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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre to Hear Bob Wallace Speak on "Tale of Two Cities"

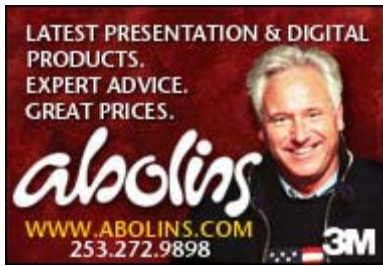


Robert C. Wallace is Managing Partner of Wallace Properties Group and numerous associated corporate and partnership entities involved in commercial real estate investment and development in Washington State.

He is personally active in real estate acquisition, syndication, development, management and brokerage. He remains actively involved in the management of commercial properties for his own and others' portfolios. He is a Business Administration graduate of Seattle Pacific University, and holds a Washington State Real Estate Brokers License. He is currently Chairman of the Washington State Commercial Association of Realtors.

Long active in civic endeavors, Mr. Wallace has been Chairman of

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the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, the Bellevue Downtown Association, and the Bellevue Rotary Club. He recently completed a term as Chairman of the Board of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Wallace is a member of the Board of Directors of First Mutual Bank for which he chairs its compensation committee, and has served for six years as Chairman of the Bellevue Convention Center Authority, a public corporation charged with building and operating Meydenbauer Center, a civic theater and convention center complex in Bellevue. He also currently serves on the Boards of the Seattle Foundation and the Puget Sound Blood Center, and was elected Chairman of the Blood Center's Board in January, 2007.

Most recently Wallace served as Chairman of the Board of the Public Facilities District charged with siting, constructing and operating a new major league baseball park in Seattle (SAFECO Field). He was co-Chair of the King County Budget Advisory Task Force, charged with recommending solutions to the county's \$50 million budget deficit. He was named Advance Bellevue's 1998 Citizen of the Year, and for nineteen years wrote a bi-weekly editorial column for the King County Journal.

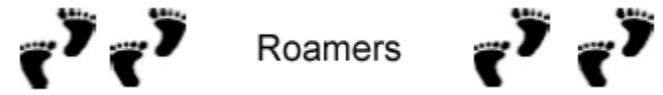
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This Week's Helpers

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

- Invoker - **Becky Fontaine**
- Greeter - **Dan Pass**
- Badge Board - **Louis Cooper, CJ Robinson, Zach Hill**
- Singer - **Steve Smith**
- Piano - **Barbara Mead**
- Drums - **Chris Kimball**
- Birthdays - **Kathleen Olson**
- Fine Counters - **John H. West, Nita Sell**
- Story Writer - **Don Rennegarbe**

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- Feb 05 **Ken Gibson**, Tacoma South
- Feb 06 **Gerald Moczynski**, Sumner
- Feb 07 **Lee Gingrich**, Palm Desert, CA
- Feb 07 **Gerald Moczynski**, Puyallup
- Feb 06 **Jan Schwenger**, Gig Harbor
- Feb 09 **Larry Treleven**, Gig Harbor

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SURVEY. By now, you all have received the blast from the Rotary office which included the Centennial project survey. Please take the time to fill this out. It's your club and it will be your project. The tabulated results will allow us to apply identical criteria to all project submissions. Thank you for participating. If you haven't filled it out yet, please do; the link is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=637083250301>.

FIRESIDES. Thanks to those of you who attended last week's Firesides and contributed responses to our two questions about potential international projects and membership. We should be able to summarize the results by the end of the week and will get them to you thereafter.

VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY. First, RI asked clubs to do some restructuring last year so we re-formatted our organizational chart so as to include five Pillars of Service as opposed to the four Avenues of Service. As a result, Vocational Service activity has been lessened. Secondly, our quarterly vocational talks as set up by **Bill Rogers** are well attended; members like to hear about what their fellow members do. Thirdly, every club handles this differently. At the Lacey club, new members do a half hour presentation; this constitutes a program. In San Francisco, they have monthly "Rotary Means Business" get-togethers where a member talks about his/her business. I would like to provide more opportunities for members to publicize their businesses. Therefore, we are instituting a way to do it. As of this Thursday, newly-joining members, Rotarians of the Week and scheduled vocational talk speakers will be allocated space for promotional materials on the L-configured table set up across from the credit card payment table. There will be no charge; pictures will be included. Those whose goodies are on display may want to stand by their materials to talk to people before and/or after the program; that will be up to them. Above and beyond that, we would like to make this service available on a space available basis to the rest of the membership for \$10 a pop. If you are interested in participating, please give Beverly your business card (write BIZ on it). I will draw a name each week out of an as yet ill-defined container and announce the following week's displayee. Also, I will announce the "Business of the Week" each week. I think we can have some fun with this and look forward to your participation.

TACOMA ROTARY FOUNDATION. Our own Tacoma Rotary Foundation is up to nearly \$930,000 as of this writing. It will be the recipient of Raise the Paddle funds at our auction March 24. Makes you sort of wonder if we can get to \$1 million by June 30, doesn't it?...

SOCIALS. Please don't forget about our Thursday socials. Attending is as great way to get to know your fellow members. Our Relationship Building Committee chairs **Ann Farrell** and **Carolyn McDougal** have done a super job with this committee. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for the weekly schedule.

SPECIAL DATES. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar:
 3/15 RI President-Elect Wilf Wilkinson is our speaker
 3/24 WOW! LUAU Auction, Tacoma Dome
 3/29 Rotarian of the Year
 5/01 Fireside
 5/10 Community Service Award (Pierce County-wide)
 6/01-03 District Convention here in Tacoma (no registration fee!)
 6/28 Turnover Day (What? Already? Glub glub!)

See you on Thursday. Come on by and welcome three new members!

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Club Anniversaries

Paul Akiyama: 3 years on February 12
John Allen: 31 years on February 12
Ron Anderson: 24 years on February 17
Michele Johnson: 1 year on February 16
Bill Kaufmann: 1 year on February 16
Cheri Loiland: 1 year on February 16
Dean Piotrowski: 3 years on February 12

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

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

THURSDAY, March 1 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Vocational Talks

THURSDAY, March 8 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Teresa Moore, Moore Ink. PR

Committee and Other Meetings

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

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

WEDNESDAY, February 21 - Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting, Farrelli's, 3518 6th Avenue, Tacoma, in the new Poole's Center, 5:00pm.

THURSDAY, February 22 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

FRIDAY, February 23 - Membership Development Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 7:30am.

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



Pam Andersen

Pam was introduced to membership by her sponsor Kathleen Olson on February 8, 2007. Pam is the Office Manager for Friendly Chevrolet of Puyallup. Her classification

is "Automobile Industry: Auto Dealer Management." She enjoys gardening, dogs, sailing, crafts and exercising. Welcome to the club, Pam!

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Special Announcements

Membership Proposals

Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by January 18, 2007, the following individuals will be considered for membership:

Steve Bassett

Husky Terminal

Classification: TRANSPORTATION - Terminal Services

Sponsor: Pete Taylor

Stephanie Caldwell

Absher Construction Company

Classification: CONTRACTING & CONSTRUCTION - Commercial

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Sponsor: Bev Holland

Chris Ford

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Sponsor: John Schneider

Sue Greer

Bratrud Middleton Insurance

Classification: INSURANCE - Casualty Personal Lines

Sponsor: Vanessa Hurley

Gordon Jenkins

Mellon

Classification: FINANCE/BANKING - Investment Management

Sponsor: Greg Rolsma

Kim McHugh

Lease Crutcher Lewis

Classification: CONTRACTING & CONSTRUCTION - Commercial

Sponsor: Jim Henderson

Doug Neff

Johnson, Stone & Pagano, PS

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Sponsor: Pete Taylor

Lani Powell

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Classification: CONSULTING - Human Resources
Sponsor: Emily Reiter

Marilyn Strickland

Tacoma Public Library
Classification: GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Library
Sponsor: Bev Holland

Phil Thornton

Philip Thornton, Attorney
Classification: LAW PRACTICE - Criminal Defense
Sponsor: Jack Warnick

Andy Wood

Tacoma Philharmonic
Classification: ARTS - Tacoma Philharmonic
Sponsor: Carolyn Else & Karen Seinfeld



Rotarian of the Week

Please join us this Thursday as we honor Rotarian of the Week, **Don Doman**. Don is Co-Owner of PNW Video Productions. He joined Tacoma 8 in May, 1990. His classification is "COMMUNICATIONS - Industrial Video/Human Resources Training," and his sponsor was Jim Whitacre.

