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**Bryan Flint,  
 Executive Director, Tahoma Audubon Society**

Bryan Flint brings over fifteen years of non profit experience to his work at Tahoma Audubon. Specializing in small community based non-profits, Bryan has worked on neighborhood, environmental, and community issues on both sides of the Cascades. Bryan has trained hundreds of community leaders to be engaged in improving the quality of life in their communities. Bryan majored in Political Science from Santa Clara University, graduating in 1990. Executive Director since January 2007, Bryan started with Tahoma Audubon in 2002 as Conservation Coordinator shaping public policy to protect habitat and encourage smart growth in Pierce County.

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**Dana Brown,  
Transportation Engineer, City of Tacoma Public Works  
Engineering Division**

Dana Brown earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona in 1990. He has 17 years of experience in private and public sector transportation planning and traffic engineering. He began managing Tacoma's Nonmotorized Program in 2005 and is currently overseeing the development of nonmotorized facilities. Tacoma's plan for a nonmotorized system is to build trails that become the "spine" of a well connected nonmotorized network. Mr. Brown will present the Historic Water Ditch Trail project located in South Tacoma. The trail is expected to connect Oak Tree Park with other areas of the City.

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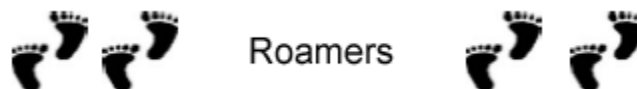
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### **This Week's Helpers**

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

- Invoker - **Rick Oldenburg**
- Greeter - **Doug Danstrom**
- Badge Board - **Chris Ford**
- Singer - **Victoria Woodards**
- Piano - **Barbara Mead**
- Drums - **Chris Kimball**
- Birthdays - **David Gardner**
- Fine Counters - **Mel Zanjani and John West**
- Story Writer - **Bill Kaufman**

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- Feb 02 **Stan Kanarowski**, Lakewood
- Feb 09 **Stan Kanarowski**, Lakewood
- Feb 23 **Jim Arneson**, Hawks Prairie
- Mar 13 **Paul Hunter**, San Diego, CA
- Mar 14 **David Vance**, Clover Park
- Mar 15 **Paul Hunter**, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- Mar 16 **Paul Hunter**, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- Mar 16 **Brian Phair**, Gig Harbor
- Mar 17 **Paul Hunter**, Mazatlan, Mexico
- Mar 19 **Paul Hunter**, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- Mar 22 **Larry Treleven**, Hilton Head, SC

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- Mar 23 **Brian Phair**, Gig Harbor
- Mar 23 **Jim Arneson**, Hawks Prairie
- Mar 27 **Jim Berg**, Surprise, AZ
- Mar 28 **Larry Treleven**, Venice, Italy
- Mar 29 **Arvind Phukan**, Sun Lakes, AZ
- Mar 30 **Stan Kanarowski**, Lakewood
- Mar 30 **Brian Phair**, Gig Harbor
- Apr 03 **Lee Gingrich**, Palm Desert, CA
- Apr 06 **Doug Danstrom**, Gig Harbor
- Apr 09 **David Flentge**, Tacoma South
- Apr 10 **Frank Elliot**, Toppinich
- Apr 11 **Gerald Moczynski**, Puyallup
- Apr 11 **Lee Gingrich**, Palm Desert, CA
- Apr 12 **David Snow**, Redmond
- Apr 16 **David Snow**, Bremerton

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## PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

**THIS WEEKEND.** Well, it's a thorny issue, and you'll probably bristle as I bring it up, but this is Oak Tree Park Cleanup weekend. Come on by and help us celebrate Earth Day by coming on down to Oak Tree Park this Saturday from 9 til noon. Bring gloves and any other appropriate paraphernalia which will help cut a swath through the nefarious blackberry bushes and the raging ivy. All family members are welcome. This is the club which has said time and time again that it likes hands on projects, so here we go. We will be joined by our Life Christian Interactors and UPS Rotaractors so let's set a good example by showing up *en masse*. Please sign up using the forms on the tables at lunch, or if you won't be there Thursday, call the office.

**MEMBERSHIP.** We had nine potential members show up for our Information Committee meeting last Thursday, setting a modern record. Thanks to all of you for your extraordinary recruiting efforts! If you have someone in mind whom you think would make a good member, the proposal form is on our Web site. Please fill it out and send it to the office. Thanks!

**OFFICE ACTIVITIES.** Lori Hansen is taking a much-needed post-auction vacation and Janet Frostad has returned to help us out once again for two days a week. Lori carries a big load full time so please be patient if everything doesn't happen at its usual expeditious pace. Thanks, Janet!

