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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre To Hear the World Community Service Team Talk About Their Africa Trip




Tacoma 8 goes to Africa! Please join us on January 4 to hear about the polio immunization of Ethiopian babies and District 5020's project in the Lillydale B schools. Pictured above is your team with the French Ambassador's wife: **Don Hansen, Dorothy Lewis, Nita Sell, Jan Schwenger, Nick Rajacich, Fred Moasio, and Melinda Rajacich.** Come hear some African music, see the safari pictures before the meeting, and learn more about the works of the Rotary International Foundation!

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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Victoria Woodards**

Greeter - **Julie Wasson**

Badge Board - **Louis Cooper, Chuck Laguna, Dave Lewis, Malcolm Taylor**

Singer - **Barry Benson**

Piano - **Jack Warnick**

Drums - **Chris Kimball**

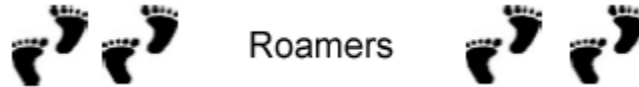
Birthdays - **TBD**

Fine Counters - **Jan Rogers, John H. West**

Story Writer - **Terry Taylor**

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Dec 06 **Bill Matthaei**, Fargo, ND
Dec 12 **Marion Sharp**, Parkland/Spanaway
Dec 19 **Bill Matthaei**, Tacoma North
Dec 19 **Fred Matthaei**, Tacoma North
Dec 19 **David Snow**, Gig Harbor Mid-day

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope all of you had a great New Year's eve and day. As I start the second half of my year as president, I want to thank you all for your support. I will spend the next six months helping the club achieve the goals which were set at the start and ensuring that the transition of the presidency to **Steve Smith** is seamless. In the meantime, please do make plans to attend our January 4 meeting as we start the new year with a program which defines what *Service Above Self* is all about, our members' trip to Ethiopia and South Africa. I look forward to seeing you then.

President Pete

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Club Anniversaries

Don A. Anderson: 13 years on December 30

Bill Baarsma: 5 years on January 1

Lee Gingrich: 11 years on January 4

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Tom Oldfield: 6 years on January 4
Bill Rogers: 29 years on January 5
Em Wonders: 61 years on December 30

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, January 4 - Landmark Temple Theatre, World Community Service Committee Africa Trip

THURSDAY, January 11 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Ogie Shaw, "Fitting Fitness Into Your Schedule"

THURSDAY, January 18 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Craig Ueland, "Life at the Russell Company After George"

Committee and Other Meetings

THURSDAY, January 4 - Attendance Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, January 4 - Internal Communications Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, January 4 - Public Relations Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00.

FRIDAY, January 5 - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

MONDAY, January 8 - Executive Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

TUESDAY, January 9 - World Community Service Committee Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.

TUESDAY, January 9 - Community Service Grants Committee Meeting, Elks Club - #174, 1965 South Union Avenue, 7:30am.

TUESDAY, January 9 - Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45am.

TUESDAY, January 9 - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 12 noon.

TUESDAY, January 9 - Auction Committee Meeting, Brien Elvin's home, 2420 Union Avenue, 6:00pm.

THURSDAY, January 11 - Information Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm (please RSVP to Rotary office).

WEDNESDAY, January 17 - Relationship Building Subcommittee Meeting, Farrelli's, 3518 6th Avenue, Tacoma, in the new Poole's Center, 5:00pm.

THURSDAY, January 18 - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, January 18 - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

MONDAY, January 22 - Preserve Planet Earth Committee Meeting, Snake Lake Nature Center, 19th & Tyler, Noon.

TUESDAY, January 23 - Internal Controls & Oversight Committee (ICOC) Meeting, Evergreen office, Noon.

THURSDAY, January 25 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

FRIDAY, January 26 - Membership Development Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 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.

