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Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 meets every Thursday at the **Landmark Temple Theatre**
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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre When We Welcome Debbie Wooten




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Now that Rotary International has almost removed polio as a threat to the people of our world, it's good to be reminded of what polio is/was and how it altered the lives of many. Our speaker this Thursday is a polio survivor. Not only is she a survivor, but she is funny . . . really funny. She will actually have you laughing at polio.

Debbie Wooten has the enviable gift of taking the worst adversities and turning them into positives. She was born with scoliosis and spina bifida, then contracted polio at 5 months. As a child of the 1960s, white kids wouldn't play with her because of her color, and the black kids didn't accept the fact that she was different.

At age 8, Wooten met Martin Luther King Jr. at a civil rights rally in



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Chicago. He made her realize the content of her character would always overshadow her color and physical ability.

Wooten, now a mother of five, found her way out of poverty and adversity through humor and education. She is hilarious - a quality that enabled her to become a comedian. She has performed at schools, universities, corporate meetings and for the Washington State legislature in addition to opening for touring comedians. Wooten heard the word "can't" her whole life. At an early age she decided to drop the "t" from can't and discover what she could do.

Debbie's stage act is one rollicking laugh ride, within two minutes you'll forget about her disability and be doubled over in laughter. Whether she's telling you why she doesn't have to worry about serial killers or flirting with an audience member - she will bring the house down. Bring a friend to our meeting this Thursday. . . or better, yet . . . bring two.

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This Week's Helpers

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

Invocator - **TBD**

Greeter - **Chad Krilich**

Badge Board - **TBD**

Singer - **Jan Brazzel**

Piano - **Steve Smith**

Drums - **Chris Kimball**

Birthdays - **Chris Kimball**

Fine Counters - **John H. West and Mel Zanjani**

Story Writer - **Kathleen Olson**

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Roamers



Mar 6 **Tim Grant**, Tacoma Sunrise
Mar 7 **Charlotte Chalker**, Palm Desert
Mar 7 **Ray Chalker**, Palm Desert
Mar 14 **Charlotte Chalker**, Palm Desert
Mar 14 **Ray Chalker**, Palm Desert
Mar 14 **Lee Gingrich**, Palm Desert
Mar 19 **Roger Lee**, Aboard River Aria, Prague
Mar 20 **David Curry**, Unknown
Mar 20 **Michele Johnson**, Sumner
Mar 20 **John Donovan**, Richland, WA
Mar 21 **Lee Gingrich**, Palm Desert

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CLUB REPORT CARD, 3/22-26

Carolyn's Rotarian of the Year program = **A+**
Gina Breukelman's birthdays = **A+**
Three brand new members = **A+**
Your contributions to Raise the Paddle = **A+**
Ottie's Raise the Paddle matching funds = **A+**
The WOW! LUAU auction = **A+**
Rusty George's auction artwork = **A+**
Mike Stewart singing "Tiny Bubbles" = **A-**
(last rating subject to review, of course)
All in all, a pretty good week, wouldn't you say?

THIS WEEK

This is the last week to sign the petition for Rotary vanity license plates. This does not represent a commitment to actually buy one; we just need 9000 signatures before the state will make them. (See below). Forms are on the table. Also, this will be our final week promoting the Polio Plus Partners program. There are only four countries left with measurable polio and we need to wipe it out completely. We are so close; this drive at Rotary clubs worldwide will make the difference. Please help.

See you Thursday.

President Pete



Club Anniversaries

Gary Biando: 1 year on March 30
Karen Clemens: 1 year on March 30
Dean Curry: 1 year on March 30
Paul Doty: 24 years on March 29
Brien Elvins: 10 years on March 27
Jim Harris: 28 years on March 29
Karen Lytle: 1 year on March 30
Carolyn McDougal: 3 years on March 25
Gerald Moczynski: 1 year on March 30
Karen Seinfeld: 1 year on March 30

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, April 5 - OFF-SITE MEETING, Museum of Glass,

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 Storm Windows
 Glass Railings
 Auto Glass
 Auto Upholstery
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Please RSVP to Rotary Office if you plan to attend. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March 22 and 29 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.

Committee and Other Meetings

THURSDAY, March 29 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

TUESDAY, April 3 - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE - Internal Controls & Oversight Committee (ICOC) Meeting, Evergreen office, Noon.

TUESDAY, April 3 - World Community Service Committee Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.

THURSDAY, April 5 - Attendance Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, April 5 - Internal Communications Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, April 5 - Public Relations Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00.

FRIDAY, April 6 - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

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 - Information Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm (please RSVP to Rotary Office).

THURSDAY, April 19 - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, April 19 - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

WEDNESDAY, April 21 - Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting, CANCELLED THIS MONTH.

