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Methamphetamine abuse has been described by law enforcement officials across Washington state and the nation as one of the most costly, addictive and destructive drugs ever seen. Our state has one of the highest rates of meth abuse in the nation. In 2004 Washington had more meth labs than Texas, New York and Florida combined. The drug's impact on businesses, property owners, government and communities is staggering.

The problem of meth abuse is so serious in the Puget Sound area that the national nonprofit organization, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, has selected the King and Pierce County area as one of just four sites in the nation to provide "Meth360" presentations aimed at mobilizing our community to fight this problem and to prevent its spread.

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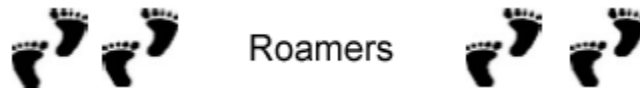

40, or 60 minute timeframes and are geared toward parents, businesses or general audiences. This week we will hear from Ira Stephens, a member of the Tacoma Police Department and Chris Johnson with the Attorney General office in Olympia.

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**This Week's Helpers**

Thanks so much to the people who will be helping at this week's meeting:  
 Invocator - **Ross Hjelseth**  
 Greeter - **Arvind Phukan**  
 Badge Board - **Jann Gay, Brian King**  
 Singer - **Victoria Woodard**  
 Piano - **Barbara Mead**  
 Drums - **Chris Kimball**  
 Birthdays - **Bill Kaufmann**  
 Fine Counters - **John H. West, Jack White**  
 Story Writer - **Beth Sylves**

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- Feb 07 **Bob Swanson**, Lakewood
- Feb 16 **Bob Krotz**, Gig Harbor
- Feb 20 **Doug Dillow**, Tacoma Narrows
- Feb 21 **David Curry**, Tacoma Sunrise
- Feb 24 **Connie Brown**, Tacoma South
- Feb 16 **David Flentge**, Tacoma North

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**PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA**

**AUCTION** We are closing in on our auction date - it's March 24th at the Dome - so I hope you are already committed to participate. You can do this through sponsorship, donation of items for the auction and attendance. Regarding the latter, this is going to be a big and fun auction, so bring some friends!

**NEXT WEEK I.** Another person of Rotary International presidential caliber is visiting us next week. This time it will be RI President-Elect Wilf Wilkinson. You spend a lot of time, effort and money supporting Rotary activities. Here's a great opportunity to see what direction the organization will be going during the 2007-08 year!



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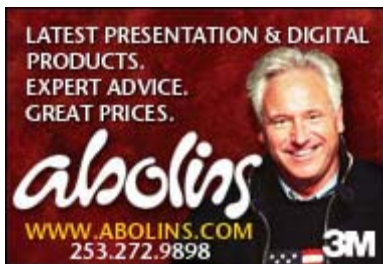
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**NEXT WEEK II.** As you know, Rotary has raised over \$600 million to eradicate polio worldwide. This is an incredible feat; thank you for your role in this. However, there are still four countries remaining with measurable polio incidence. Our district has committed to raise \$50,000 in March for the final push, now known as PolioPlus Partners. This will be matched by the Rotary Foundation. On March 15, as part of President-Elect Wilf's visit, we will be asking you to contribute the equivalent of one meal, \$13, to help finish this battle. If you are able to contribute \$50 or more, you will receive an equal number of recognition points toward your Paul Harris Fellowship. Whether you are able to attend next week or not, please stretch a little and help Rotary accomplish its goal - the creation of a world free from polio. You will probably not participate in a greater humanitarian effort in your lifetime!

See you Thursday.

President Pete

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### Club Anniversaries

**Ron Dire-Day:** 1 year on March 09

**Doug Long:** 13 years on March 10

**Fred Moisio:** 28 years on March 08

**Ann Voves:** 8 years on March 04

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### Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

#### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, March 15** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Wilf Wilkinson, President-Elect Rotary International

**THURSDAY, March 22** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Rick Allen, United Way of Pierce County

**THURSDAY, March 29** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Rotarian of the Year

#### Committee and Other Meetings

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

**TUESDAY, March 13** - Community Service Grants Committee Meeting, Elks Club - #174, 1965 South Union Avenue, 7:30am.

**TUESDAY, March 13** - Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45am.

**TUESDAY, March 13** - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 12 noon.

**TUESDAY, March 13** - Auction Committee Meeting, Brien Elvins' home, 2420 Union Avenue, 6:00pm.

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

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

**TUESDAY, March 20 - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE** - Internal Controls & Oversight Committee (ICOC) Meeting, Evergreen office, Noon.

