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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre When We Welcome Rabbi Daniel Lapin



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Corporate leaders across America seek his advice. Many congressmen and senators consider him their rabbi. His weekly radio and television shows attract large audiences of both Jews and Christians. President George W. Bush appointed him to a United States Commission.

Before immigrating to the United States in 1973, Rabbi Lapin had studied religion, physics, economics and mathematics in Johannesburg, London and Jerusalem. This combination underlies his conviction that no conflict exists between religion and science or between virtue and wealth. He became a naturalized citizen on what he describes as the proudest day of his life.

“The more things change, the more you must depend upon those things that never change” is one of the values that the rabbi injects into companies he advises. With his compelling application of permanent principles, he has won the admiration of publishers and politicians; journalists and educators; religious leaders and business professionals.

Rabbi Lapin is the speaker of choice for hundreds of groups,

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institutions, organizations, and companies, including Christian Coalition; Crystal Cathedral; Harvard Law School; Legatus; Heritage Foundation; Family Research Council; the United States Army; the Mont Pelerin Society of Economists; Prudential Insurance Company; the 1996 Republican National Convention; Voices United for Israel; Yeshiva University and Young President's Organization. Rabbi Lapin was the keynote speaker at the Congressional Bi-Partisan opening of the 106th Congress in Washington, DC. He speaks regularly at universities, synagogues and churches throughout the country.

An enthusiastic boater who has sailed his family across the Pacific, Lapin lives with his wife and family on Mercer Island (when he is not boating in the San Juan Islands).

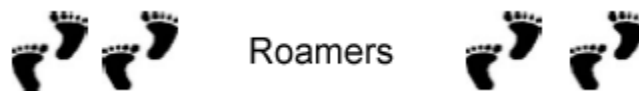
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This Week's Helpers

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

- Invoker - **TBD**
- Greeter - **Marion Sharp**
- Badge Board - **Tom Brown, Debbie Cato, Joe Missel**
- Singer - **Dick Moe**
- Piano - **Barbara Mead**
- Drums - **Chris Kimball**
- Birthdays - **Jack Dauer**
- Fine Counters - **Nita Sell, Jan Rogers**
- Story Writer - **Beth Sylves**
- Photography - **Jim Harris**

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- Oct 16 **Bob Cammarano**, Rotary Club de Tours, France
- Nov 08 **Michele Johnson**, Clover Park
- Nov 09 **Michele Johnson**, Puyallup/South Hill
- Nov 14 **Michele Johnson**, Sumner
- Nov 15 **Layne Alfonso**, Tacoma Sunrise
- Nov 21 **Gerald Moczynski**, Sumner
- Nov 22 **Chris Kimball**, Clover Park
- Nov 22 **Fred Moisiso**, Tacoma Sunrise

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a special Holiday Dinner meeting in lieu of lunch. We decided to try this so you would be more readily able to bring your family and/or partner. **Steve Smith** is working diligently and valiantly on the program. You already know that anything our President-Elect works on is going to be great, so please make your plans to attend now.

YOUTH SHALL BE SERVED. Past President **Jim Henderson** and **Carol Duris** are doing a great job creating our Rotaract Club at UPS. Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter regarding a project taking place Thursday night the 30th; you do not have to be a UPS alum to participate! Meanwhile, some of our Life Christian Interactors will be joining us for Salvation Army bell ringing on December 8; please make them feel welcome. (Some of our future Rotaractors may show up, too.) And finally, Our Youth Exchange applicants will be heading to Victoria this weekend for interviews. Congratulations to them on their selection. We wish them the best as they compete with other district applicants.

MEMBER NAMES AND FACES. I hope you enjoy the "Dashboard." This is what **Kara Duffy** and **John Morrison** of the Internal Communications Committee call the slide presentation before our regular program each week. **Jim Harris** takes most of the meeting pictures, with strong support when he can't attend by **Dane Meyer**, **Dave Senner**, and **Bill Kaufmann**. **Enid Harris** pitches in, too, when Jim is up in front of a mic. I take most of the ones at our Socials and at the committee meetings which I attend, but everyone is welcome to contribute. Meanwhile, we also have a standing display near the badge boards of newspaper and magazine clippings featuring our members. If you see one of our member's names or pictures, please cut it out and send it to Kara or John. An example? How many of you saw **Dave Schmitz** and his wife Linda on a sailboat in Sunday's News Tribune? Rotarians are everywhere!