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

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Poole's Center (**John Hogan**)

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Express Personnel (**Jan Schwenger**)

Venture Bank (**Jim Arneson, Dave Thomas**)

\$1,000 - Princess Kaiulani:

Montauk Financial (**Nita Sell**)

Moss Adams (**Barbara Mead**)

MultiCare Health Foundation (**Linda Kaye Briggs**)

Schuler Properties (**Ray Schuler**)

Simpson Investment Company (**Bev Holland**)

Superior Linen Service (Rusty Hersey)

John A. West

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Bratrud Middleton Insurance (**Peter Comfort**)

Campbell Cox Flooring (**Vanessa Hurley**)

CK Financial Services (**Chris Kimball**)

Peter Darling

Dr. Robert Klein

Jesse Engineering (**Jeff Gellert**)

Pinnacle Development

Bill Matthaei

Trusted Plans Services Corp. (**Peter Hamilton**)

Thank You

In addition to the larger sponsorships mentioned above, we have had numerous personal cash donations, sponsorships and items coming in daily. Thank you everyone for your generosity. Special thanks to **Rusty George** and Rusty George Creative for their generous (and creative) in-kind donation of all our auction logo artwork; **Mario Menconi**, Cascade Print Media for printing these materials; **Joe Leith**, AA Party Rental for our party supplies; Julie Hale for her decorating expertise; **Stacey Ogle**, Cole Screenprint Inc. for the printing of banners; **Warren Foster**, Graphic Services for printing of forms and flyers; Sawtooth Winery for an obvious donation of wine, and the Mackay Brothers for El Gaucho and Sea Grill gift certificates! Please take a moment to thank these people for their kind in-kind donation!

Get Your Auction Tickets Now

Remember to buy your Wow! Luau tickets before February 15. The current price is \$80 per ticket. After February 15 it will be \$100.

Drawing This Week for \$100 El Gaucho Gift Certificate

This week the Auction Committee will have a drawing at the end of our meeting for a \$100 gift certificate to El Gaucho Restaurant. Everyone who has turned in a procurement form between the February 1 meeting through the end of our meeting on February 15 will be in the drawing. Bring in those procurement forms. You won't want to miss out.

Found Past President's Pin

If you are a Past President who lost your past president's pin at a Wednesday meeting of the Rotary Club of Clover Park at the Oakbrook Golf and Country Club dining room, please contact Edward Trobaugh, Finemaster, Clover Park Rotary Club, at 253-279-3461.

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.

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.

New Contact Information

We recently received word from Emerson Wonders' daughter, Wendy Iman, that "Em" has moved from the Weatherly Inn to the Tacoma Lutheran Home. Cards and letters to Em should be directed to Wendy at:

Emerson Wonders
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Culture Vulture News

Upcoming Culture Vulture Activities for 2007:

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. There is a limited number of seats, so call soon.

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

February 22: Pairings Fine Wine & Flowers. **Please note the change in location.** There will be wine and appetizers for \$10. We are asking everybody to buy a bottle of wine (Pairings will give us a 15% discount that evening on all wine bought) to donate to the auction. Please bring a business card to tape to the bottle to acknowledge your donation.

Pairings Fine Wine & Flowers,
2914 6th Avenue
Tacoma, WA

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

May 2, 2007 - Three night cruise sailing from Vancouver to Seattle aboard Holland America's ms OOSTERDAM. **You must now have a passport for travel to Canada.**

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

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Rotary Happenings - February 8, 2007

By: **Bev Holland**



President Pete rang the bell at 12:17. Next on the podium was **Bob Ecklund** to give the invocation. Bob read an enlightening quote which he attributed to a YMCA staff member, reminding us to "do good, anyway."

