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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Plaza Grand Ballroom When We Welcome Tim Farrell, Executive Director, Port of Tacoma



Tim Farrell is Executive Director of the Port of Tacoma. He joined the Port of Tacoma in 2000 as Deputy Executive Director. Before coming to the Port, he worked for the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Port of Seattle. A native of Falmouth, Massachusetts, he earned his bachelor's degree at Middlebury College and received his master's degree in Port and Marine Transportation Management at the University of Washington.

Farrell serves on the following:

- AAPA Board of Directors
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- University of Washington-Tacoma Advisory Board
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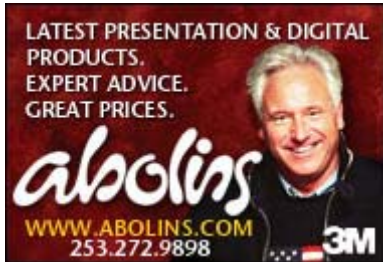
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PLEASE NOTE: Meeting will be held in the Plaza Grand Ballroom, downstairs from our usual location.

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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **John H. West**

Greeter - **Chuck Laguna**

Badge Board - **Zach Hill, Jeff McInnis, Dan Pass**

Singer - **Nita Sell**

Piano - **Barbara Mead**

Drums - **Chris Kimball**

Birthdays - **Kathleen Olson**

Fine Counters - **Mel Zanjani, John H. West**

Story Writer - **Don Rennegarbe**

Photography - **Jim Harris**

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Roamers



Oct 31 **Peter Carlstrom**, Unknown

Dec 06 **Roger Lee**, Tacoma Sunrise

Dec 12 **Tom Morrow**, Tacoma North

Dec 13 **Bill Kaufmann**, Tacoma Sunrise

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

THANK YOU. This is a great club and I want to thank all of you - Board members, committee chairs and members, luncheon attendees and all others who participate on any level - for making it that way. Thanks also to Beverly, Lori and Kari for your ongoing terrific support. Kristine, John and I extend warm wishes to one and all for a joyous and safe holiday!

President Pete

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Layne Alfonso: 3 years on December 18
Barry Benson: 16 years on December 20
Don Hansen: 9 years on December 18
Randy Mauerman: 3 years on December 18
Jim Whitacre: 25 years on December 17

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, December 28 - NO MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS

THURSDAY, January 4 - Landmark Temple Theatre, World Community Service Committee Africa Trip

THURSDAY, January 11 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Ogie Shaw, "Fitting Fitness Into Your Schedule"

Committee and Other Meetings

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:

Board Meeting
Preserve Planet Earth Committee
Rotaract
Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee

Other Changes in Meetings:

No Regular Rotary Meeting for December 28

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 December 14, 2006 meeting.

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Special Announcements

Membership Proposals

Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by December 28, 2006, the following individuals will be considered for membership:

Kenneth Bergman, MD

Email: info@rotary8.org
Subscription Price: \$15.00/year

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Exchange Students Inbound

Pavan Tapadia, India
Sebastian Paul, Germany
Norma "Julietta" Castillo Garza, Mexico

Outbound

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

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Classification: ASSOC SOC SVS - FISH Food Banks
Sponsor: Gina Breukelman

Chris Ford

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Classification: HEALTH SERVICES - Physical Therapy
Sponsor: John Schneider

Jennifer Gilbert

Metro Parks Foundation
Classification: GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Metro Parks
Sponsor: Ken Gibson

Dr. Chung-Shing Lee

PLU School of Business
Classification: EDUCATION - Universities
Sponsor: Barbara Mead

Dr. Arvind Phukan

Phukan, Inc.
Classification: ENGINEERING - Geo Technical
Sponsor: Dave Thomas

Laura Runkle

Franke Tobey Jones
Classification: Corporate (2nd member under Ed Mawe)
Sponsor: Pete Taylor

Justin Aaron Sharpe

Day Wireless Systems
Classification: COMMUNICATIONS - Wireless
Sponsor: John Morrison

Lauren Walker

Fair Housing Center of Washington
Classification: ASSOC SOC SVS - Fair Housing Center
Sponsor: Gina Breukelman

Culture Vulture News

Upcoming activities for the 2006-2007 Rotary year:

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 - 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, a plaid scarf and a pair of reading glasses. 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.