President Pete

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Club Anniversaries

Julie Anderson: 4 years on November 26

Bobby Arkills: 2 years on December 02

Bill Baxter: 51 years on December 01

Jan Brazzell: 5 years on November 29

Joe Gordon, Sr.: 68 years on December 01

Tim Grant: 18 years on December 01

Terry Hayes: 5 years on November 29

Vanessa Hurley: 7 years on December 02

John Merchant: 2 years on December 02

Cindy Niemi: 5 years on November 29

Tracy Peacock: 1 year on December 01

Greg Rolsma: 2 years on December 02

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Thanksgiving and Christmas by
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Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, December 7 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Evening
Holiday Program. 6:00pm.

THURSDAY, December 14 - Landmark Temple Theatre, TBD

THURSDAY, December 21 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Tim
Farrell, Executive Director, Port of Tacoma

Committee and Other Meetings

MONDAY, November 27 - Preserve Planet Earth Committee
Meeting, Snake Lake Nature Center, 19th & Tyler, Noon.

MONDAY, November 27 - Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, November 29 - Board Meeting, Rotary Office,
3:30pm.

THURSDAY, November 30 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation
Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, November 30 (for December) - Attendance
Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

FRIDAY, December 1 - Projects Committee Meeting,
Commencement Bay Coffee Co., 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

FRIDAY, December 1 - Membership Development Committee,
Tacoma Club, 7:30 am

TUESDAY, December 12 - World Community Service Committee
Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.

TUESDAY, December 12 - Community Service Grants Committee
Meeting, Elks Club - #174, 1965 South Union Avenue, 7:30am.

TUESDAY, December 12 - Classification Committee Meeting,
Rotary Office, 11:45am.

TUESDAY, December 12 - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma
Club, 12 noon.

TUESDAY, December 12 - Auction Committee Meeting, Brien
Elvin's home, 2420 Union Avenue, 6:00pm.

THURSDAY, December 14 - Internal Communications Committee
Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, December 14 - Public Relations Committee Meeting,
Landmark, 11:00.

THURSDAY, December 14 - Information Meeting, Rotary Office,
3:30pm (please RSVP to Rotary office).

TUESDAY, December 19 - Internal Controls & Oversight
Committee (ICOC) Meeting, Evergreen office, Noon.

WEDNESDAY, December 20 - Relationship Building Sub-
Committee Meeting, Farrelli's, 3518 6th Avenue, Tacoma, in the
new Poole's Center, 5:00pm.

THURSDAY, December 21 - Youth Exchange Committee
Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, December 21 - Rotary International Foundation
Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

NO meetings in December for the following:

Attendance Committee

Board Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting

Military Affairs Committee

Preserve Planet Earth Committee

Rotaract

Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee

Other Changes in Meetings:

The **TUESDAY, November 28** - Internal Controls & Oversight
Committee (ICOC) meeting has been cancelled.

Regular Rotary Meeting for December 7th will be an evening
meeting.

No Regular Rotary Meeting for December 28th

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



Zach Hill

Zach Hill was introduced to membership by his sponsor Dave Thomas on November 16, 2006. Zach is the President of Papa Eddie's Catering. His classification is "Food & Beverages - Catering." He enjoys fishing, bowling and softball. Welcome to the club, Zach!



Jeff McInnis

Jeff McInnis was introduced to membership by his sponsor Paul Akiyama on November 16, 2006. Jeff is the Owner of Petra Engineering here in Tacoma. His classification is "Engineer - Civil." He enjoys wine making, fishing and guitar. Welcome to the club, Jeff!



Dan Pass

Dan Pass was introduced to membership by his sponsor Dave Thomas November 16, 2006. Dan is the Director of Government Operations for Topia Technology. His classification is "Business Services - Technology." He enjoys golf, gardening and snow skiing. Welcome to the club, Dan!

