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A graduate of Western Washington University, Chuck Valley has worked with Hollander Investments of Bellingham for the past 23 years. He has been involved in design, construction and operation of the Hollander's five hotels in Washington and Oregon. The most recent project for the Hollander family was the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Tacoma, which he took from conception to opening and the first six months of operations. This past year, along with operating hotels, Chuck has taken on a new challenge of working with Kidstown International, a foundation of which Mike Hollander is the founder. Kidstown International supports and cares for orphans in Romania and India. He serves on the board of directors for the Tacoma Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau and is current President of the Pierce County Lodging Association. A 14-year resident of Puyallup, Chuck has served on numerous

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boards and church leadership roles over those years and continues to find ways to support the Pierce County community. He is married and has two boys, 15 and 17.

Chuck will be talking about the development of the Marriott Courtyard, Tacoma, and how this development changes the lives of children in Romania and India.

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### This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Linn Larsen**  
Greeter - **Derrick Hochstatter**  
Badge Board - **Allan Guitar** and **Andrea Peterson**  
Singer - **Jan Brazzell**  
Piano - **President Steve Smith**  
Birthdays - **TBD**  
Fine Counters - **Chuck Hellar** and **Mel Zanjani**  
Story Writer - **Terry Taylor**

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Roamers



Sept 06 - **Dave Thomas** - Fife/Milton  
Sept 07 - **Jennifer Gilbert** - Lakewood  
Sept 07 - **LaTasha Wortham** - Lakewood  
Sept 11 - **Gerald Moczynski** - Gig Harbor Mid-day  
Sept 11 - **Chiara Wood** - Tacoma North  
Sept 13 - **Pam Brewer** - Lakewood  
Sept 17 - **Rita Morkrid** - Tacoma South  
Sept 18 - **Rita Morkrid** - Fife/Milton  
Sept 19 - **Lee Gingrich** - Clover Park  
Sept 19 - **Rita Morkrid** - Tacoma Sunrise  
Sept 19 - **Rita Morkrid** - Puyallup  
Sept 21 - **Rita Morkrid** - Gig Harbor

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### Club Anniversaries

**Juanita Carbaugh**: 14 years on September 23  
**John Donovan**: 6 years on September 27  
**John Fields**: 22 years on September 29  
**David Graybill**: 24 years on September 29  
**Dick Moe**: 24 years on September 29  
**Cynthia Murphy**: 1 year on September 25  
**Brandy Smith**: 12 years on September 28

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## Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, October 4** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Governor Christine Gregoire.

**THURSDAY, October 11** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Dave McEntee, "The Amazing Tideflats."

**THURSDAY, October 18** - Landmark Temple Theatre, **David Graybill** - "Creative Cities Project."

### Committee and Other Meetings

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

### Other Happenings in September

**WEDNESDAY, September 26** - Pandaka Roundtable, Noon, Rotary Office - RSVP required - space is limited.

See "*Special Announcements*" for Thursday socials and details on posted events.

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



### Nurhan Karakas

Nurhan was introduced to membership by her sponsor **Mike Stewart** on September 20, 2007. She is Owner/Trial Consultant for Trial, Arbitration & Mediation Services (TAMS). Her classification is "CONSULTING - Legal." Welcome to the club, Nurhan!

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## Special Announcements

### Rotary Apparel for Sale!

At the September 27 meeting, the Communications Committee will have a limited amount of Rotary-logo apparel for sale. Among the items are polo shirts, long sleeve sports shirts, fleece jackets, vests, ties and t-shirts.

The items may be purchased with credit cards, checks, and cash only - no apparel will be billed to Rotary accounts.

### October 4 Nominations for Nominating Committee

October 4 marks the beginning of the new officer election process



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when nominations will be taken from the floor for the Nominating Committee. In accordance with club Bylaws Article III, Section 1:

(a) At the first meeting in October of each year, the President of the Club shall call for twelve (12) nominations to select members for two (2) nominating committees. Such nominating committees consist of three (3) people each, all of whom shall have been members of this Club for at least three (3) calendar years.