December 21 - TWO SOCIALS THIS THURSDAY at 5:00 - MASA'S and a BOAT CRUISE!

1) Our regularly scheduled social is at Masa's, a new restaurant across from Asado's, 2811 6th Ave (corner of 6th and Pine)

2) We also have two boats (thanks to John Farrell and Chico Patalano) that will be cruising the waterways to observe the wonderful Christmas lights while enjoying "winter warmers" and appetizers. The cost for this social is \$20 pp. Due to capacity issues, this social can only accommodate the first 16 interested Rotarians. If you would like to participate in this social event please email Carolyn McDougal at cmcdougal1@comcast.net ASAP (NOT THE ROTARY OFFICE)!

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!**

Prices do not include transportation from Tacoma to Vancouver* but do include tax and port charges and are based on double occupancy (3rd and 4th person occupancy available on some categories for less).

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DELUXE VERANDAH - \$545.22 PER PERSON
SUPERIOR VERANDAH SUITE - \$705.22 PER PERSON
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Availability is on a first come first serve basis.

*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, availability, or 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 - December 14, 2006

By: Kathleen Olson



Dr. Pamela Transue, doing double duty with invocation and speaker introduction, started the meeting with a short inspirational thought for the day. **Victoria Woodards**, a choir director when she is not working for Pierce County or as a Metro Parks Commissioner, led the group in a spirited National Anthem accompanied by **Jack Warnick** on piano, in his usual deliberate timing, and **Chris Kimball** on the drum and cymbal.

President Pete honored club anniversaries for six members, headed by **Ted Kennard** with 51 years in Tacoma #8 and **Dave Schmitz** with 32 years. **Dave Senner** was noted for 16 years, **Corey Hjalseth** for 10 years, **Jennifer Durham** for 6 years and **Connie Brown** for 4.

Carter Taylor, who has been on leave of absence for four years while she worked as an interim Red Cross director all over the country, has retired and was welcomed back to her first meeting as an active member of the club.

The Rotarian of the Week was **Rusty George**, board member and designer of our club logo and auction logos for the past few years. We learned that he was born in Fresno, has an advertising agency that won an award for being the most laid back place to work, and that his first job paid \$4 an hour and all of the pizza he could eat.

Past President **Pat Steel** introduced Florence Dicks, a board member for Operation Home Front, Washington Chapter, who talked about their work assisting military families with emergencies by bridging the civilian and military communities. They provide service for wounded active duty military and disabled vets. The organization was formed after 9-11 to support our troops and help the families they leave behind. Our Military Affairs Committee collaborates with Operation Home Front to encourage club support for their projects. Visit www.operationhomefontwashington.com for information.

Rick Jones, Chairman of the Rotary International Foundation Committee, presented first time Paul Harris Fellowships to **Randy Melquist**, **Linda Kaye Briggs** and **Brien Elvins** and honored President Pete Taylor for attaining his fifth Paul Harris Fellowship for accumulative contributions of \$5000. All club members are encouraged to be sustaining members by continuing to donate \$100 every year to the Rotary International Foundation, supporting service grants and programs like Polio Plus and Rotary Youth Exchange.

The club honored Santina De Falco, President of the De Falco

Foundation with a Service Above Self Award in recognition of a non-Rotarian who exemplifies our motto. She has supported Point Defiance Zoological Society for nine years as a board member, president and lead donor who mentors new board members and donates countless hours to committee work and advocacy. She has also been Chair of the MultiCare Health Foundation board, leading their effort to create MultiCare's Center for Healthy Living because she wanted more people to have access to the information and support needed to prevent chronic illness. She also served on the advisory board for The Fund for Women and Girls at The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation where her deep concern for empowering women and girls, combined with her extensive knowledge and experience, helped launch that fund. Tina also supports Tacoma 8 as a guest at our auction who both bids generously and often, and donates a dinner at her home that generates \$5000 for the club.