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Special Announcements

Membership Proposals

Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by December 7, 2006, the following individuals will be considered for membership:

Pamela Anderson

Occupation: Co-owner, Friendly Chevrolet
Classification: Automobile Industry - Auto Dealer Management
Sponsor: Kathleen Olson

Laura Barry

Occupation: Regional Sales Manager, The Talon Group
Classification: Insurance - Title
Sponsor: Kevin McGowan

Tommy Carson

Occupation: Marketing, Fort Lewis Ranger/Weekly Volcano
Classification: Printing & Publishing - Marketing
Sponsor: Dave Graybill

Brian King

Occupation: Attorney at Law, Davies Pearson, PC

Classification: Law Practice - Business & Commercial
Sponsor: Bill Kaufmann

Mark Meier

Occupation: Tax Manager, Moss Adams LLP
Classification: Accounting - Tax Services
Sponsor: Barbara Mead

Kevin Mullin

Occupation: Managing Broker, Windermere Professional Partners
Classification: Real Estate - Residential
Sponsor: Mary Jo Strom-Copland

Christine Quinn-Brintnall

Occupation: Judge, Court of Appeals, Div. II, State of Washington
Classification: Government Services - Judicial
Sponsor: Pete Taylor

Doug Vance

Occupation: Account Development Manager, Herman Miller
Classification: Furniture & Furnishings - Wholesale
Sponsor: Corey Hjalseth

Hold the Date!

To celebrate the holidays with Tacoma #8 families and friends, a special event is being planned in lieu of the regular meeting on Thursday, December 7.

Where:

The Landmark Temple Theatre

When:

Thursday, December 7
6 – 8 p.m.

What:

Dinner and entertainment

Who:

Tacoma #8 members and their invited guests

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend with your family and friends! RSVP to the Rotary office by Friday, December 1.

UPS Rotaract Club Service Project

The Rotaract Club at UPS (sponsored by our club) is having a service project on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 5pm to 7pm. All Tacoma #8 Rotarians, and in particular UPS alums and their families are invited to help with this project. The project consists of cleaning and assembling toys for the Toy Rescue Mission. No special skills are necessary. This will be a great chance to help the UPS Rotaract members on their first service project. All the necessary cleaning materials will be available, and light refreshments will be provided.

Meet at the Murray Boardroom of the Wheelock Student Center on the UPS campus, at the corner of North Lawrence and North 15th. Please RSVP by calling one of the Rotaract Committee co-chairs, Carol Duris at 253-474-0100, or Jim Henderson at 253-597-8791.

Uttar Pradesh - India Polio Plus Update

“Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm”- Winston Churchill.

With two more endemic countries, Niger and Egypt, being declared *polio free*, the psychological pressure on India to finish the race is mounting. Indian Union Finance Minister announced that “to eradicate Polio completely from the country by 2007, a massive immunization program will be launched.”

The Polio Plus program in India has seen some major successes with 33 of the 35 states no longer being polio endemic. The dream seems closer to being realized now and efforts are being stepped up at various levels to wipe the slate clean.

*Taken from an E-mail from Taj Hosting and Fellowship Society
Agra*

For more details, read the entire E-mail on our back bulletin board at this week's meeting.

Culture Vulture News

Upcoming activities for the 2006-2007 Rotary year:

December 4-6 - One Act Plays at UPS. Each night you pay \$2 and see three to four plays. Each play runs between ten and twenty minutes, so you can make an early night of it or stay for all of the plays. The Culture Vultures will go out for coffee afterwards. The plays are in Jones Hall at the Norton Clapp Theatre. They start at 5:30 PM with a short break between plays.

December 15 - *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* - Tacoma Actors Guild. Contact Bill Kaufmann at 253-572-5221 for more information.

February 3, 2007 - *Young Artist Showcase: A Bernstein Evening featuring Trouble in Tahiti*. Contact Mike Jones at 253-383-2626 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.

Lost & Found

The office is beginning to accumulate a few lost articles found at the Landmark on meeting days. We have an earring and a plaid scarf. If you think one of these items belongs to you, please call or email the office with a description to claim!

