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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre for Tacoma #8's 96th Turnover Day and 47th Galleyside!

Join us this Thursday as our Rockin' President **Nita Sell**



welcomes incoming President **Pete Taylor** for a year of sharing Rotary and having fun while getting the job done!



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This Week's Helpers

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



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Invocator - **Don Hansen**
Greeter - **Dean Curry**
Badge Board - **Karen Clemens, Karen Lytle, Sue Elkin**
Singer - **Diane Powers**
Piano - **Jack Warnick**
Drums - **Chris Kimball**
Birthdays - **David Gardner**
Fine Counters - **Bob Bruback & John H. West**
Story Writer - **TBA**

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Roamers



Mar 19 **Cathy Hall**, Seattle
May 30 **Steve Cofchin**, Parkland/Spanaway
May 31 **Bill Matthaei**, Fargo
June 09 **Stan Kanarowski**, Lakewood
June 13 **David Flentge**, Tacoma North
June 13 **Roy Kimbel**, Sun Valley, ID
June 13 **Vanessa Herzog**, Olympia
June 13 **Neel Parikh**, Tacoma Narrows
June 14 **Steve Cofchin**, Clover Park
June 14 **Cathy Hall**, Seattle
June 15 **John Donovan**, Ormond
June 19 **Dave Thomas**, Tacoma South
June 20 **Bill Matthaei**, Tacoma North
June 20 **Tom Morrow**, Tacoma North
June 20 **Larry Treleven**, Eugene, OR

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Club Anniversaries

Ed Hudson: 57 years on June 30
Pinky Kipp: 49 years on June 27
Ralph Klose: 6 years on June 29
Katie Mathews: 19 years on June 25
Norb Methven: 20 years on June 26
Teri Trettin: 19 years on June 28

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places


Next Three Meetings - Please Note Changes

THURSDAY, July 6 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Cliff Dochterman,
Past President of Rotary International.
THURSDAY, July 13 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Bob Mowad,
Motivational Speaker - Edge Institute.
THURSDAY, July 20 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Linda Matherne,
Power of Second Choice - Teen Suicide.

Committee and Other Meetings

THURSDAY, July 6 - Internal Communications Committee Meeting,
Landmark, 11:00am.
THURSDAY, July 6 - Public Relations Committee Meeting, Landmark,

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11:00.

FRIDAY, July 7 - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement Bay Coffee Co., 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

MONDAY, July 10 - Executive Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

TUESDAY, July 11 - Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45am.

TUESDAY, July 11 - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 12 noon.

WEDNESDAY, July 19 - Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting, Farrelli's, 3518 6th Avenue, Tacoma, in the new Poole's Center, 5:00pm.

THURSDAY, July 20 - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, July 20 - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

MONDAY, July 24 - Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

THURSDAY, July 27 - Internal Controls & Oversight Committee (ICOC) Meeting, Landmark, immediately following Rotary meeting.

THURSDAY, July 27 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

FRIDAY, July 28 - Membership Development Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 7:30am.

No regularly scheduled meeting in July for:

Attendance Committee
Community Service Grants Committee
Preserve Planet Earth Committee
Rotaract Committee
World Community Services Committee

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



Sue Elkin

Kelley Gregory was introduced to membership by her sponsor, Charlie Drummond, on June 22, 2006. Kelley is the Marketing Manager for Cascade Regional Blood Services. Welcome to the club Kelley!



Veronica Shakotko

Veronica Shakotko was introduced to membership by her sponsor, Nita Sell, on June 22, 2006. Valerie is a Partner at Maher, Ingels, Shakotko, Christenson, LLP. Welcome to the club Veronica!

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Special Announcements

Rebecca Morgan
Gig Harbor, WA

Kari Schoenrock, Club Administrator
Beverly Vincent, Interim Club
Administrator
Lori Hansen, GearShift Editor &
Fundraising Coordinator

**Exchange Students
Inbound**

Salome Handschin, Switzerland
Ilan Orchansky, Argentina

Outbound

Cam Moore, India
Liza Robinson, Mexico
Graham Newman, Argentina

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Shoes for Children

St. Charles Borromeo School sent a beautiful thank you note expressing their deepest gratitude to the Community Service Grants Committee for supporting their *Shoes for Children* program.

"The Rotary grant of \$1800 for the Shoes for Children program made a significant impact on our community: 1668 shoes were donated to 27 agencies in the greater Tacoma area including Tacoma Public Schools, Associated Ministries, and many ECEAP preschool programs."