Jan Brazzell led the National Anthem, accompanied ably by **Steve Smith** and **Chris Kimball**. President Pete acknowledged Rotary anniversaries' longest tenure were **Bill Matthaei**, 29 years; **Jim Fry**, 24 years; and **Craig Taft**, 21 years.

President Pete welcomed **Brian King** and **Arvind Phukan**, who joined the club three weeks ago and **David Vance** who joined last week. **Kevin Glackin-Coley** introduced visiting Rotarians. Wow! Luau co-chair, **Brien Elvins** and committee member **Rusty Hersey** promoted the Auction on March 24 while handling the Roving Mics. While Rotarians introduced their guests, Brien announced that those who have completed auction procurement forms will get another chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to El Gaucho next Thursday.

Ann Farrell was introduced as the Rotarian of the Week. Now an independent business consultant, Ann joined Rotary as manager for the Hob Nob Restaurant. She's involved as co-chair of the Relationship Building Committee, which sponsors events such as Game Night and Thursday Socials. Great job, Ann!

President Pete announced that the New Prospect Reception went well on Wednesday. Twelve prospective members and a good number of Rotarians attended. Pete also asked us all to answer the Centennial Project surveys that will come in the mail or by email, this will help the Club decide on a signature event for the future.

Pamela Andersen was introduced by **Kathleen Olson**. Pamela is co-owner of Friendly Chevrolet in Puyallup. She is married to **Rick Andersen**, but she was introduced to Rotary even earlier, as a child. Her father was president of his Rotary club in Pittsburgh, Kansas. **John Morrison** will be Pamela's mentor.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we had a special musical program, jazz guitarist Ed Taylor of the Ed Taylor Group. Joined by **Chris Kimball** on the drums, Ed played "Time After Time" and "Till There Was You" followed by a Buddy Holly tune.

True Confessions brought quite a number of people to the microphone with professional and personal news.

Today's program was preceded by packages of Peanut Roca on every table, proving that Brown & Haley Company needs no introduction. **Bill Kaufmann** ably introduced our speaker, Pierson Clair, President & CEO of the Tacoma-based confectioner since 1997.

Pierson talked about his association with Rotary. Most recently, he was impressed with the number of business people who came by his booth at a national confectioners' show, wearing a Rotary pin. For the last four days of the show, he counted 120 pins.

Tacoma is unique, Pierson said, in that "giants walk among us." Household names like Bill Phillip, George Russell, the Weyerhaeusers, as well as Rotarians who are making huge strides, are everyday people in Tacoma.

Brown & Haley started in a small building in the place where the Tacoma Dome parking lot is now located. Henry Brown met Jonathan Haley at church, and they decided to go into business

together. The Mountain Bar, their first product, was introduced in 1918, and in 1923, Almond Roca made its debut. The rest, as they say, is history.

Pierson noted three things about B&H: (1) The brand is Roca, not *Almond Roca*. That's why we saw Peanut Roca on the tables, the newest rendition. (2) Brown & Haley "owns" pink. (3) B&H products have put the words "Tacoma, Washington" in more places around the world than anyone else.

After Pierson's talk, President Pete thanked him with a \$25 donation to the Tacoma Rotary Foundation. He wrapped up by reminding us to "have fun while we get things done!"

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



2/13 Joe Lawless

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Tacoma Goodwill
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2/15 Linn Larsen

"REAL ESTATE -
Commercial"
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GVA Kidder Mathews
Elected: 9/9/1982
Sponsor: Conrad Peterson
Birthplace: Goldendale, WA
Spouse/Partner: Barbara
Wyatt



2/14 Harry Pritchard

"Past Service"
Retired
Elected: 4/24/1986
Sponsor: Don Reddington
Birthplace: Wateseka, IL
Spouse/Partner: Liz Pritchard



2/17 Debbie Cato

"EDUCATION - Literacy"
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