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

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

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

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

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



Doug Danstrom

Doug was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Jeff Rounce** on March 22, 2007.



Jennifer Gilbert

Jennifer was introduced to membership by her sponsor **Ken Gibson** on March 22, 2007. She is the Chief Development

William B. Boyd
Howick, Auckland, New Zealand

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Pete Taylor
Steve Smith

He is President of Walt's Radiator and Muffler, LLC. His classification is "AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Automobile Repair." Welcome to the club, Doug!



Shon Sylvia

Shon was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Margaret McCormick** on March 22, 2007. He is the Director, Recreation & Community Service for Metro Parks. His classification is "GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Metro Parks - Community Service." Welcome to the club, Shon!

Officer for Metro Parks Foundation. Her classification is "GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Metro Parks." Welcome to the club, Jennifer!

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Special Announcements

Wow Luau Auction Update

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to the club for all the support they provided for the auction. The auction was a great success and in a couple of weeks we will be able to provide the club with a figure on how well we did. From our early calculations, it looks like we will raise as much money as we did last year. This is the second year in a row that we have had over 500 people attend the auction, many of which are not Rotarians. Our auction is becoming a major fund raising event in Tacoma, and with Carolyn McDougal chairing the auction next year, we are sure with everyone's help she will have a very successful year.

On Thursday we will be thanking the Auction Committee for all the hard work they put in. I hope you can attend to help give them the recognition they deserve.

Thanks again to all the club members. The auction was a real team effort from everyone in the club.

Brien Elvins and Mike Stewart

Exciting Offsite Meeting at the Museum of Glass!

Our April 5 meeting will be held at the Museum of Glass, and 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 -- and sign up forms will be provided on your table at this week's meeting. Alternatively, you may send or call in your reservation at 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 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

5/01 Fireside

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

6/01-03 District Convention here in Tacoma (no registration fee!)

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.

March 29: Stadium Bistro - 204 St. Helens St. Tacoma 8402 (253.683.4150)

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 6th Avenue, Tacoma 98406 (253.759.1999)

May 17: LET'S Bowl and be merry!!! Chalet Bowl 3806 North 26th, Tacoma 89407 (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 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 - March 22, 2007

By: John Morrison



She Gets S#@# Done

In retrospect, this could have been the theme for today, as we honored our fine Rotarian of the Year, **Carolyn McDougal**. But I digress - business first.

President Pete rang the bell at 12:10. **Pat** "Good Afternoon Pat" **Steele** gave the invocation. That was followed by **Barry Benson** who led us in the National Anthem along with **Barbara Mead** on piano and **Chris Kimball** on drums.

President Pete then recognized the following 15 Rotarians for their years of service: **George Williams, Ottie Ladd, Fred Matthaei, Jerry McLaughlin, Mark Anderson, Richard Brady, Linda Tieman, Andrea Olson, Brian Phair, Jeff Cathersal, Tom Brown, Carol Duris, Gary Hafsahl, Jacob Hall, and Denise Timm.**

Chris Ford, Dr. Chung Lee, and Mark Meier, our newest members, were welcomed once again. For statistical purposes, my calculations suggest that these three members will need to be Rotarians for 45 years each before catching up to **George Williams** and **Ottie Ladd**, who today have 90 years of combined service in the club. (Disclaimer: the math could be wrong, but if you're interested, I'll show you my calculations.)

Jann Gay introduced two visiting Rotarians - Rita Bowman and Rick Olson.

Auction co-chairs **Brian Elvins** and **Michael Stewart** (seen mainlining coffee just prior to the meeting) posed the question, "Are you tired of hearing from us yet?" To which we all replied, "Of course not!" and casually muttered under our breaths. Hey folks, we're sold out, we're starting early, and there's a pre-function at Brien's suite starting at 4. Let's party! And congratulations to Brien and Michael for a job well done; the end is near!

New Members

- **Ken Gibson** introduced **Jennifer Gilbert**, Chief Development Officer of the Metro Parks Foundation.
- **Margaret McCormick** introduced **Shon Sylvia**, Director, Recreation and Community Service
- President-Elect Nominee **Jeff Rounce** introduced **Doug Danstrom**, President, Walt's Radiator & Muffler.

Birthdays

Gina Breukelman showcased her comedic talent as she recognized those Rotarians who were celebrating birthdays this week. Those in attendance included **Ann Farrell, Dr. Robert Klein, Mike Hansch, Brett Thomas, Mac Smith**, and our very own **Beverly Vincent**. Gina had all the celebrants wear hula skirts and shells to celebrate the upcoming auction. (The sight of Mike

Hansch and Dr. Klein in skirts has caused disturbing nightmares.)

Miscellany

President Pete reminded us to sign petitions for Rotary vanity license plates.