The donated shoes were sold back to the students at St. Charles using money they earned doing chores. This provided additional money to purchase even more shoes. A few examples of the thanks they received:

"You are truly making a difference in the lives of young children in our community...The children who receive shoes are surprised to learn that other children earned money to buy them a pair of shoes." **Associated Ministries.**

"These families work so hard and struggle to make ends meet and your generosity each year is a huge help and encouragement for them." **NE Tacoma ECEAP Preschool.**

"We appreciate the children in your School who took their hard earned money and donated it for such a great cause. The gift of giving to others is an outstanding value to teach them." **Family Support Specialist ECEAP.**

Rotary Lunch Price Increase

Beginning with the July 6th meeting there will be a slight increase in the cost of the Rotary buffet luncheon. The cost will be \$13.00, still a great deal. The cost of the quarterly pre-paid program will be \$156.50. Contact the Rotary office if you are interested in this option.

Upcoming Relationship Building Socials

The Relationship Building Committee invites all members of Tacoma 8 to join them on Thursday evenings in Tacoma at 5 pm 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 is a fun way to earn attendance credits.

July 6 - Stanley & Seaforts - 115 East 34th St, Tacoma (Hopefully we'll be on the deck!) Please note: this date changed from June 29 due to Turnover Day.

July 13 - **Save the date!!!** Beach potluck BBQ at Andy Laycock's. Party begins at 3:00pm. Bring a favorite dish or a beverage to share! Look for more details closer to the event.

Wanted: Andy is looking for a couple of adventurous souls to join in on **Tuesday the 11th** to dig for geoducks & scoop up fresh oysters. He will

depart from Gig Harbor by boat at 11:30 sharp to catch the tide. If you are interested in helping, contact Andy at: alaycock@mcdelivery.com

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Rotary Happenings - June 22, 2006

By: **Beth Sylves**

President Nita rang the bell to begin the last meeting that she will preside over during her term as President. Our invocation, given by **Jack Peterson**, Bellarmine Preparatory, asked us to put ourselves in a position of gratitude for the great year that our club has enjoyed. Our National Anthem was led by **Dick Moe**, School of the Arts, accompanied by **Chris Kimball**, CK Financial on drums, and President elect-elect **Steve Smith**, UW Tacoma, on piano. President Nita recognized a couple of club anniversaries of note: **Chuck Hellar**, 21 years, and **Erwin Kettner**, 20 years. Visiting Rotarians from Tacoma Sunrise, Southcenter, Gig Harbor, Seattle #4 and Azer Baijan were introduced by newer Rotarian, **Jacob Hall**, Loan Officer, Sumner Home Mortgage.

President Nita's final edition of "Rotarian of the Week" was actually an honor for us all. Remarking that she "stood on their shoulders" this year, she recognized all 23 living past presidents of #8, with many in attendance. Representing the presidential alumni at the head table was our leader in the 1943-44 year, **Joe Gordon, Senior**. President Nita asked all the former presidents for memories and reflections from their year. Here are just a few of the stories shared: Joe Gordon (43-44) had a speaker at the podium suffer a heart attack, YIKES!; **Larry Ghilarducci Jr.** (71-72) saw lots of Rotarians in the bar before and sometimes during the meeting, so the fine box (a cougar head) made a visit to the bar, too; **Brew "Buck" Thompson** (83-84) started True Confessions; **Jeff Lovely** (88-89) didn't have a permanent meeting space, so it was a true "rotating rotary" year; **Jim Harris** (93-94) introduced the "attendance credit" for approved activities concept; **Chuck Hellar** (00-01) prioritized publicity for all the good works that we do; in **Kathy Martin's** year (01-02), our club won the Presidential Citation from District 5020; **Jim Henderson** (02-03) formed a finance committee that has evolved into our Internal Controls & Oversight Committee, to ensure our club's financial health and compliance; and **Kathleen Olson** (04-05) implemented the creation of our strategic plan, which will guide us for many years to come. Now, we can only guess what President Nita might recall with the benefit of perspective when asked for her memories in a few years! And, as a footnote from last week's meeting, President Nita also recognized **Ilan Orchanski & Salome Handschin** as honorary Rotarians of the Week!

Jennifer Durham reminded us that our Galleyside assignments were emailed, and if you have any questions, please contact your captain or your first mate directly!