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.

November 30 - The Matador (New restaurant and tequila bar) - 721 Pacific Ave, Tacoma.

December 7 - Rotary Holiday Christmas Program 6:00-8:00 pm, the Landmark. If you want to carry on longer, meet a few friends at Asado afterwards! 2810 6th Ave, Tacoma 98406, (253) 272-7770.

December 14 - Harmon Brewery Co & Restaurant 1938 Pacific Ave, Tacoma 98402, (253) 383-2739.

December 21 - Masa (New: across the street from Asado) 2811 6th Avenue (corner of 6th and Pine), Tacoma 98406.

December 28 - Vertigo (the lounge at the top of the Sheraton) Come celebrate the New Year early! 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma 98402, 253-591-4155.

Other Social Events

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

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SUPERIOR VERANDAH SUITE - \$705.22 PER PERSON
DELUXE VERANDAH SUITE CONCIERGE - \$1005.22 PER PERSON

Availability is on a first come first serve basis.
\$200 per person - deposit due by December 3, 2006.

*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 and 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 - November 16, 2006

By: Bob Fredrickson



President Pete rang the bell, the invocation was given by **Terry Taylor**, and the National Anthem was led by **Linn Larsen** with **Barbara Mead** on piano and **Chris Kimball** on drums.

President Pete announced the board member nominations.

Rotary anniversaries were announced, which included **Warren Barde**, 32 years; **Pat Steel**, 29 years; **Bob Cammarano** 28 years; **Mike Hansch**, 24 years; **Peter Darling**, 23 years; **Vanessa Herzog**, 7 years; **Pat Nagle** 7 years; **Doug Dillow**, 4 years; **Laura Fox**, 4 years and **Randy Foley**, 1 year.

The Rotarian of the Week was **Bev Holland**. Bev is Public Affairs Manager at Simpson Investment Company. She has been a Rotary member since 1993. Congratulations, Bev. **Gary Biando** introduced the three visiting Rotarians.

Dave Thomas introduced two new members to the group. The first was **Dan Pass**. Dan is Director of Government Sales and Operations at Topia Technology. Dan had spent 20 years in the military but would have to kill us if we knew what he had worked on. He has 2 children and enjoys golf, gardening and snow skiing. The second new member that was introduced was **Zach Hill**, President of Papa Eddie's Catering. Zach is a long-time Tacoma resident who played football at UPS, has 6 children and enjoys fishing and travel. **Paul Akiyama** announced the last new member, **Jeff McInnis**, with Petra Engineering. Jeff is kept busy running his engineering company along with raising five kids with his wife Sarah.

Carol Duris gave us an update on what projects the Rotaract committee is working on. They are looking for volunteers to help them clean and sort toys for Tacoma Toy Rescue. They are meeting on Nov. 30 from 6-8pm at the UPS Student Union Building. To volunteer, call Carol at 253-475-0100.

Carolyn McDougal reminded us of the Tacoma #8 Cruise. This is a three-night cruise that leaves from Vancouver on May 2, 2007. The ship will go to Astoria and then back to Seattle. The \$200 per person deposit is due by December 3rd, 2006. Call **Mary Jo Strom-Copland** at 253-564-8189 for more info.

Jennifer Durham focused on the Tacoma Rotary Foundation. We were reminded that the blue and gold cards on the tables are for donating to the different foundations. The Tacoma 8 Foundation fund balance is currently around \$800,000 and the goal is to raise the balance to \$1,000,000.

President Pete announced the December 7 evening meeting that will include family members and friends. There will be lots of entertainment and fun; invitations will be mailed.

Jacob Hall and **David Gardner** roved with their mics and reminded us to volunteer for Salvation Army Bell Ringing. There will be 41 one-hour shifts on December 8.

Donn Irwin celebrated birthdays. There were 13 birthdays being celebrated. The Rotary Singers led the members in singing Happy Birthday.

During True Confessions, **Pat Steel** thanked everyone for a great military affairs meeting the previous week.

