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**Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre for our Special Holiday Program**



Join us as we celebrate this holiday season. Whatever your faith tradition or your celebration practices, this is the season of good tidings and gathering together with friends and family.

With greetings by holiday characters, you will enjoy stories and remembrances of Christmases near and far. And of course, there will be music. So bring your singing voice. A special guest will determine who is naughty and who is nice.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you, your family and friends.

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### This Week's Helpers

Thanks so much to the people who will be helping at this week's meeting:  
 Invocator - **John Spencer**  
 Greeter - **Drew Ebersole**  
 Badge Board - **Eric Lind, Doug Rohner and Scot Smith**  
 Singer - **Nita Sell**  
 Piano - **Barbara Mead**  
 Birthdays - **Kit Evans**  
 Fine Counters - **Chuck Hellar and TBD**  
 Story Writer - **John Morrison**

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Roamers



Nov 09 - **Neel Parikh** - Lakewood  
 Dec 12 - **Lee Gingrich** - Clover Park

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### Club Anniversaries

**Layne Alfonso**: 4 years on December 18  
**Barry Benson**: 17 years on December 20  
**Don Hansen**: 10 years on December 18  
**Christine Quinn-Brintnall**: 1 year on December 21  
**Christine Robinson**: 1 year on December 21  
**Jim Whitacre**: 26 years on December 17

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### Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

#### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, December 27** - NO MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAYS  
**THURSDAY, January 3** - Landmark Temple Theatre, **Nita Sell**  
 Ethiopia Water Project III.  
**THURSDAY, January 10** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Three  
 Museum Directors' Museum Presentations.

#### Committee and Other Meetings

**TUESDAY, December 18** - PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME AND  
 LOCATION THIS MONTH - Relationship Building Sub-Committee

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Meeting, The Keg, 2212 Mildred Street, University Place, 5:30pm.

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**Program Committee**, next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8.  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee**  
**Membership Development Committee**, next meeting will be  
Friday, January 4, 2008.

*Due to the holidays other Committee meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled. Please check with the Committee Chair to confirm the meeting date. A listing of all Committee Chairs can be found on our website under "Committee Overview."*

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**



**Alex Trettin**

Alex was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Jim Mattson** on December 13, 2007. He is the President of Carlson Wagonlit Travel Center. His classification is "RETAIL - Travel." Welcome to the club, Alex!

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**Special Announcements**

**Interact Students Making a Difference**

Two weeks ago our Interact students went to volunteer at Our Sister's Pantry in the serving of the meal to the disadvantaged and to help in the food bank kitchen they have at the location. Our students were alarmed at the lack of food for the food bank and walked out that night knowing they could fix the situation. So, they came back, decided to pursue a food drive amongst our high school students, and achieved wonderful results to help stock the shelves of the food pantry. Next Monday they go back to volunteer again at Our Sister's Pantry and will take the foods that have been gathered! Service above self! Our students are learning!

God's best,  
**Ross Hjelseth**, Headmaster, Life Christian School/Academy

**An Admonition for Service**

Several members requested the following recent invocation given by **Christine Quinn-Brintnall**.

*Those of you who know this admonition will recognize that I have changed the word "forget" to "forgive" and given it a title. My apologies to Christian D. Larson for taking such liberties. I call this*

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**ADMONITION FOR SERVICE**

*Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*

*Look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.*

*Think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best.*

*Forgive the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.*

*Give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*

*Live in the faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you!*

**Ethiopia Water Project Update**

The Ethiopia Water Project Task Force wants to thank everyone for a successful campaign. We have made our goal, and the grant proposals are done! Twenty-seven Rotary clubs from around the world participated and **75 Tacoma 8 members gave \$39,820**. We are especially proud of the many Pandakas who stepped up to the plate and identified with Rotary's "Service Above Self" spirit! In 2008 and 2009, we will be investing over \$1,000,000 in clean water and sanitation in northern Ethiopia. To quote a grateful Africa gentleman, "without water there is no life!"

Sincerely, your EWP3 team: **Arvind Phukan, David Snow, Gerald Moczynski, and Nita Sell**, with help from **Doug Danstrom, Chiara Wood, Barry Benson, Mary Jo Strom-Copland and Drew Ebersole**. Thank you for making a difference in the world!