**DISTRICT CONVENTION.** The Rotarians are coming! The Rotarians are coming! Yep, the District 5020 Convention will be here in Tacoma June 1-3. You will be hearing more about it from Co-chairs **Kathleen Olson** and **Jim Henderson**. We would like to exhibit our hospitable side to all of our 5020 visitors, and toward that end, I hope you will be able to host a couple or two for dinner between 4:30-7pm on Friday, June 1, either at your home or at a restaurant. They will need to be back at the Sheraton around 7. **Enid Harris** will give you more information on Thursday. Thanks!

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## Club Anniversaries

**Jack Hamilton:** 30 years on April 21

**Bob Hammar:** 29 years on April 20

**Stella B. Jones:** 10 years on April 17

**Arlene Schubert:** 5 years on April 18

**Kathryn Smith:** 3 years on April 15

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## Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, April 26** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Ethlyn Gibson  
- Diabetes

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

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

### Committee and Other Meetings

**WEDNESDAY, April 18** - Relationship Building Sub-Committee  
Meeting, Farrelli's - 6th and Union, 5:00pm.

**THURSDAY, April 19** - Mentor Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

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

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

**THURSDAY, April 19** - Tacoma Rotary Foundation board  
meeting, Union Bank of California, 1501 Commerce St., 10:30am.

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

**TUESDAY, April 24** - Internal Controls & Oversight Committee  
(ICOC), Evergreen Staffing Office, Noon.

**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.

**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

Lori Hansen, GearShift Editor &  
Fundraising Coordinator

**Exchange Students  
Inbound**

Sebastian Paul, Germany

**Outbound**

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

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Ottie Ladd  
Pete Taylor  
Steve Smith



**Gordon Jenkins**

Gordon was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Greg Roisma** on April 12, 2007. He is Vice President - Director of Mellon Private Wealth Management. His classification is "FINANCE BANKING - Investment Management." Welcome to the club, Gordon!

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**Special Announcements**

**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.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

SPECIAL DATES. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar:

4/21 Oak Tree Park Clean-up Day

4/26 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 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 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 12, 2007**

**By: Bob Fredrickson**



The meeting opened with **Linn Larsen** performing the invocation. **Bill Kaufmann** led us in our National Anthem, accompanied on drums by **Chris Kimball**, and **Steve Smith** on piano. There were six anniversaries: **Mitch Mullan** - 35 years; **Warren Foster** - 22 years, **Nick Rajacich** - 15 years, **Emily Reiter** - 5 years, **John Schneider** - 5 years, and **Steve Starlund** - 2 years.

President **Pete Taylor** welcomed back new members **Jennifer Gilbert**, **Shon Sylvia**, **Doug Danstrom** and **Lani Powell**.

Our Rotarian of the week was **Rick Jones**, manager, Pacific Northwest Title. Rick is a UW grad; he worked at a race track, as a bill collector and a few other jobs before landing at Pacific Northwest Title. His sponsor is **Emily Reiter** and his anniversary date is April 2003. Rick was asked what he likes about Rotary. He said that he likes how Rotarians do works for the community and the good feelings that it brings.

President Pete reminded all of us about the Benefactor program. This is a way for Rotarians to leave \$1000 to Rotary in their wills. Just ask any staff member about the program and they can provide you with the information to make Rotary a benefactor of your will.

**Greg Rolsma** introduced **Gordon Jenkins**, Vice President - Director of Mellon Bank as the newest member of Rotary 8. Gordon was born in Seattle, attended Redmond High and is a graduate of WSU. At 19 he summited Mt Rainier which I am sure was a memorable day. Gordon lives in Yelm with his wife and three kids. Gordon said he joined Rotary to become more involved in serving the community. Welcome to the team, Gordon!

On Roving Mic's **Richard Bradley** and **Scott Winship** explained to the group how the Community Service Grants Committee chooses the recipients. The Community Service Grants Committee goes through each application which consists of financials and a description of the organization. They then score each application. Over the last 5-6 years the Community Service Grants Committee has given away \$500,000.

Next up was **Kathi Willis** who presented the 2007 Service Grants to the following recipients: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School: St Charles Shoes for Children; YWCA Pierce County: Children's

Program of the Women's Support Shelter; Community Health Care: Downtown Family Medical Clinic Domestic Violence Program; Zee Speed Youth Endurance Program: 8 week Endurance Training; Muscular Dystrophy Association: MDA Summer Camp; Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation: Pierce County Hospital Happenings and Great Escapes; and Trinity Presbyterian Church: Trinity Education Programs. Congratulations to all Tacoma 8 Rotary Community Service Grant recipients!

The paid announcement from The Emergency Food Network and The Food Connection asked our members to participate in the upcoming Wheels to Meals fundraiser. This ride will take place on June 2 and will raise funds for the Food Connection, Pierce County's largest food bank. The ride will include 20, 35, and 64 mile loops through the scenic Puyallup Valley and surrounding area. Each participant needs to set a goal to raise at least \$100. They also need volunteers to help route, handle registration, and to serve snacks and drinks. For more information please go to [wheelstomeals.org](http://wheelstomeals.org).