Two new members were introduced, well, one new and one not so new. **Charlie Drummond**, Cascade Regional Blood Services introduced **Kelley Gregory**, but if she looks familiar, you may remember her as former Rotary #8 member, Kelley Caldwell. A graduate of PLU, Kelley (married in 2004) is Marketing Manager for Cascade, and is rejoining our club after a few years with Lakewood. You might see Kelley out running around town with her TWO Dobermans! President Nita had the honor of introducing **Veronica Shakotko**, a 2nd generation #8 Rotarian, daughter of Peggy Emery. Veronica is also a Lute, and was a 2nd Lieutenant in Military Intelligence for the Army. Veronica graduated from Seattle University Law School and lived in Savannah, GA. Her husband Bill spent time in Iraq, home safe now, and they have a 2 ½ year old daughter Madeline. She's a partner in the law firm, Maher, Ingels, Shakotko, Christensen, and specializes in real estate law. She is active with the Junior League of Tacoma.

Rick Jones, Pacific NW Title, recognized the generosity of our club members by recognizing two Paul Harris awards: to **David Snow**, who recently joined the LeMay Car Museum for major gift development; and **Ron Thomas**, Thomas Cook Fitzgerald Architects. Jennifer Durham continued the recognition of our generosity by introducing two Art Wickens awardees, **Jim Henderson**, The News Tribune; and **Deb Robinett**, Health Enhancement Corporation.

Brien Elvins, Tacoma Investment Group, and **Lori Duester**, K2 Custom Homes, went around the room to talk about Relay for Life and to introduce guests of Rotarians. Lots of family members were in attendance. Thanks Lori & Brien for coordinating our involvement in this year's relay!

The club voted unanimously to approve the new Bylaws, thanks to many hours of hard work from the Bylaws committee! **Jim Crabbe** asked our birthday celebrants several questions designed to get to know them better. During True Confessions, **Bill & Fred Matthaei** asked us all to recognize the union of their parents, and fellow Rotarians, **Chuck & Helen Matthaei**, who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary! (Thanks for the yummy cake!) We were treated to their beautiful wedding photo - still a gorgeous couple! We also heard about a lot of golf and summer vacations and **Jim Shoemake** was pleased to announce that he's attending his last school board meeting, after 31 years - and he has a tee time on Friday morning! And, after being in a coma a week ago due to a motorcycle accident, **Jack Harding** paid a fine and counted his blessings just for being here!

Our program was a "State of Rotary 8 Address" presented by President Nita entitled "How You Rocked!" Using our strategic plan as a measurable tool, President Nita reminded us of the Five Critical Issues and corresponding goals that we identified in our plan, and updated us on our progress through Year 1.

Issue # 1: Focused, notable service projects & impacts
Goal #1: Resolve & clarify the focus desired by members for club fundraising

We have limited our in-meeting fundraising solicitation to Rotary-only initiatives; we raised \$141,000 (club record) and had 55 folks at the Oak Tree Park Clean-Up!
SUCCESS

Issue #2: Member commitment & involvement
Goal #2: Within 3 years, increase to 75% of active members who participate on committees - general feeling, we are ON THE RIGHT TRACK to achieve that goal within three years.

Issue #3: Recruitment & retention of qualified members
Goal #3: Exceeded our goal, received a RI Presidential Citation! Thanks **Don Lloyd** & committee! SUCCESS

Issue #4: Consistent communication of mission, goals, club activities and member conduct
Goal #4: Implement a program for communication
Committee Focus: committees are highlighted at meetings, thanks **Rose Johnson**, Gearshift continues to thrive, AND is read regularly by members (based on a show of hands!) SUCCESS

Issue #5: Programming quality
Goal #5: Offer compelling programming - program committee has asked members to score the programs, and we had a great year, according to you! SUCCESS

Next week is Turnover Day & GalleySide! (Weather report says mostly sunny - 75 degrees!)

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



25 Douglas Lineberry
"Law Practice - Business & Commercial"
Attorney
Lineberry Kenney
Elected: 10/17/2002
Sponsor: Rose Johnson
Birthplace: Los Angeles, CA
Spouse/Partner: Jeanette Lineberry



28 Kevin Phelps
"Business Services - Convention Centers Private"
Managing Partner
Landmark Convention Center
Elected: 03/02/1995
Sponsor: Denny Rowley
Birthplace: Wichita, KS
Spouse/Partner: Lynda Phelps



26 Steve Finnigan
"Finance/Banking - Family Investments"
Vice President & Area Manager, Union Bank of America
Highmark Capital
Elected: 02/05/1998
Sponsor: Donn Spencer
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Eileen Finnigan



29 Ed Mawe
"Corporate"
President & CEO
Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Estates
Elected: 02/20/1997
Sponsor: Roy Kimbel
Birthplace: Mt. Vernon, WA



27 Jack Peterson
"Education - Catholic High Schools"
President
Bellarmine Preparatory School
Elected: 08/28/1997
Sponsor: Father Dan Weber
Birthplace: Seattle, WA
Spouse/Partner: Mary Peterson

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