**Badge Chains Have Arrived!**

Worry no more about where to clip your Rotary badge! A limited number of gold-tone and pearl badge chains are available for purchase. (If we run out, more can be ordered.) Gold-tone chains are \$8; pearl chains are \$15. We also have blue nylon Rotary badge holders for \$8. Interested? See Lori or Beverly at Thursday's Rotary meeting.

**Holiday Gift Giving - Family Renewal Shelter**

Due to the closing of First Place for Children the Community Service Projects committee has selected the Family Renewal Shelter to be this year's recipient of support from Rotarians wishing to help those less fortunate this Holiday Season. We will be collecting unwrapped toys, books, gift cards or cash contributions to help the women and children affected by domestic violence who are helped by the Family Renewal Shelter.

The Family Renewal Shelter is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt charity humanitarian organization dedicated to bringing healing hope and a new life to victims of domestic violence. Founded in 1986, **(with the assistance of two large Grants from Tacoma #8)** the Family Renewal Shelter is a confidential domestic violence shelter in Pierce County, WA. The amount of our income that goes to our charitable purpose is currently 84.5%. We are funded by private contributions from businesses, community service organizations, individuals, and churches - we receive no government funding. Long ago we determined that to truly help domestic violence victims we need to address all the obstacles these families encounter when trying to reestablish a new life and livelihood. Even with the bare essentials of

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a safe home, household furnishings, transportation, and employment, life for a newly freed victim of domestic violence can often seem overwhelming. The success of our program lies in our ability to provide families of domestic violence with the practical means to safe and independent living, while at the same time offering a long-term commitment to helping them overcome the many mental and emotional challenges they encounter on their journey to healthy independent living.

The Family Renewal Shelter deeply appreciates the support of Tacoma #8 as the club played a major role in beginning the agency. Executive Director Keith Galbraith indicated, "We're so grateful to everyone who supports our efforts to share joy at Christmas with gifts of presents, food and so many other things for women and children. This year we are again asking our friends to consider giving gift cards. Gift cards allow a freedom that most residents have not experienced. Women are able to get what they really need and want for their children and for their new homes as well as experience the joy of shopping that we all take for granted. If we should have any extra gift cards from Christmas they can be used throughout the year for birthdays and other events. Thanks to Tacoma #8 for thinking of our residents during this season of peace and we are again most appreciative of your past and ongoing support."

We will be collecting items to support the Family Renewal Shelter at the next Rotary meeting, December 20th. Gifts or contributions can also be dropped off at the Rotary office through December 21, 4pm.

**Still Collecting Toiletries!**

A big THANK YOU to the members who have brought toiletries for Tacoma Family Medicine and Family Housing. We will continue collecting toiletries at every meeting. Just drop them into the collection box you'll find on the table outside the meeting room.

**The End is Near!**

Who can believe that 2007 will soon be history? Donations made to the Tacoma Rotary Foundation must be received in the Rotary office by December 31 in order to be claimed as tax deductions. These donations include pledges you've made or will make for fines, military gift cards, Giving Tree, Art Wickens Fellowships, etc. If you have questions, contact Kari or Beverly at the Rotary office.

**Please let the Rotary office know...**

If you become aware of an illness or surgery of a fellow Rotarian or a passing in a Rotarian's family, or if you have had a birth or adoption take place in your family, please call (253 473 7723) or email ([info@rotary8.org](mailto:info@rotary8.org)) the Rotary office so that appropriate acknowledgments may be made.

**"And the Winner is..."**

It's that time again, fellow Tacoma 8 Rotary members! Yes, it's time to start preparing for this year's auction, our single biggest fundraising event of the year!

**The next meeting will be January 8 at 6pm at Brien Elvins' home, 2420 Union Avenue.** Dinner and drinks will be served and all we ask is that everybody chip in \$5 - what a deal! It's a great time of fellowship and then we spend some time to get this "production rolling." (Plus all you Pandakas will meet some requirements and meet some great friends in the process.)

The 2008 Auction theme will be that of an "Awards Show" (i.e., Academy, Emmy's, Tony's, etc.). The title is "And the Winner is..." People can come as their favorite star, in black tie, or better yet, their favorite star in black tie. We want this to be a FUN, CLASSY and FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL event; the auction that is the buzz around town to generate even more interest for the following year.

Who knows, instead of "Oscars" maybe we will give away "Steves"!!!!