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

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

**MONDAY, March 26** - Preserve Planet Earth Committee Meeting, Snake Lake Nature Center, 19th & Tyler, Noon.

**TUESDAY, March 27** - Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

**THURSDAY, March 29** - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

**If you have a committee meeting that you would like listed in the GearShift please e-mail Lori Hansen at [lhansen@rotary8.org](mailto:lhansen@rotary8.org).**

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### New Members This Week

There were no new members introduced at the March 1, 2007 meeting.

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### Special Announcements



#### Rotarian of the Week

Please join us this Thursday as we honor Rotarian of the Week, **Bobby Arkills**. Bobby is the Executive Director for Tacoma Youth for Christ. He joined Tacoma 8 in December, 2004. His classification is "Social Services," and his sponsor was Stacey Ogle.

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

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Pacific Therapy, PS (**Craig Taft**)

**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 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; **Chuck Laguna**, Ricoh Business Systems for printing our Auction catalog; **Warren Foster**, Graphic Services for printing of forms and flyers; Sawtooth Winery for an obvious donation of wine, Todd Pfeifle, Glistening Edge Productions - DeeJay, 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 donations!

**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 15 meeting through the end of our meeting on March 8 will be in the drawing. Bring in those procurement forms. You won't want to miss out.

#### **Pre-Auction Item**

We have some concert tickets that will be auctioned off at our meeting on March 22. **Scott Winship** has donated two front row seat tickets to the Pat Metheny - Brad Mehldau Concert for Saturday, March 31, 8:00pm, at the Paramount Theatre in Seattle.

#### **Missing Something?**

Several items have been left behind after Rotary meetings. These can be claimed at the "lost and found" table in the Landmark foyer.

#### **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.

#### **Mark Your Calendars**

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

4/21 Oak Tree Park Clean-up Day

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

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#### **Upcoming Culture Vulture Activities for 2007:**

**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 February**

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

[February 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.

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

**March 15:** This social will start at 'Pour at Four' in the Proctor District (3814 N 26th St, Tacoma 98407 - 253.761.8015 [www.pouratfour.com](http://www.pouratfour.com)). Following, those interested will walk over to the Blue Mouse Theater for a Sister Cities presentation of Cuban dining and a movie. Those interested in the dinner and movie are encouraged to buy tickets ahead of time as they often sell out. The movie is "Suite Havanna." The cost for dinner and the movie is \$15. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Northwest Shop during shop hours or at the Blue Mouse after 6 pm.

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

### **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.

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## **Rotary Happenings - March 1, 2007**

**By: Gina Breukelman**



**President Pete Taylor** rang the bell to start the meeting. **David Graybill**, President and CEO of the Tacoma/Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, gave the invocation. **John Spencer**, Spencer Law Firm, led the National Anthem, accompanied by **Jack Warnick**, Puget Sound Manufacturing, on piano; **Chris Kimball**, CK Financial, kept the beat on drums.

The following members were acknowledged for club anniversaries: **Jack Warnick**, 27 years; **Terry Conner**, 23 years; **Carroll Dickson**, 19 years; **Bob Krotz**, 18 years; **Ray Chalker**, 16 years; **Kevin Phelps**, 12 years; **Steve Pierce**, 7 years; **Barbara Hammerman**, 2 years and **Barb Van Haren**, 2 years. President Pete welcomed newer members **Andrea Petersen**, **Laura Runkle**, and **Lauren Walker**, who joined the club 2 weeks ago.

**C J Robinson**, Director of Community Impact and Advocacy at the United Way of Pierce County, introduced three visiting Rotarians: Pam Reeves, Sumner; Andy Ridding, Gig Harbor Middy; and Dave Sclair, Lakewood.