(b) The Secretary will record the names of the nominees, and within four (4) business days thereafter the Secretary shall mail to each member a printed ballot showing the names and photos of all members so nominated except those that may have advised the Secretary in writing of their inability to serve if elected on such nominating committee.

### **Firesides - Last Chance to Sign Up!**

Be sure to save the evening of October 2 for Fall Firesides. This is a great Fellowship opportunity and a way to get to know some of your fellow Rotarians. All sign ups for Fall Firesides must be completed by the end of our meeting on Thursday, September 27. Contact Bryan Flint (253-565-9129) for more information.

### **Softball Players Unite!**

"Hi, Steve, and greetings from Lakewood Rotary. It's time to work out a date for this year's exhibition of continued dominance by Lakewood over Tacoma #8 on the softball field." Bill Potter, Lakewood Rotary.

Ah, yes, it's that time of year again to take to the softball field and the trash talking has already begun. Bill Potter, head coach of LR, has thrown down the gauntlet in this recent e-mail to our illustrious President.

This year's game is scheduled for October 3 at SERA Field at 6pm. John Morrison is putting together this year's team and if you'd like to play, please contact him directly at 253-597-8325 or by e-mail at [john\\_morrison@ml.com](mailto:john_morrison@ml.com). Let him know which position you prefer to play, your batting average, beer preference, and best trash talking phrase to yell at Lakewood, and you're on the team!

Also, if you have a great idea of where we might get together after the game to either celebrate our victory, please let John know. Last year was a great time, but apparently a little cramped.

Finally, John recently completed an inventory of his garage and determined that he had one glove. He's hoping you all have your own gloves as well but, more importantly, if you have an extra bat and balls, that would be most helpful on game day.

Play ball!

### **Ethiopia Water Project**

Our World Community Service Committee relayed many sobering facts of Ethiopian life caused by contaminated water. For example, about 500,000 Ethiopian children die each year from diseases caused by contaminated water. But Rotary works. The money we raise for the EWP III project before December 31, 2007, will grow with matching grants from the District, then Rotary International, then World Vision and then Conrad Hilton Foundation to turn each dollar into 8. This means that if we raise \$150,000 we will be able to build more than 100 wells and provide clean healthy water for thousands of people. Please contact Nita Sell, EWP3 Team Leader, or send a check made out to "Tacoma 8 International Projects" and mail to the Rotary office, PO Box 1777, Tacoma, WA 98401.

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**Keep your Rotary membership in good standing!**

All annual dues for 2007-2008 were to have been paid by July 31, and unfortunately several are past due. This puts us in a bit of a predicament, as the Club has paid both Rotary International and District dues for all our members. According to our policies, if 2007-2008 dues are not paid by the end of September, members in arrears are subject to suspension.

There is also a backlog of unpaid charges for Galleyside and offsite meetings. Remember the rule: if you sign up to attend Galleyside and/or an offsite meeting, you are still obligated to pay even if you were a no-show.

Past due invoices have been mailed. Please help us avoid unnecessary charges for supplies, postage and labor by paying your account balances immediately. Thank you!

**Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee**

The Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee has set a new goal for 2007-2008, after the club's achievement of reaching the one million dollar mark prior to the end of the 2006-2007 year. Our new goal is member participation. You will be hearing from this committee and seeing us in the lobby each quarter to encourage you to sign up for regular donations to the Foundation. Making regular quarterly donations is the easiest way to contribute to the Foundation, earn your Arthur Wickens Fellowship and help us give more money back to the club for local community service. Please consider a regular gift to the Foundation. Just \$25 per quarter will fulfill the recommended, annual \$100 donation. We will see you all in the lobby next Thursday!

**Interested in Receiving Rotary Invoices via Email? If So, Let Us Know!**

Our bookkeeping software includes capabilities to invoice our members electronically. Doing so will save money on supplies and postage as well as be a time saver. If you're interested in receiving invoices via email, please send an email to the Rotary office at [info@rotary8.org](mailto:info@rotary8.org), and provide the email address where your invoices are to be directed. Our target date to put this process in place is October 15. Your prompt reply will help us meet this date!

Questions? Call the Rotary office at 253 473 7723 and ask for Kari or Beverly.

