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A 1973 graduate of PLU, Andy Turner holds a B.A. in business administration and a doctorate in management science and applied economics, with majors in finance and insurance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He has been published widely in a variety of business journals, including an essay selected as the winner of the outstanding paper award in the field of portfolio management. Andy recently completed 21 years of distinguished service for the Frank Russell Investment Group. His final position at Russell was managing director of the Russell Investment Group's institutional investor services, focused on providing strategic advice and creating integrated solutions for large institutions.



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From 1976 to 1983 he was an assistant professor of business at PLU, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in corporate finance, financial markets and investments. Turner is a member of the Washington Governor's Council of Economic Advisors.

Turner's other interests and commitments reflect a love of the outdoors. His favorite activities include freshwater and saltwater fly-fishing, backpacking, horse packing and white-water rafting. He is a Wilderness Society Founder's Circle member, a lifetime member of Trout Unlimited and Montana Wilderness and is a Katherine Ordway Associate of the Nature Conservancy.

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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Jim Crabbe**

Greeter - **Zach Hill**

Badge Board - **Jann Gay, Kevin Glackin-Coley, Dan Pass**

Singer - **Linn Larsen**

Piano - **Barbara Mead**

Drums - **Chris Kimball**

Birthdays - **John Morrison**

Fine Counters - **Roger Lilley, Jack White**

Story Writer - **Nita Sell**

Photography - **Jim Harris**

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Roamers



Jan 15 **Jack Hamilton**, On board Crystal Symphony

Jan 23 **Nancy Davis**, Tacoma Narrows

Jan 23 **Bill Matthaei**, Tacoma North

Jan 23 **Fred Moisio**, Chandler, AZ

Jan 24 **Nancy Davis**, Tacoma Sunrise

Jan 24 **Bob Fredrickson**, Tacoma Sunrise

Jan 30 **Fred Moisio**, Fife/Milton

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

EBB & FLOW. During the past month or so, we have lost three members. **Charlie Drummond** retired; **John Merchant** simply ran out of time and did not want to be a non-productive Rotarian; and **Pinky Kipp** passed away. I never met Pinky but our records show that he was very active in the past. And so it is, members come and go. We hate to lose them, but at the same time, we have to be

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prepared to fill their ranks if the club is to stay healthy.

Everybody basically is a member of the Membership Committee. Please look around you for potential members. The Proposal Form is available on the web site (www.rotary8.org). Please understand that you, the member, are supposed to fill out these forms, not the proposee. It's important to include the organizations the candidate is involved with, the names of the references and their phone numbers and E-mail addresses. **Greg Rolsma's** committee members do all the research and it is immeasurably helpful if they don't have to look up all this information. The Classification Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month so try to get your proposals in by the first Tuesday so Greg's team has a chance to do its research by the time the committee meets. For the record, as I write this, we have lost 36 members and gained 27 for a net loss of 9. Thanks for your help as we close the gap.

ATTENDANCE. **Carolyn Else** is Chair of the Attendance Committee and **Scott Sutherland** of the Committee Committee. Both are working vigorously to track your participation. Scott has recently provided me with information which shows that some Committee Chairs are not forwarding attendance info to the office. The Committee Chairs are human, and as we know, this is an all-volunteer organization, so if attendance isn't taken at the meeting you are attending, please nudge the chair to start the sign-in list. Werlin tutors, you don't have regular meetings, so it is up to you to inform the office when you do your tutoring.

MARCH 15. Beware the Ides of March! Well, not really, since it is going to be a truly outstanding meeting day. For starters, we have the President-Elect of Rotary International, Wilf Wilkinson, as our speaker. Considering the amount of time and effort you commit/devote to Rotary, you will want to be there to hear what the next RI president has to say. Above and beyond that, we will be on hand to participate in the recognition of some of our members who have made long-term financial commitments to the Rotary Foundation. You have already seen and heard what the Foundation is doing in Africa thanks to the presentation on January 4 by our club team which went there (one of the all-time high attendance days, I might add - thanks for that!). The RI Foundation makes things like that happen. Come by and join in the recognition of some of our dedicated members who have been supportive. It's going to be an inspiring day!

ROTARY LICENSE PLATES. There are about 9000 Rotarians in the state of Washington and 3500 need to sign up for the state to produce plates with the Rotary logo and "Service Above Self" on the bottom. I am pleased to report that most of our Board members have already signed up. If you are interested, please sign up on the forms which will be available at lunch. See you Thursday.