**Brien Elvins**, Tacoma Investment Group, and **Rusty Hersey**, Superior Linens, promoted the WOW! Luau on Roving Mics as

visitors were introduced. Auction procurement and ticket sales are going well - all Rotarians should turn in their procurement forms and RSVP's to the Rotary office!

President Pete honored the very deserving **Maureen Fife**, CEO of Habitat for Humanity, as Rotarian of the Week. Maureen is a member of Rotary 8's Board of Directors and sits on the Projects, Grants, and Auction Committees. When asked "Why Rotary 8?," Maureen commented that she joined because of the quality of membership: "when you need something done, Rotarians can make it happen."

Auction co-chair **Brien Elvins** returned to the mic to further pester Rotarians into filling out auction procurement forms. Each Rotarian submitting a completed procurement form was enticed with the possibility of winning a \$100 Gaucho's gift card in a drawing to be held next week. Brien also reminded members that it was the last day to buy tickets at the reduced \$80 price. New Blue Badger, **David Gardner**, Air Systems Engineering, announced that 25 Pandakas have signed up to help at the auction. David asked for more volunteers to assist with event set-up on March 23 and 24.

**Josh Waltier**, Apple Physical Therapy, announced the Blood Drive to be held March 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the Landmark. There will be a blood drive sign up next week in the lobby. Josh lured Rotarians to donate with the promise of 1 attendance credit for 1 pint of donated blood.

**Dane Meyer**, DG Studio, announced an upcoming social. On March 15 the social will be held at Pour at Four in the Proctor District, followed by an opportunity to feast on Cuban food and watch a Cuban film at the Sister Cities Film Festival at the Blue Mouse Theatre. Tickets for the film festival are \$15 and can be purchased in advance at the Pacific Northwest Shop or the Blue Mouse.

**Tish Andresen**, Hamilton Global Management, bunny hopped to the stage accompanied by **Jack Warnick** on the piano. While the bunny hop is a fast dance, Tish encouraged this week's birthday celebrants to slow dance and not race through life. As the birthday honorees slowly danced up to the stage, Tish read a poem entitled "Slow Dance" with the following message:

"You'd better slow down - Don't dance so fast - Time is short - The music won't last." Tish asked the Birthday Rotarians how they were going to slow down over the next year. **Cap Pearson**, City of Tacoma, said that he's going slow already and it seems to take him forever to get anything done. **Dave Thomas**, Venture Bank, said he would do "less work, more skiing." **Sharon Babcock**, ARK Institute of Learning, said that exploring where we live helps her slow down and that she will spend more time at the rainforests on the Olympic Peninsula. Birthday celebrants **Warren Barde**, Randy's Loan Inc., **Andy Laycock**, MC Delivery, and **Arvind Phukan**, Phukan Inc. were absent and did not receive Tish's birthday gift of glow-in-the-dark Peeps.

During True Confessions, Rotarians shared the following noteworthy items:

**-Jim Fry** watched surfers filmed on the big surf during a vacation in Hawaii.

**-Kathleen Olson** accepted the position of Executive Director at the Humane Society of Tacoma-Pierce County. President Pete played a tape of Kathleen's zoo colleagues ROARING goodbye and her new Humane Society colleagues BARKING hello.

**-Chuck Hellar** was gone for five weeks traveling to New York, New Zealand, and Australia.

**-Bill Kaufmann** announced that Rotarians could bid on clothes designed and worn on the America's Next Top Model show on the auction site at [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org).

-**Jennifer Durham's** last day at Lucks Food Decorating will be March 30. She will be taking time off to figure out what she wants to be when she grows up.

-**Mary Lynn Pannen** announced that the annual RAGS sale to benefit the YWCA will be held March 9-11 at the Mercedes-Benz dealership in Fife.

-**Rose Johnson** made an announcement on behalf of **Kathy Martin** that she has a condo in Whistler available March 16-23.