**A Fun Excursion to Portland**

We need payment for our play tickets in Portland (\$43.00 each for *The Underpants* at the Portland Center Stage and \$27.00 each for *Chocolate Confessions* at the World Trade Center).

I need to know who is definitely going. We also need to discuss likes and dis-likes for hotels. My favorite hotel has changed names and the price is now \$100 more per night even with the Portland Big Deal. Send me your thoughts.

Also, we have an opportunity to see Garrison Keillor at the Broadway Center (Pantages) on January 10. David Fischer is holding 25 tickets for us at \$65.00 each. Who wants to go? Please let me know immediately...*with payment*. We'll do dinner first and have a great time at the *Prairie Home Companion*.

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### **Win Two Weeks in Tahiti!!!**

About the only way to spend two weeks at Bob Hammar's Tahitian home, Fare Hamara ([www.farehamara.com](http://www.farehamara.com)), is to win it in the Woodstick Raffle. Bob has graciously donated his home as the top prize. His home will accommodate two couples easily and up to eight people for a family with young children. The prize also includes \$2000 for airfare. The value of this prize is over \$5000.

Of course, there are other fantastic prizes as well. Tickets are \$20 each and proceeds go to Rotarians for Hearing Regeneration. The estimate of sold raffle tickets is about 3000, so your odds are really, really, really good for winning. The drawing will be held at Woodstick which is scheduled for October 27 at the ShowPlex in Puyallup. For more information visit [www.woodstick2007.com](http://www.woodstick2007.com).

### **Need to Make Up a Meeting?**

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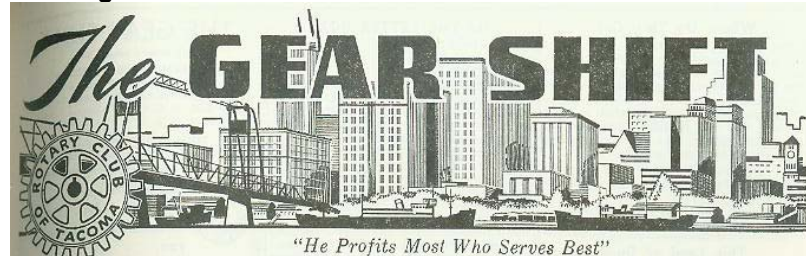
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### **Upcoming Relationship Building Socials**

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.

Sept 27 - **Two Koi Japanese Cuisine** - 1552 Jefferson Avenue, Tacoma, (253)274-8999.

### **Looking Back Just for Fun!**



Here is the front story that appeared in the September 27, 1956 *GearShift*:



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## Rotary Happenings - September 20, 2007

By: Bob Fredrickson



**President Steve**, Director of Community Relations, University of Washington Tacoma, rang the bell. **Drew Ebersole**, Development Officer, MLK Housing Development Association, gave the invocation and reminded us that people want to know what we are passionate about more than where we work or where we are from. **Brynn Blanchard**, Interim Executive Director, Point Defiance Zoo Society, led the National Anthem with **Jack Warnick**, Past Service, Wood Products, on piano.

There were two anniversaries: **Bruce Dammeier**, 11 years and **John Winskill**, 21 years. President Steve welcomed five of our newest members: **Eric Lind**, **Brian Forth**, **Jon Flora**, **Tony Camoroda** and **Elliot Stockstad**.

**AJ Gordon**, Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Lending, Rainier Pacific Bank introduced five visiting Rotarians.

**Michael Austin Stewart**, Attorney, introduced new member **Nurhan Karakas**, Trial Consultant, Trial Arbitration & Mediation Services. Nurhan was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey. She has worked as a translator and interpreter with the U.S. Army and has traveled all over Europe. Nurhan also loves to play golf and is a Husky season ticket holder.

Past President **Nita Sell** and **Mary Jo Strom-Copland** reminded Tacoma 8 that we need to raise \$150,000 by December 31 for the Ethiopian Water Project III. Tacoma 8 is the lead club for this fundraiser and we are working with the other Rotary groups in districts 5020 and 5030 to raise this money. Every dollar that is donated will turn into eight because of matching funds provided by Rotary International, World Vision and the Conrad Hilton Foundation.

