Seinfeld, Marion Sharp, Mike Stewart, and Andy Wells.** Serving up the goodies and handling the paperwork were **Kathleen Olson** and former member Jean McCord. Also pitching in at one place or another were Brynn Blanchard of PDZA and Bryan Flint of Tahoma Audubon, both of whom will be introduced as members this Thursday. THANKS EVERYONE (and my apologies if I left anyone out)!

**TRUE CONFESSIONS REVIEW.** We have a lot of new members so I think this would be an opportune time to remind everyone what we are looking for. First off, TC is the platform we have for sharing things which have happened recently including significant trips, having new children or grandchildren, getting promoted, taking a new job, getting special recognition, etc. The key here is that the event/activity must have already happened. Secondly, this is not where you promote fundraisers and the like for other charitable organizations or causes. Our Tacoma Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)(3) and the auction is our one big fundraiser each year. We have great respect for our members who work for other 501(c)(3)s and their organizations but we are all competing for the same disposable income so had to institute a policy to cover promotion of their events. On a time available basis, for \$50, we will "air" an announcement during a meeting. By that I mean provide me with something factual to work off of and I will write the "commercial," record it at my studio at home and play it during one of our luncheon meetings. Thanks for your understanding of and cooperation on this.

**TEMPUS FUGIT.** Yep, Friday is the deadline for submission of your Centennial Project proposal. Thank you to those of you who are making proposals. The board meets Monday the 30th and will begin researching them immediately thereafter.

**TACOMA ROTARY FOUNDATION.** Yes, those of you who attended last Thursday's meeting heard me correctly: The corpus of our Foundation is lingering right around \$985,000. Much of this growth is due to your generous contributions at our auction, and in particular to the selfless matching donation of **Ottie Ladd.** Thanks again, and I guess we'll just have to wait and see what happens during the next two months...

President Pete

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## **Club Anniversaries**

**David Gardner:** 1 year on April 27

**Rick Jones:** 4 years on April 24

**Betty Ann Pope:** 7 years on April 27



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Harry Pritchard: 21 years on April 24

Amy Wigstrom: 3 years on April 22

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## Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, May 3** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Ogie Shaw,  
Fitting Fitness Into Your Schedule

**THURSDAY, May 10** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Community  
Service Award

**THURSDAY, May 17** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Admiral Bruce  
Harlow, Naval Undersea Museum

### Committee and Other Meetings

**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.

**TUESDAY, May 1** - World Community Service Committee  
Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.

**THURSDAY, May 3** - Attendance Committee Meeting, Landmark,  
11:15am.

**THURSDAY, May 3** - Internal Communications Committee  
Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

**THURSDAY, May 3** - Public Relations Committee Meeting,  
Landmark, 11:00.

**FRIDAY, May 4** - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement  
Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

**TUESDAY, May 8** - Community Service Grants Committee  
Meeting, Elks Club - #174, 1965 South Union Avenue, 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](mailto:lhansen@rotary8.org).**

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## New Members This Week

There were no new members introduced at the April 19, 2007  
meeting.

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## Special Announcements



**Rotarian of the Week**

**Inbound**  
Sebastian Paul, Germany

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

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Please join us this Thursday as we honor Rotarian of the Week, **Mike Stewart**. Mike is a criminal defense attorney with his own practice, Michael Austin Stewart. He joined Tacoma 8 in January, 2005. His classification is "LAW PRACTICE - Criminal Defense," and his sponsor is Carolyn Else.

**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 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](http://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.

**100% Attendance Certificates on Back Table!**

If you haven't yet picked up your 100% attendance certificate, please do so this Thursday at the Landmark. They're available on the foyer table outside our meeting room at the Landmark.

**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 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.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

4/27 Centennial Project proposal deadline

5/01 Fireside

5/10 Community Service Award (Pierce County-wide)

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.

**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 - April 19, 2007

By: **Bill Kaufmann**



Our meeting began with our invocation and a moment of silence for the innocent victims at Virginia Tech led by **Rick Oldenburg**, Director of Development & Planned Giving, Annie Wright School. An "earthy" version of the National Anthem was led by **Victoria Woodards**, Pierce County Council Assistant and Metro Parks Park Commissioner, along with **Barbara Mead**, Partner, Moss Adams LLP on piano, and **Chris Kimball**, Certified Financial Planner, CK Financial on drums.

Next **Dean Hanks**, Tacoma Goodwill Industries led a demonstration on how to cut brush complete with live props and encouraged all to help at our Oak Tree Park cleanup this weekend. He mentioned that United Way has also gotten involved. **Kathleen Olson**, Executive Director, The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County, welcomed our many visitors for Earth Day, and a visitor from Clover Park Rotary promoted a Rose Sale for Professional Administrators Day.

Glad we got ya's were extended to new members **Lani Powell** who joined two weeks ago and **Gordon Jenkins** who joined last week and visiting Rotarian introductions were promptly tuned up by **Doug Danstrom**, President, Walt's Auto Care Centers.

Two ladies who play head games, **Sharon Babcock**, Executive Director, ARK Institute of Learning, and Board Member **Jan Brazzell**, Principal Counsel and CEO, Advancement Consulting, discussed tonight's Game Night Social at The Tacoma Club, and challenged President Pete to a Scrabble encore. They passed around the mic's for visitor introductions too.