-**Steve Smith** and **Victoria Woodards** announced the successful kick off event for the Tacoma Civil Rights Project that was held Feb. 28 at the Washington State History Museum. Steve recognized **Jack Warnick** as one of several Rotarians who helped move the community forward for Civil Rights.

-**Ray Schuler** announced a successful wine tasting party and encouraged anyone who is physically able to give blood March 15 to do so.

-**Josh Waltier** had a great ski trip to B.C. and will be spending his weekend at the Tacoma Dome waiting for kids participating in the state basketball tournament to get hurt.

-**Doug Dillow** reported that the annual Boy Scout breakfast was a success, with a 39% increase in contributions.

-**Michelle Roberts** announced that LeMay Shredding had a successful shredding weekend and will have another April 28.

-**Robert Ecklund** publicized that some local restaurants are offering a 10% discount on healthy menu options to fight obesity and promote healthy eating.

-**Maureen Fife**, Rotarian of the Week.

-**Linn Larsen** announced that the birthday party for Linn's wife at the Habitat warehouse was a huge success.

**Bill Rogers**, President of Evergreen Staffing, introduced **David Flentge** for the quarterly vocational talk. David is the CEO of Community Health Care, which is comprised of 9 medical facilities and 3 dental facilities and employs 30 medical and 14 dental providers in the community. The organization also provides pharmaceutical services for patients. David bragged that Community Health Care has the best doctors in town, providing high-quality services to low-income members of the community. Community Health Care started in 1969 and became a private nonprofit in 1987. David has been the CEO for the past 12 years. Community Health Care helps the equivalent of one out of every twenty-five Pierce County residents, serving 35,000 patients in more than 139,000 visits in 2006. David reported that over 100,000 people in Pierce County do not have medical insurance and 300,000 do not have dental insurance, making the services of Community Health Care essential in the community.

David stated that, as CEO, his role at Community Health Care consists of: supporting the 21-member Board of Directors, leading the 9-member management team, keeping the organization's mission alive internally and externally, ensuring the agency's fiscal stability and growth, focusing on quality of care, representing the agency as a liaison with elected officials, and fundraising. David offered to take any interested Rotarians on a tour of a clinic operated by Community Health Care to see the agency's work firsthand.

**Bill Rogers** then introduced **Steve Kovach**, Merchandising Manager of Griot's Garage, for the second half of the quarterly vocational talk. Steve discussed that marketing is the oldest profession, and in essence is the act of identifying the product and delivering it to customers. Steve started his career with a focus in graphic design, which moved into marketing and product management.

Steve said that his love affair with automobiles began as a child when he and his brother would restore Willy's Jeeps with their

father. Steve did a lot of international work before joining the staff at Griot's Garage, which he says is the perfect job: "I get paid to wash my car."

As Merchandising Manager at Griot's, Steve researches new products, determines how to develop and market products, publishes handbooks on car care, and does creative messaging and brand management.

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## Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**3/4 Jacob Hall**  
"FINANCE/BANKING -  
Mortgage"  
Loan Officer  
Sumner Home Mortgage  
Elected: 3/23/2006  
Sponsor: Chris Kimball  
Birthplace: Pasadena, CA



**3/10 Roger Lee**  
"PHYSICIANS - Gynecologic  
Oncology"  
M.D.; Director  
SW Wash. Gynecologic  
Oncology  
Elected: 12/8/1988  
Sponsor: Howard Wong  
Birthplace: Oakland, CA



**3/5 George  
Lackermayer**  
"INDUSTRIAL - Tool & Die  
Design Manufacturing"  
Elected: 9/10/1970  
Sponsor: William Gregory  
Birthplace: Vienna, Austria  
Spouse/Partner: Lisa  
Lackermayer



**3/10 Tracy Peacock**  
"ASSOC: SOC SVC -  
American Cancer Society"  
Executive Director  
American Cancer Society  
Elected: 12/11/2005  
Sponsor: Layne Alfonso  
Birthplace: Olympia, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Douglas  
Peacock



**3/7 Jan Schwenger**  
"EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
- Facility Staffing Services"  
Owner  
Express Personnel Services  
Elected: 5/23/1996  
Sponsor: Ron Moore  
Birthplace: Riverside, CA

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