We need your help! There are many facets to the auction: sponsorship, procurement, table sales, decor, publicity and marketing, logistics, etc. Some of you may roll up your sleeves and get really involved in the actual putting it together, some of you may roll up your sleeves and write a big fat check (LOL) and others might procure many fabulous items. There is something for everyone and it takes us all to make it a smashing success!

SAVE THIS **NEW** DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE ACTUAL AUCTION: SATURDAY, APRIL 26, AT THE TACOMA SHERATON.

Thanks a million for all of your help!

**Carolyn McDougal**, Chair 2008 Auction Committee

#### **Blood Drive**

Once again our Tacoma 8 Project Committee is teaming up with Cascade Regional Blood Services to do a blood drive. The Cascade mobile clinic will be at the Landmark at our meeting on February 21, 2008 from 11:00 to 2:00. Please mark your calendars and plan to donate. For more information contact Dean Hanks, 253-229-5487.

#### **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.

#### **Rotary On Demand**

As part of the Comcast sponsorship of Woodstick 2007 ([www.woodstick2007.com](http://www.woodstick2007.com)), Comcast produced a complete television program about the event. Rotary was the star of the show. Tacoma Rotarian **Rick Oldenburg** was co-host and he interviewed former Tacoma 8 member, Chris Kimball, about the history of the Guinness record holding drumming project.

In addition to Chris (and even his mother) there are interviews of participants and participant family members. One family had over a dozen drummers at the event at the ShowPlex in Puyallup. Another participant traveled all the way from the east coast just to play the drums. There is also footage of the event including a short segment of Blue Thunder, the Seahawks drumline and an interview with one of their members.

The 26 minute production should be a great PR tool for Rotary and our community. If you are connected to Comcast for cable TV you can watch the "On Demand" program over the next year.

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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.

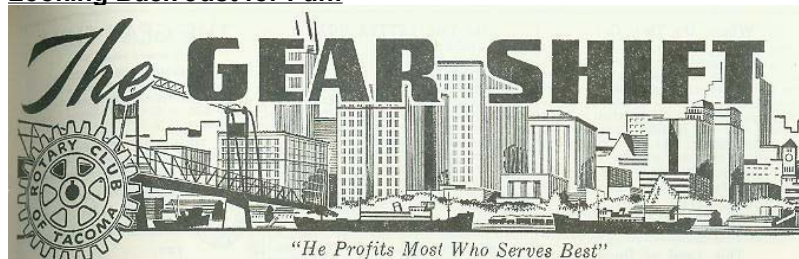
Dec 20 - **Beach Tavern** - 8612 6th Avenue, 253-564-9984

Dec 27 - **The Spar** - 2123 N 30th Street, 253-272-2122

*There are also plans for a Gin Rummy Tournament in January.*

*Details to follow.*

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



Here is the front story as it appeared in the December 20, 1956 *GearShift*:

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### **Thank You Letter to Tacoma 8**

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*Sincerely,  
Julie Davis, Development Director, WWEE*

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### **Rotary Happenings - December 13, 2007**

**By: Bob Fredrickson**



**President Steve Smith**, University of Washington Tacoma, rang the bell to start the meeting. **Brynn Blanchard**, Development Manager, Point Defiance Zoo Society, gave the invocation and reminded Rotarians to "be grateful for what we have." **Diane Powers**, Deputy Director, Associated Ministries, led the National Anthem, accompanied by **Jack Warnick**, Past Service, Wood Products, on piano.

There were nine Rotarians celebrating anniversaries. **Andy Wood**, Executive Director, Tacoma Philharmonic, introduced two visiting Rotarians.

**Jim Mattson**, President, Mattson Management Co., introduced new member **Alex Trettin**, Owner/ President, Carlson Wagonlit Travel Company. Alex graduated from Bellarmine High School, attended WSU, taught in SE China and speaks fluent Mandarin.

Roving Mics: **Dean Hanks**, Executive Director, Goodwill Foundation, informed us that the Community Service Projects Committee selected the Family Renewal Shelter to be this year's recipient of support from Rotarians wishing to help those less fortunate this holiday season. **David Gardner**, Sales and Business Development, Air Systems Engineering, Inc., gave us the results of this year's bell ringing. Thanks to everyone who participated - they raised \$2,176.84.