Mike Medrzycki and Rusty Hersey, Wow Luau Auction Procurement Committee Co-Chairs, introduced guests while reminding the club that we need lots of items for the auction in ten weeks. Just as they were done, a wacky guy in a grass skirt and hat noisily entered the room proclaiming himself a Schenectady, New York Rotarian looking for the Wow Luau Auction. He said he was working his way across the country in quest of a great party, and had attended a polka in North Dakota, sheep shearing in Wyoming and beef barbecue to benefit vegetarians in Montana. Finding not a Mai Tai in sight, he quickly learned that it would be 10 weeks before he could party island style with our club. Kevin Joyce of EnJoy Entertainment was the talent behind the shtick. He returns for a second year as our entertaining auctioneer.

Peter Hamilton helped celebrate the birthdays, assuming that none of the birthday folks were present, so after an abbreviated commentary, sat down, only to have **Michelle Roberts**, whom he had overlooked, come forward to pay her birthday fine for her December 9 celebration.

True Confessions were cut short as the clock ticked closer to one, so several members were asked to save their stories for next meeting, when there will be a less crowded agenda.

The speaker was Senator Mike Carrell, 28th District on the not so warm and fuzzy topic of Prison Reform. He is championing a bill to set up programs that work to rehabilitate prisoners so that the repeat offenders are reduced. He noted that in the first two years, 36% commit another offense after release from prison. He would like to see programs that work at addressing lack of education, drug and alcohol dependency and mental health issues that plague most inmates. The Department of Corrections currently releases prisoners with no usable job skills, a bus ticket and a \$40 check, which they usually can't cash since they have no ID. He is recommending treatment programs, vocational training and intensive follow up after release to cut repeat offenders by 20-30%, which would result in less crime and save millions of dollars. It costs the State of Washington \$26,000 a year to house one prisoner, not including cost for building facilities.

The Giving Tree in support of children and their siblings at First Place For Children, still has 23 tags available. Rotarians are asked to purchase and return, unwrapped, a gift for the child on each tag. Contact the Rotary Office if you want to help. You can also bring \$20 to the meeting on December 21 and the First Place staff will purchase the remaining gifts needed.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



12/17 Mario Menconi
"PRINTING & PUBLISHING -
Printing"
General Manager
Cascade Print Media
Elected: 12/7/1995
Sponsor: Steve Bader
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Kathy



**12/20 Steven
Starlund**
"ASSOCIATION - Audubon"
Executive Director
Tahoma Audubon
Elected: 4/14/2005
Sponsor: Terry Conner
Birthplace: Seattle, WA



**12/18 Christine
Cason**
"OFFICE EQUIP. &
SUPPLIES - Finance"
VP Finance
Business Interiors NW
Elected: 6/22/2000
Sponsor: Flor Covey
Birthplace: Chatham, Ontario
- Canada
Spouse/Partner: Tom Reier



12/21 Jeff Rounce
"PRINTING & PUBLISHING-
Publishing-Business
Journals"
Publisher
Business Examiner
Elected: 10/22/1987
Sponsor: Carl Jones
Birthplace: Sidney, MT
Spouse/Partner: Jill Rounce



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 Ray Tennison
"Corporate"
President
Simpson Investment
Company
Elected: 7/29/1999
Sponsor: Mike Hansch
Birthplace: Bethesda, MD



12/18 Ralph Klose
"LAW PRACTICE - Real
Estate & Environment"
Associate
Goodstein Law Group PLLC
Elected: 6/29/2000
Sponsor: Juanita Carbaugh
Birthplace: West Lafayette,
IN



12/22 Steve Kovach
"Automobile Industry -
Classic Parts"
Merchandising Manager
Griot's Garage
Elected: 7/20/2006
Sponsor: Jim Whitacre
Birthplace: Dayton, OH
Spouse/Partner: Teri Kovach



12/20 Laura Fox
"REAL ESTATE -
Commercial"
Associate Broker
GVA Kidder Mathews
Elected: 11/14/2002
Sponsor: Jim Castino
Birthplace: Cedar Rapids, IA

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