President Pete

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Club Anniversaries

Jacob Fey: 11 years on February 01

Erik Hynes: 3 years on January 29

Robert Klein: 15 years on January 30

Roger Lilley: 12 years on February 02

Margaret McCormick: 12 years on February 02

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Denny Rowley: 32 years on January 30

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, February 8 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Pierson
Bob Clair, Valentines and Brown & Haley

THURSDAY, February 15 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Bob
Wallace, "Tale of Two Cities"

THURSDAY, February 22 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Sok-
Khieng Lim, Four Myths About Immigration

Committee and Other Meetings

THURSDAY, February 1 - Attendance Committee Meeting,
Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, February 1 - Internal Communications Committee
Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, February 1 - Public Relations Committee Meeting,
Landmark, 11:00.

FRIDAY, February 2 - Projects Committee Meeting,
Commencement Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

TUESDAY, February 6 - World Community Service Committee
Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.

THURSDAY, February 8 - Information Meeting, Rotary Office,
3:30pm (please RSVP to Rotary Office).

**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

There were no new members introduced at the January 25, 2007
meeting.

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Special Announcements



Rotarian of the Week

Please join us this Thursday as we honor Rotarian of the Week,
Dean Hanks. Dean is Executive Director, Tacoma Goodwill
Foundation. He joined Tacoma 8 in June, 2005. His classification
is "Assoc: Soc Svcs - Goodwill," and his sponsor was Jim Layton.

A Big THANK YOU to the following Wow! Luau Auction Sponsors:

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Attendance Credits

The Attendance Committee is wrapping up the statistics for the last half year, July 1 through December 31. Certificates for 100% attendance for that period will soon be distributed. Please make sure you've turned in everything Rotary related, including Werlin tutoring and the Thursday social hours. Send attendance information to the Rotary office by regular mail, fax or E-mail.

Pandaka Graduation Last Week

Be sure to congratulate our newest "Blue Badgers." Last week the following graduated from *Red* to *Blue*: **Nancy Davis, Bob Fredrickson, David Gardner, Ryan Gowin, Gary Hafsaah, Joe Missel** and **Gerald Moczynski**.

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Culture Vulture News

by Don Doman

Looking Back at Culture Vulture Events Past

In the early 1990s we had two Culture Vulture "dinner and a play" evenings. Each of these social gathering events offered dinner and Tacoma Actors Guild theatre tickets for about \$99.00 per couple. Each package also contained raffle tickets and a signed and numbered limited edition print by artist Greg Beecham, valued at one hundred dollars.

At Rotary we always strive to give you the best value for your entertainment dollar. If you deducted the value of the package from the package cost, you would see that we actually paid people a dollar to attend the play and eat dinner. Does it get any better? Well, yes . . . it does.

Those prints of "Looking Back" are now worth almost two hundred dollars each and according to one interpretation of IRS tax laws, you could donate one of those prints and claim a deduction of up to \$4,999.00 without the need for an appraisal. The Moral: Rotary Culture Vulture events are fun, exciting, and quite an investment.

The Day the Music Died . . . Almost

I was 13 when Ritchie Valens recorded *Donna*. I bought the record and loved the flip side *La Bamba* even more. When Ritchie Valens died in a small plane crash with the Big Bopper and Buddy Holly, I was bereft. At the time I was not familiar with Buddy Holly, but that was to change.

Later at a huge parking lot sale at Sears and Roebucks I bought a used Buddy Holly 45 rpm record for a few pennies. It was almost worn out from juke box play. On the record was *Oh Boy!* The flipside was *Not Fade Away*. I really enjoyed both of these recordings and then became a huge Buddy Holly fan when the Rolling Stones released their first U.S. album. The lead off song on the Stones' album was their version of *Not Fade Away* with Mick Jagger singing lead. I was blown away. This was real rock and roll.

"I wanna tell you how it's gonna be
You're gonna give your love to me
I'm gonna love you night and day
Love is love and not fade away
Well love is love and not fade away"
-- *Not Fade Away* by Buddy Holly

On February 17 you'll get a chance to hear Buddy singing his songs. Buddy sings about love and having a good time. His songs still inspire and we'll have a great time at the Fifth Avenue Theatre for *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*.