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New Members This Week



Chris Quinn-Brintnall

Chris was introduced to membership by her sponsor Pete Taylor on December 21, 2006. Chris is a Judge for Washington Court of Appeals, Division Two. Her classification is "Government Services - Judicial." She enjoys contra dancing, playing the flute, yoga and amateur theater. Welcome to the club, Chris!



CJ Robinson

CJ Robinson was introduced to membership by her sponsor Connie Brown on December 21, 2006. CJ is Director of Community Impact and Advocacy with United Way of Pierce County. Her classification is "Assoc Soc Svcs - United Way." She enjoys hiking, writing, learning the cello, swimming and reading. Welcome to the club, CJ!

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Special Announcements



Rotarian of the Week

Please join us this Thursday as we honor Rotarian of the Week, **Jeff Rounce**. Jeff is Publisher for the Business Examiner. He joined Tacoma 8 in October 1987. His classification is "Printing & Publishing - Publishing - Business," and his sponsor was Carl Jones.

Culture Vulture News

Upcoming activities for 2007:

February 3, 2007 - Young Artist Showcase: A Bernstein Evening featuring Trouble in Tahiti. Contact Mike Jones at 253-383-2616 for more information.

February 17 - Buddy - The musical version of the life of Buddy Holly at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in Seattle. This is the Culture Vulture Valentine Celebration Event. Contact Bill Kaufmann at 253-572-5221 for more information.

March 18, 2007 - Hooray for Hollywood - Pantages Theater. Tacoma Symphony will be playing songs from the movies.

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.

Program Survey for December

Please try out our new system for surveying our weekly programs. To complete an on-line survey click on this link:

[December Program Survey.](#)

The information is automatically collected, and results are sent to the Rotary office. We will still have the usual pink survey forms available at the meeting this week. It is also available on our website under the "Rotary Services" section, "Rotary Links/Forms."

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.

January 4 - CI Shenanigan's - 3017 Ruston Way, 752-8811.

Other Social Events

May 2, 2007 - Three night cruise sailing from Vancouver to Seattle aboard Holland America's ms OOSTERDAM. **GET THOSE PASSPORTS NOW!**

Prices do not include transportation from Tacoma to Vancouver* but do include tax and port charges and are based on double occupancy (3rd and 4th person occupancy available on some categories for less).

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Availability is on a first come first serve basis.

*Transportation to Vancouver from Tacoma and from Seattle port back to Tacoma will be provided via charter bus. Price dependent on number of participants; cost should be under \$50 per person.

Visit www.hollandamerica.com for more info on this itinerary and ship.

For further information, availability, or to confirm participation contact: Mary Jo Strom Copland, 253-564-8189

mj@thetravelcompany.net

WALKING GROUP - fresh air, fellowship and exercise. Informal walking group on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30pm on Ruston Way - meet at Johnny's. Saturday, 8:30am meet at the duck pond at Pt. Defiance.

Other activities on the horizon - game night, cosmic bowling, LeMay party and possible Christmas light boat cruise.

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Rotary Happenings - December 21, 2006

By: Kara Duffy



President Pete rang the bell and **John H. West** gave the invocation. The National Anthem was led by **Nita Sell** on vocals, **Barbara Mead** on piano, and **Chris Kimball** on drums.

We recognized the following anniversaries: **Jim Whitacre**, 25 years; **Barry Benson**, 16 years; **Don Hansen**, 9 years; **Layne Alfonso**, 3 years; and **Randy Mauerman**, 3 years. We also recognized our newest members **Louis Cooper**, **Jim Arneson**, **Chuck Laguna**, and **Jann Gay**.

Speaking of new members, two more were introduced. **Connie Brown** introduced us to **CJ Robinson**, Director of Community Impact and Advocacy, United Way of Pierce County, and **President Pete** introduced us to **Christine Quinn-Brintnall**, Judge, Court of Appeals, State of Washington. Welcome to all of the above new members!

President Pete made a couple of announcements: \$1,000 was collected at last week's meeting for Operation Home Front. Thanks to those who gave to this charitable cause! The other announcement was the reminder that there would not be a meeting on December 28.