Pandaka Chair, **David Gardner**, announced 19 Pandaka Graduates. Each graduate had their choice of having *Pomp and Circumstance* or *Mrs. Robinson* played to them on a kazoo by the guests at the head tables. The graduating members are as follows: **Pam Brewer**, **Steve Rhea**, **Marion Sharp**, **Zach Hill**, **Daniel Pass**, **Chuck Laguna**, **Arvind Phukan**, **David Vance**, **Pam Andersen**,

**Laura Runkle, Christina Ford, Doug Danstrom, Jennifer Gilbert, Brynn Blanchard, Bryan Flint, Rita Morkrid, David Fischer, AJ Gordon and Chiara Wood.** Congratulations!

**John Morrison** announced the upcoming softball game that will be played at Sera Field in Tacoma. We might get Cheney Stadium but that is still up in the air. Anyone who is interested in participating please contact John Morrison at [john\\_morrison@ml.com](mailto:john_morrison@ml.com) or 253-597-8325.

**Terry Conner**, celebrated birthdays using a bumper sticker theme. Happy Birthday to **Jim Henriot, Juanita Carbaugh, Jim Shoemake, Phil Berggren, Jeff Albers, Jann Gay and Tony Camoroda.**

**Bill Rogers**, President, Evergreen Staffing, introduced our guest speaker **Linda Tieman**, Executive Director, Washington Center for Nursing. The subject of her program was "Who Will Care For You." We are facing a severe shortage of nurses. Unless we act now, the state of Washington will not have enough educated, experienced nurses to care for our population in the year 2010 and beyond. The evidence shows that we are losing nurses to retirement and not replacing them. Washington Center for Nursing's goals are to promote nursing as a rewarding career. They also educate legislators about the issues impacting healthcare, and are improving access to nursing education at all levels. Linda had a few suggestions as to how you can help. You can support nursing scholarship programs, participate on boards when asked and email legislators about the needs for nursing education.

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## Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**9/23 - Jim Vest**  
"PAST SERVICE - Real Estate"  
Elected: 7/11/1985  
Sponsor: Bob Andrew  
Birthplace: Ola, AR  
Spouse/Partner: Barbara



**9/27 - Richard Brady**  
"LAW PRACTICE - Dispute Resolution"  
Owner/Attorney  
Richard D. Brady, Attorney at Law  
Elected: 3/22/2001  
Sponsor: David Flentge  
Birthplace: Lubbock, TX  
Spouse/Partner: Nelwyn Brady



**9/23 - Don Zemek**  
"PAST SERVICE - Wood Products"  
Elected: 5/26/1983  
Sponsor: Nick Schaefer  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Nancy Zemek



**9/27 - Ed Danz**  
"FINANCE/BANKING - Credit Unions"  
President/CEO  
evergreenDIRECT CU  
Elected: 10/28/1982  
Sponsor: Larry Gaffney  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Cathy Danz



**9/24 - Julie Anderson**  
"HONORARY - Government Services"  
Senior Policy Advisor & City Council Member  
WA State Dept of Community  
Elected: 11/26/2002  
Sponsor: Peter Darling  
Birthplace: Chanute AFB, IL



**9/27 - Ryan Gowin**  
"INSURANCE - Employee Benefits"  
Account Executive  
Kibble & Prentice  
Elected: 9/1/2005  
Sponsor: Don Lloyd  
Birthplace: Seattle, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Shyla Gowin



**9/28 - Mary Jo Strom-Copland**  
"RETAIL - TRAVEL"  
Owner/President  
The Travel Company  
Elected: 6/11/1998  
Sponsor: Tony Ginn  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Russ Anderson



**9/25 - Marilyn Strickland**  
"GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Library"  
Development Officer  
Tacoma Public Library  
Elected: 4/26/2007  
Sponsor: Bev Holland  
Birthplace: Seoul, Korea



**9/29 - Dorothy Lewis**  
"FINANCE/BANKING - Financial Planning"  
President  
Financial Insights Inc.  
Elected: 8/20/1987  
Sponsor: Al Ratcliffe  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA

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