This is the Northwest premiere! This smash hit musical charts the meteoric rise of the legendary Buddy Holly, from his country roots in Lubbock, Texas, to his groundbreaking debut at Harlem's Apollo Theatre and, finally, to the fateful concert with Ritchie Valens (*La Bamba*) and the Big Bopper (*Chantilly Lace*) in Clear Lake, Iowa. With over 20 sensational hits - including *Peggy Sue*, *That'll Be The Day*, and *Maybe Baby*, Buddy proves the music never died. Packed with raw energy and an infectious beat, this rollicking tribute to one of the giants of popular music is sheer unadulterated fun. No wonder *Buddy* is called the "World's Most Successful Rock 'n' Roll Musical!"

Bill Kaufmann has a wonderful day planned (a Valentine celebration). We'll have brunch in Tacoma, carpool up old 99, enjoy *Buddy* and then hit the diner for some mac' n cheese and *Maybe Baby* a burger or two.

There are only twenty seats reserved for us, so let Bill know ASAP immediately that you want to go. Give him a call at (253) 573-1333 or email him at bkaufmann@goodwillonlinesales.com.

Upcoming Culture Vulture 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 - Highlighted above. 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 January

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

[January 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.

February 1: Sea Grill Restaurant - 1498 Pacific Ave, Tacoma 98402 - 253.272-5656

February 8: Masa - 2811 6th Avenue, Tacoma 98406 - 253.254.0560

February 15: Gary's Steak House - 2705 6th Ave, Tacoma 98406 - 253.6278622

February 22: Doyle's - 208 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma - 253.238.5359

March 1: Indochine - 1924 Pacific Ave, Tacoma 98402 - 253.272.8200

March 8: Matador - 721 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma 98402 - 253.627.7100

March 15: Pour at Four - 3814 N 26th St, Tacoma 98407 - 253.761.8015 www.pouratfour.com

Other Social Events

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Johnny's. Saturday, 8:30am meet at the duck pond at Pt. Defiance.

Other activities on the horizon - game night, cosmic bowling and LeMay party.

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Rotary Happenings - January 25, 2007

By: Tracy Peacock



Prelude

12:12 rolls around pretty quick on Thursdays. On this particular Thursday, **President Pete** was at his usual location, elevated above a crowd of Rotarians, tucked behind the podium, and ringing in yet another Rotary meeting. **Debbie Cato**, ED of Werlin Reading Teams, read a passionate prayer for our children – and by our children, I mean all children – and we moved effortlessly into the National Anthem led by **Bill Kaufmann** with **President Elect Steve Smith** on the piano.

Go Figure

135. Two notable things about this number. Many years ago on January 2, 1872, Brigham Young was arrested for bigamy (28 wives). It's also the combined number of years **Merritt Nelson**, **Fulton Buntain**, and **John A. West** have been members of Tacoma 8. No slouches either are **John Kloes**, **George Howe**, **Stacey Ogle**, **Mary Lynn Pannen**, **Jeff Albers**, **Patty Bahoshy-Ross**, **Jack Dauer**, and **Julio Quan**, who all celebrated anniversaries ranging from 1 year to 29 years.

No Need to Go to Prison for This One

President Pete announced customized Rotary license plates could now be ordered. Forms are available at your table or call the office...Right next to the Wow Luau! Procurement forms. Yes, the ones you need to fill out. Those ones.

Winna Winna Winna!

The real winner of Rotary Game night was Rotary itself. More than 30 Rotarians gathered at the Tacoma Club to partake in a variety of games from Pictionary, Charades, Scrabble, and even a little Poker. President Pete recognized the 2007 Scrabble Champion **Jan Brazzell** who, not to gloat, kept her victory dance down to five minutes.

You Can Check Out, But You Can Never Leave

Brian King and **Arvind Phukan**, who joined last week, were welcomed to the club once again. The look of shock and puzzlement so evident on their faces last week looked to have turned to smiles and comfort this week.

Do I Get a T-Shirt With This?

John H. West, not to be confused with John A. West, was recognized as the Rotarian of the Week. While not having quite been a member for 41 years, Prez Pete recognized this Mr. West for the tremendous amount of work he has done for this club.

Say, the Food's Pretty Good Here...

Rotarians from Lakewood and Gig Harbor visited and joined us for

lunch today. **Jeff McInnis** did a fine job of introductions and completed one more task on his way to becoming a Blue Badge.