Sara Long, MultiCare Foundation, spoke about the Courage Classic. The Courage Classic is a 3-day bike ride that takes riders through Snoqualmie Pass, Blewitt Pass, and ends after Stevens Pass. The purpose of the Courage Classic is to support and treat children who have been sexually assaulted as well as prevent all forms of child abuse. The horrifying stats that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18 should warrant much support for many more years. Rotary Clubs have been a huge driving force from the beginning and continue to help with the success of the Courage Classic. The first launch was in 1992 with 214 cyclists; 14 years later, there were 495 participants.

Roy Kimbel and **Ross Hjelseth** were on Roving Mics welcoming our guests and talking about our community service grants. A big THANKS to **Jim** and **Enid Harris** for their \$5,000 donation to our Tacoma Rotary Foundation! Another round of applause for **Lloyd Silver** who donated \$1,000!

Kathi Willis who chairs our Community Service Grants Committee presented grants to 7 organizations, all of whom were in attendance. The grants went to TACID, New Phoebe House, Toy Rescue Mission, Rebuilding Together South Sound, Super Club Inner City Outreach, Merle Palmer Scholarship Fund, and Communities in Schools of Tacoma. Kathi did a wonderful job of letting us know how the grant money was going to be used. Thank you!

Birthday celebrations were done by **Kathleen Olson** and the celebrants in attendance were **Jeff Rounce**, **Laura Fox**, **Steve Kovach**, and **Chuck Hellar**. Tips were given on the how-to's and what-not-to-do's for December babies. #1 – Do not wrap birthday gifts in holiday paper. #2 – Do not serve Christmas leftovers for a birthday dinner. #3 – Do not put candles in Christmas cookies and

call it a birthday cake. #4 – Do set aside time for the birthday celebration apart from any other holiday activities. #5 - Do not say “Happy birthday and Merry Christmas” as one sentence. Separate the well wishes.

True Confessions ranged from vacations, missing birthdays, changing of jobs, a new car, congrats to graduates, kudos to sons and daughters on major accomplishments, awards, business ventures, contract signing, and volunteer thanking.

Following True Confessions, President Pete introduced **Ray Schuler**, President of Schuler Properties, who in turn introduced our speaker, Tim Farrell, Executive Director of the Port of Tacoma. Tim is from the East Coast and has no plans on returning. He’s been in this area for 6 ½ years and as he says, “still wet behind the ears” for T-Town standards. Although he’s still considered “green,” he thanks Tacoma for the warm welcome and continued support.

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Here’s to wishing all the best to come! Hope your holidays were full of goodness!! See you next year – come on, I couldn’t resist.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



12/24 David Douglas

"REAL ESTATE - Commercial"
Senior Vice President
GVA Kidder Mathews
Elected: 9/15/1994
Sponsor: Ray Schuler
Birthplace: Seattle, WA
Spouse/Partner: Ginny Douglas



12/29 Rick Jones

"INSURANCE - Title"
Manager (County)
Pacific Northwest Title
Elected: 4/24/2003
Sponsor: Emily Reiter
Birthplace: Seattle, WA



12/25 Dave Lewis

"Sports Management - Baseball"
General Manager
Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Club
Elected: 10/26/2006
Sponsor: Margaret McCormick
Birthplace: Port Angeles, WA
Spouse/Partner: Krista Lewis



12/31 Pavan Tapadia

Exchange Student
Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA)
Elected: 9/1/2006
Host Family: Patrick & Aida Finney
Birthplace: Kopergaon, India



12/26 Doug Dillow
"Boy Scouts of America - Executive"
Scout Executive and CEO
Pacific Harbor Council, BSA
Elected: 11/21/2002
Sponsor: Charles Matthaei
Birthplace: Pittsfield, IL
Spouse/Partner: Tammi Dillow



1/4 Carol Duris
"FINANCE/BANKING - Community Bank"
Relationship Manager
Viking Bank
Elected: 3/23/2006
Sponsor: Pete Taylor
Birthplace: Puyallup, WA

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