Bill Rogers introduced **Connie Brown**, Executive Director of

Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium. Connie brought to light how hard it is for families to afford housing in this rapidly rising real estate market. Only 22% of Pierce County residents can afford a median priced home and only 17% of Tacoma households can afford a median priced home. Some solutions to this problem are, better paying jobs, down payment assistance (currently provided by the City of Tacoma), subsidized financing and mixed income housing. One of the benefits of affordable housing is economic development. It provides taxes, builds the workforce, and reduces commute times. An additional benefit is that it increases time that people spend with their families because they are able to avoid the long commute. In the end, affordable housing helps us all live together better.

Our next speaker was **Dr. Pamela Transue**, President of Tacoma Community College. TCC offers many different programs ranging from technical classes, professional development and college prep courses. Employers are looking for people with two-year technical degrees and TCC provides people with the skills to advance themselves. The college has gone thru some major changes over the last few years and the new grounds and modern buildings speak to the quality of the education offered at Tacoma Community College.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



24 Bob Cammarano
 "FOODS & BEVERAGES -
 Distributing-Beer"
 Elected: 11/16/1978
 Sponsor: Bob Huesers
 Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Stacia



28 Corey Hjalseth
 "FINANCE/BANKING -
 Mortgage"
 First Independent Mortgage
 Elected: 12/12/1996
 Sponsor: Randy Melquist
 Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Kelli



24 Joe Missel
 "CONTRACTING &
 CONSTRUCTION - Project
 Management"
 Project Manager
 Poe Construction Inc.
 Elected: 8/30/2006
 Sponsor: Pat Nagle
 Birthplace: Aberdeen, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Dana



28 Jim Robinson
 "MANUFACTURING -
 Solvents"
 Chief Executive Officer
 Inland Technology Inc.
 Elected: 6/16/1994
 Sponsor: John Shaw
 Birthplace: Omaha, NE
 Spouse/Partner: Valorie



24 Terry Taylor
 "CONSULTING - Executive
 Coaching"
 Principal
 Versoria, Inc.
 Elected: 9/15/2005
 Sponsor: Pete Taylor
 Birthplace: MA



28 Dave Senner
 "PHOTOGRAPHY -
 Supplies"
 President/Owner
 Abolins/Audio Visual
 Photographics
 Elected: 12/13/1990
 Sponsor: Bob Strode
 Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Patricia



25 Paul Hunter
 "INSURANCE - Casualty
 Personal Lines"
 Owner
 Paul R. Hunter Insurance
 (State Farm)
 Elected: 6/12/1997
 Sponsor: Randy Melquist
 Birthplace: Grand Rapids, MI
 Spouse/Partner: Sherry



**29 Mark B.
 Anderson**
 "LAW PRACTICE -
 Commercial"
 Attorney
 Smith Alling Lane, P.S.
 Elected: 6/5/2003
 Sponsor: Don Lloyd
 Birthplace: Jefferson City,
 MO

Spouse/Partner: Kim



25 Dane Meyer
"PHOTOGRAPHY - Portrait-
Commercial"
Owner
DG Studio
Elected: 9/15/1993
Sponsor: Jim Harris
Birthplace: Long Beach, CA
Spouse/Partner: Nancy
Hausauer



2 Kit Evans
"CONSULTING: Non-Profit
Development"
Self Employed
Illuminis-Business &
Personal Coaching
Elected: 7/12/2004
Sponsor: Richard Brady
Birthplace: Sacramento, CA



27 Michele Johnson
"EDUCATION - Community
Colleges - Chancellor"
Chancellor
Pierce College
Elected: 2/16/2006
Sponsor: Neel Parikh
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA



2 John Morrison
"FINANCE/BANKING -
Financial Exchanges"
Merrill Lynch
Elected: 10/7/2004
Sponsor: Pete Taylor
Birthplace: Shawnee, OK
Spouse/Partner: Celeste



27 Mike Medrzycki
"Marketing - Promotional
Services"
Director
Construction Enterprises &
Contractors, Inc.
Elected: 10/27/1994
Sponsor: Pete Pilkey
Birthplace: Bellflower, CA
Spouse/Partner: Jane

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