Just for grins, always smilin' President **Pete Taylor** led today's announcements, which included congratulations to new member **Shon Sylvia** who welcomed a new baby girl into the family, an announcement that tickets for the club's Cruise to Alaska fellowship were available in the back, Club Secretary **Beth Sylves**, Director of Marketing, Emerald Queen Hotel & Casinos, announced that it's time for the Scholarship Committee to interview high school seniors and they need 4 more volunteers to help. **Enid Harris** announced that the District Conference in Tacoma will be held from **June 1st through June 3rd** and we will need host families for dinners on June 1st between 4:30-7:30. It's okay to host visitors in groups, in a restaurant, on a boat or at other creative venues. Dessert will be served for all at 8pm in the Sheraton. **Jennifer Durham** announced that we have plenty of hosts for the upcoming Firesides on May 1st. President Pete will be hosting but his wife doesn't know that yet. You can still sign up to attend by contacting Jennifer directly at

"jjdurham@harbornet.com". **Cindy Niemi** Major Gifts Officer, MultiCare Health Foundation, with **Joe Lawless**, Director of Corporate Partnerships, Tacoma Goodwill, dressed in colorful (and tight) bike attire announced that our rest stop sponsorship will be a beer garden in Leavenworth for this year's Courage Classic. Riders, volunteers and beer drinkers are all needed to help out **August 4th through August 6th**. This week's paid announcement was for the Pierce County AIDS Foundation and the upcoming Dining Out For Life event at local eateries on April 26th.

Committee confusion was resolved by Past President **Jim Henderson**, Newspapers in Education Coordinator, The News Tribune, and **Carol Duris**, Relationship Manager, Viking Bank, who discussed and showed pictures of our new Rotaract club at UPS. There are 4 members so far, and they have already helped out at our auction, Oak Tree Park, the Toy Rescue Mission and the Friday Night Feed. Our members will be able to help out more next year as their club grows. There are other Rotaract clubs in our district currently and another new one being developed in Pierce County.

Birthday bashing was led by King Pandaka-daka **David Gardner**, Sales and Business Development, Air Systems Engineering, Inc. David gave this week's recipients the present of not having to come up front. Instead, he wrote and sang a wonderful musical tune including a greeting in German for our exchange student.

Deal or No Deal - This week's True Confessions included the loss of 35 pounds, a 79th birthday, the mom of our outbound exchange student, an award, a couple different trips to Mexico, a shredding conference and a donation of \$100k to the Boys/Girls club - Wow! If you need more details, well, you shoulda been there.

A Special Earth Day Program was introduced by Past President Kathleen Olson, Executive Director, The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County, who in turn introduced guest speakers Bryan Flint and Dana Brown.

Bryan from Tahoma Audubon, shared his favorite bumper sticker: "Are you an environmentalist or do you have a real job?". Global warming may be our biggest challenge of the decade but if we are the cause, we can be the solution. Although their agency pre-dates Earth Day, he discussed how environment and business can be mutually beneficial. He cited that Tacoma's cleanup of Commencement Bay is an example of how a clean environment has driven economic development and how urban spaces are now open spaces. More space plans are needed on how open spaces are managed and controlled. He mentioned Oak Tree Park as a great example of another tremendous city asset and an example to other groups. Now the park will have more use instead of more garbage. He encouraged everyone to help protect both our economy and our environment on Earth Day.

Dana gave an interesting overview of Tacoma's Water Ditch Trail, which carried water in the late 1800's from Spanaway Lake to Tacoma, and at one time extended to Mt. Rainier. Three miles are now being converted to be part of a trail network that will eventually go to Gig Harbor, the Foss Waterway, Ruston Way, the Souder station at 58th, Chambers Creek, Puyallup and Orting.

The first step of the trail is being dedicated on May 12<sup>th</sup> and all funding and assessments are complete. By next fall the next section will connect two schools along the route and following that plans will begin for design and land and construction funds to connect the trail to Oak Tree Park. The trail will be ADA disability compliant and will include amenities like benches.

Finally, President Pete thanked Bryan and Dana for their presentations and announced a donation in their names to the Tacoma Rotary Foundation. He also announced that as of today there is approximately \$986K in the Tacoma Rotary Foundation! Way to go Tacoma 8! Remember, share Rotary and have fun

while we get things done!

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# Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**4/22 Rick Allen**

"ASSOC: SOC SVS: United Way"  
President  
United Way of Pierce County  
Elected: 6/20/1996  
Sponsor: Andrew Neiditz  
Birthplace: Upland, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Alvarita Mari



**4/24 Randy Foley**

"RADIO - Advertising"  
Account Manager  
KIRO Newsradio 710  
Elected: 11/17/2005  
Sponsor: Doug Long  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Tracie Foley



**4/22 Dan DeLorenzo**

"Insurance - Casualty"  
Senior Vice President  
Bannon, Carlson & Kessel, Inc.  
Elected: 2/24/2000  
Sponsor: Buck Thompson  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Teresa



**4/26 Dan Pass**

"Business Services - Technology"  
Director of Government Ops  
Topia Technology, Inc.  
Elected: 11/16/2006  
Sponsor: Dave Thomas  
Birthplace: Groton, CT  
Spouse/Partner: Joyce Pass



**4/22 Jeff Lang**

"FINANCE/BANKING - Brokerage"  
VP, Investment Center Manager  
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.  
Elected: 8/29/2002  
Sponsor: Eileen Kelly  
Birthplace: Bitburg, Germany  
Spouse/Partner: Kristen Lang



**4/27 Steve Smith**

"EDUCATION - Universities - Admissions/PR"  
Director of Community Relations  
University of Washington, Tacoma  
Elected: 1/11/1996  
Sponsor: Fred Matthaei  
Birthplace: Portland, OR



**4/23 David Snow**

"MUSEUMS - LeMay Museum"  
Director of Major Gift Development  
LeMay - America's Car Museum  
Elected: 7/3/2003  
Sponsor: Steve Cofchin  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Barbara McLain

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