**Carolyn Else** announced the 100% attendance awards. Sixty four members achieved 100% attendance and an additional forty members achieved at least 80% attendance. We were reminded to please sign up to attend, host or co-host the upcoming Firesides on May 1. Firesides are a social gathering for Rotarians only. You will receive an attendance credit and it is a requirement for all Pandakas. Please contact **Jennifer Durham** at [jennifer@lucks.com](mailto:jennifer@lucks.com) to sign up to attend or host a Fireside.

Birthday wishes were extended to the following members: **Dave Graybill, Stan Kanarowski, Ron Anderson, John Spencer, Vanessa Herzog, Jimmy Collins, Chris Hays, Jennifer Gilbert, Margaret McCormick, and Pete Norman.**

During True Confessions **David Gardner** told us about his experience working on a crew for the school of the deaf in Mexico, and **Kathryn Nelson** reported that she has been in Bolivia selecting dental equipment for a dental assistant school.

After True Confessions Kemper Freeman, longtime developer in the Puget Sound area and 40 year member of Bellevue Rotary, spoke about traffic issues that need to be addressed in his presentation, "Lets keep Washington Moving". The talk focused on mobility and how to keep the mobility we enjoy now and into the future. The majority of the road system in the Puget Sound area was completed in 1970 which is one of the main reasons why we are one of the most congested areas in the country. By 2030 our population will grow by 38%, employment will grow by 44% and daily trips will increase by 52 percent. If we adopt all of the transportation proposals that the DOT has on the table Kemper says that congestion will double by the year 2030. Half of all of the funding for these projects is allocated towards mass transit which only accounts for 2% of the daily trips in the Tri County area. The question is why we are spending half of the funding for transportation on mass transit when only 2%(this percentage will increase to 4.5% by 2030) of the current daily trips use it and the other 95% of the daily trips use the road systems. Is this balanced? Kemper feels that if we spend the money on adding an additional 6% in lane miles to the areas that demand it the most, we can decrease congestion. In turn we can reduce the amount of time we spend in traffic each year from an average of 65 hours to 42 hours.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**4/17 Jim Mattson**  
 "FINANCE/BANKING -  
 Investment - Financial  
 Consulting"  
 President  
 Mattson Management Co.  
 Elected: 7/21/1983  
 Sponsor: Denny Halvorson  
 Birthplace: Temple, TX  
 Spouse/Partner: Deb  
 Robinett



**4/20 Peter Darling**  
 "OFFICE EQUIP &  
 SUPPLIES - Office Furniture  
 Retailing"  
 Elected: 11/17/1983  
 Sponsor: Tom Peterson  
 Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
 Spouse/Partner: Ann



**4/17 Don  
 Rennegarbe**  
 "ASSOC: SOCIAL SVS:"  
 Executive Director  
 Tacoma Community House  
 Elected: 04/29/1999  
 Sponsor: Sharon Babcock  
 Birthplace: Addieville, IL  
 Spouse/Partner: Candyce  
 Rennegarbe



**4/20 Neel Parikh**  
 "GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
 - County Library Assoc"  
 Library Director  
 Pierce County Library  
 System  
 Elected: 9/7/1995  
 Sponsor: Carolyn Else  
 Birthplace: Pittsburgh, PA



**4/18 Bill Baarsma**  
 "Honorary"  
 City of Tacoma  
 Elected: 1/1/2002  
 Sponsor: Board of Directors  
 Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
 Spouse/Partner: Carol  
 Baarsma



**4/21 Sebastian Paul**  
 "Exchange Student"  
 Foss High School  
 Host Family: Chris & Vickie  
 Kimball  
 Birthplace: Straubling,  
 Germany



**4/19 John C. Dimmer**  
 "MANUFACTURING -  
 Plastics Extrusion"  
 President  
 Firs Management  
 Corporation  
 Elected: 6/01/1961  
 Sponsor: W.F. Rieflin  
 Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
 Spouse/Partner: Marilyn



**4/21 Craig Taft**  
 "HEALTH SERVICES -  
 Physical Therapy - Private"  
 Physical Therapist - Owner  
 Pacific Therapy P.S.  
 Elected: 2/6/1986  
 Sponsor: Wes Taft  
 Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
 Spouse/Partner: Pamela Taft



**4/19 Donn Irwin**  
 "MARKETING - Direct Mail  
 Advertising"  
 Sec./Tres., VP Marketing &  
 Sales  
 Immedia  
 Elected: 11/06/1986  
 Sponsor: Mike Flynn  
 Birthplace: Fort Wayne, IN  
 Spouse/Partner: Debbie Irwin

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