Speaking of Blue Badges

Emily Reiter recognized all Pandakas who survived all hazing – I mean completed all tasks – and officially earned their blue badges. **Ryan Gowin**, intent on avoiding the 3 year graduation plan, was busily securing signatures pre-meeting in order to meet his final hurdle, and happily joined fellow graduates **Gerald Moczynski**, **Bob Frederickson**, **Joe Missel**, **Gary Hafsaahl**, and **David Gardner**. **Nancy Davis**, unable to make the meeting, also graduated.

Big Hearts, Big Dreams

Jennifer Durham recognized seven more Rotarians, presenting them with the Art Wickens Award. Those in attendance to accept were **Donn Irwin**, **Don Hansen**, and **Jan Schwenger**.

They Said You Was High Class

And that was no lie. **Greg Rolsma** gave us a rundown of what it means to serve on the Classification Committee and what the responsibilities of said committee are. To add a touch of class to your life, drop in their committee meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Shameless Promotion – I Love It!

Brien Elvins and **Michael Austin Stewart** heavily promoted our upcoming Wow! Luau Auction, recognizing some killer sponsors and tempting us to buy tickets with reward of gift cards generously donated by El Gaucho and the Sea Grill. In between, we introduced our guests.

Could I get a little Opera on the Side, Please?

Kathryn Smith of the Tacoma Opera gave us a rundown of a few of the wonderful offerings coming up and tempted us to attend by treating us to a little “Trouble in Tahiti” performed by a singer and pianist from the Opera. Gotta love it.

I Miss Getting Carded

Donn Irwin, birthday celebrator extraordinaire, recognized those Rotarians having birthdays this week. **Rusty George** and **Brandy Smith** were the only two in attendance, and sadly, Donn didn't embarrass them too much.

Father Forgive Me, I Forgot My Wallet

True Confession lines nearly wrapped round the seating area as Rotarians scrambled to confess their successes and joys before Prez Pete slammed the gavel down and moved the program along. Clock conscious Rotarians squeaked in just under the buzzer.

Our Town, Our Kids – and the Threat of Gangs

Prez Pete introduced **Don Doman**, who introduced our speaker, Lt. Kathy McAlpine who spoke on gang violence in Pierce County. We read about, we hear about it, and today, the good Lieutenant brought it home to our front porch. Crime is on the rise in Pierce County (96 drive-by shootings in 2006 alone) and while gang task forces are working hard on gang elimination, the going is tough. By partnering with schools and other agencies, progress is slowly being made. However, it seems each year the task forces go deeper into the schools, reaching kids at younger ages to educate them, just trying to stay one step ahead of the gangs. Technology has changed the way gangs operate giving them a voice they've not previously had. While no hard solutions were offered, a lot of hard work is being done to combat this problem.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



1/29 Bob Denomy
"LAW PRACTICE - Real Estate & Construction Law"
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Elected: 10/23/1992
Sponsor: Linn Larsen
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1/31 Carolyn Else
"PAST SERVICE - Libraries"
Wellness Consultant
Elected: 3/16/1989
Sponsor: John Lantz
Birthplace: Minneapolis, MN



1/29 Carroll Dickson
"Executive Search: International"
Owner
The Carroll Dickson Company
Elected: 2/25/1988
Sponsor: Pat Steel
Birthplace: Loving, TX
Spouse/Partner: Nancy Dickson



1/31 Rick Oldenburg
"ASSOCIATIONS- Fundraising"
Director of Devel. & Planned Giving
Annie Wright School
Elected: 8/29/2002
Sponsor: Terry Hayes and Jean McCord
Birthplace: Boise, ID
Spouse/Partner: Maggie Oldenburg



1/29 Cheri Loiland
"EDUCATION - Vocational"
Associate VP of Extended Learning
Bates Technical College
Elected: 2/16/2006
Sponsor: Don Lloyd
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: K.C. Loiland



1/31 Barbara Tucci
"BUSINESS SERVICES - Screening Services"
President
Sound Screening Services, Inc.
Elected: 10/25/2001
Sponsor: Nicole Buchanan-Weber
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Tim Tucci



1/29 Ron Thomas
"EDUCATION - Universities"
President
University of Puget Sound
Elected: 7/8/2004
Sponsor: Sharon Babcock
Birthplace: Ocean Grove, NJ
Spouse/Partner: Mary Thomas



1/31 Rainer Willingham
"AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Parts Manufacturing"
President
Flex-A-Lite Consolidated
Elected: 4/2/1981
Sponsor: Fred Mast
Birthplace: Knotzheim, W. Germany
Spouse/Partner: Linda Willingham

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