Sign up for the offsite meeting at the Museum of Glass on April 5. My sources tell me we'll all get to personally work with Dale Chihuly on the Hot Shop floor, so wear comfortable attire.

(Disclaimer: Ok, I don't really have a source. And I'm pretty sure Dale won't be there, and we won't be on the Hot Shop floor, either. But everything else is true!)

Mark your calendars for Tuesday March 27 for the 16th Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon hosted by the Girl Scouts. Did you know 8 Rotarians from our humble club have received this award in the past?

Big, Blond, and Beautiful

The chorus is always so much more meaningful than the rest of the song, as we found out as **Past President Nita Sell** described how she always thought about our Rotarian of the Year, **Carolyn McDougal**. Big - she's quite tall, in case you haven't noticed; Blond - I'm pretty sure she's a natural blond; and Beautiful - well, who could argue with that?

Nita began the festivities as we honored Carolyn McDougal as 2007 Rotarian of the Year for her work in the club and in the community. Using our five pillars of service, Carolyn is a star in all five and is always working to make this community a better place. Her leadership skills are amazing as she continues to lead in many areas of her life. Incredible, the difference she has been able to make in only her third year as a Rotarian.

After a touching tribute to the Lindquist Dentist Clinic (Carolyn's place of employment, and one of tremendous growth since taking over 4 and half years ago), Abbey Salk and Julie Wurst spoke on behalf of the Lindquist Board of Directors. Without a doubt, Carolyn's positive attitude and strong leadership are found daily at Lindquist.

Brother Tom McDougal, who made the trek up from Portland, also had a few words for his sister. I think he said something about being her younger brother - couldn't have been by much, though. While Tom spoke, Mom looked on from the audience, beaming with pride.

Tom reminisced about childhood with his sister - of painful nicknames, of cryptic rock stories and of constantly being told to buzz off. And in between that, recognized that Carolyn's whole life has been devoted to service above self; always giving of her time and energy. And, as all younger brothers do (I did mention he was younger, didn't I?), he remembered fondly of his childhood with her, and how he wouldn't trade a minute of it for the world. Tom left us with the Top 10 reasons why we should all love Carolyn, in case we needed a few others to add to our own lists.

Dawn Cooper took the stage following Tom and, as one of her closest friends, declined to tell us some of her closely kept secrets. Carolyn, always one to lead, was likened to Julie the Cruise Director on the Love Boat (man, I loved that show), always the first to know the best restaurants, best places to see, where to go, and doing it all while taking care of everyone else. And although I had to shake my head no when Dawn posed the question as to whether or not anyone in the audience had actually seen Carolyn calm, I couldn't argue with her when she closed by saying, "She gets S%#* done."

Mark B. Anderson took the stage after Dawn and related the joys of working with her on last year's auction. Two things he left us with: Carolyn's smile accompanies her wherever she goes, and when things need to happen, Carolyn is the secret ingredient that will make it so.

Jennifer Durham bestowed upon Carolyn her first Art Wickens Fellowship, a gift from **Dorothy Lewis**. And President Pete awarded her with a Paul Harris Fellow.
And we called it a day.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



3/25 Jerry McLaughlin
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3/29 Mary Grubbs
"HEALTH SERVICES- Facilities Management"
Manager, Emerg. Manag. and Facilites Support
MultiCare
Elected: 6/14/2001
Sponsor: Eileen Ales
Birthplace: Danville, IL
Spouse/Partner: William Grubbs



3/26 Bobby Arkills
"Social Services"
Executive Director
Tacoma Youth for Christ
Elected: 12/2/2004
Sponsor: Stacey Ogle
Birthplace: Cheyenne, Wyoming
Spouse/Partner: Jenelle Arkills



3/29 Buck Thompson
"BUSINESS SERVICES - Cemeteries"
Chairman
Mountain View Memorial Park
Elected: 1/14/1954
Sponsor: J. Arthur Thompson
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Joanne Thompson



3/26 Stan Johnson
"INDUSTRIAL - Bearing Distribution"
Elected: 6/22/1995
Sponsor: Andy Johnson (son)
Birthplace: Benson, MN
Spouse/Partner: Anita Johnson



3/30 Stephanie Christensen
"Corporate"
Chief Development Officer
American Cancer Society
Elected: 8/20/1992
Sponsor: Jim Whitacre
Birthplace: Billings, MT
Spouse/Partner: Cory Lovell



3/27 John Reding
"FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS - Furniture Restoration"
President
J.R. Reding Company
Elected: 8/12/1982
Sponsor: Don Toler
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Nan Peele



3/31 Joe Gordon, Sr.
"LAW PRACTICE - General"
Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Malanca Peterson & Daheim
Elected: 12/1/1938
Sponsor: Fr. J. H. Gordon
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
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