**Roy Kimbel**, Non-Profit Development and Advising, announced Phase I 2007-2008 Community Service Grant award winners. The winners were TACID; Mary Bridge Toys for Kids; Washington Women's Employment and Education; New Phoebe House; Toy Rescue Mission; Tacoma Pierce County Habitat for Humanity and the Children's Museum of Tacoma. Congratulations to all.

Birthdays were presented by **Tish Andresen**, Vice President Marketing, Hamilton Global Management LTD. Her question to the Rotarians celebrating birthdays was "on your birthday what is your favorite special treat?" **Michelle Roberts**: "low cal" cheese fondue;

**David Gardner:** Prime Rib at his vegetarian mother-in-law's house; and **Sue Elkin:** three layer Jello dessert.

During True Confessions **Paul Hunter** showed off his new flag that the Captain of the Queen Victoria II gave him. **Karen Seinfeld's** youngest son, Keith, was awarded top honors for best scientific story for his KPLU story on the brain.

There were two speakers for the program, **Steve Jewell**, Deputy Director, Safe Streets Campaign, and **Dr. Chung-Shing Lee**, Associate Professor, Pacific Lutheran University.

**Steve Jewell** explained how the Safe Streets Campaign works. Communities want to take back their streets, schools and neighborhoods. Safe Streets utilizes the people that live in the communities as the main players. They address problems such as gangs, youth violence, weapons and drugs. They also teach residents how to access services like 911. But the main thing their program does is introduce neighbors to each other. Bringing people together is the first step in taking your neighborhood back.

**Dr. Lee**, spoke about the E-Commerce & Technology Management Center and the Family Enterprise Institute. E-Commerce focuses on Technology Consulting Services, designs e-business models and strategies, conducts competitive market analysis and performs e-business evaluations. Dr. Lee is always looking for internships for his students. If your business can provide an internship please contact Dr. Lee at [cslee05@gmail.com](mailto:cslee05@gmail.com).

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# Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**12/16 - Fulton Buntain**  
"RELIGION - Protestant Churches"  
Pastor Emeritus  
Life Center  
Elected: 1/27/1966  
Sponsor: Frank Bentley  
Birthplace: Winnipeg, MB  
Canada  
Spouse/Partner: Lorraine Buntain



**12/20 - David Fischer**  
"ASSNS - Performing Arts"  
Executive Director  
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts  
Elected: 5/31/2007  
Sponsor: Don Doman  
Birthplace: Sacramento, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Mendy Lowe



**12/17 - Mario Menconi**  
"PRINTING & PUBLISHING - Printing"  
General Manager



**12/20 - Chris Ford**  
"HEALTH SERVICES - Physical Therapy"  
Administrator/Owner  
Alternative Back Care  
Physical Therapy

Cascade Print Media  
Elected: 12/7/1995  
Sponsor: Steve Bader  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Kathy

Elected: 3/8/2007  
Sponsor: John Schneider  
Birthplace: Seattle  
Spouse/Partner: Christopher Ford



**12/18 - Christine**

**Cason**  
"OFFICE  
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES -  
Furniture"  
VP Finance  
Business Interiors NW  
Elected: 6/22/2000  
Sponsor: Flor Covey  
Birthplace: Chatham, Ontario  
- Canada  
Spouse/Partner: Tom Reier



**12/20 - Laura Fox**

"REAL ESTATE -  
Commercial"  
Associate Broker  
GVA Kidder Mathews  
Elected: 11/14/2002  
Sponsor: Jim Castino  
Birthplace: Cedar Rapids, IA



**12/18 - Chuck Hellar**

"OFFICE  
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES -  
Office Products"  
President  
Chuckals, Inc.  
Elected: 6/20/1985  
Sponsor: Jim Tuttle  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Sue Hellar



**12/21 - Jeff Rounce**

"PRINTING & PUBLISHING -  
Business Journals"  
Publisher  
Business Examiner  
Elected: 10/22/1987  
Sponsor: Carl Jones  
Birthplace: Sidney, MT  
Spouse/Partner: Jill Rounce



**12/18 - Ralph Klose**

"LAW PRACTICE - Real  
Estate & Environment"  
Associate  
Goodstein Law Group PLLC  
Elected: 6/29/2000  
Sponsor: Juanita Carbaugh  
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IN

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