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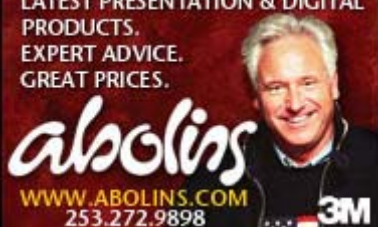
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Colonel Paul D. Gruver is the Commander of the Western Air Defense Sector (Air Combat Command) at McChord Air Force Base. As Commander, he is responsible for peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense of the western three quarters of the Continental United States. Col Gruver assumed command of the Sector in 2006 after serving as Vice Commander of WADS since 2005.

Prior to his duties at WADS, Col Gruver was the Maintenance Group Commander of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard in Fresno, California. He commanded all aircraft and component maintenance operations and was responsible for maintaining the combat-ready status of the Maintenance Group.

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Col Gruver was born in San Jose, California and graduated from Sammamish High School in Bellevue in 1975. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of Washington, and later received his accreditation as a Certified Public Accountant. He completed a Masters of Business Administration degree at Sul Ross State University.

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### This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Ross Hjelseth**

Greeter - **Mary McNally**

Badge Board - **Jennifer Gilbert** and **AJ Gordon**

Singer - **Barry Benson**

Piano - **Barbara Mead**

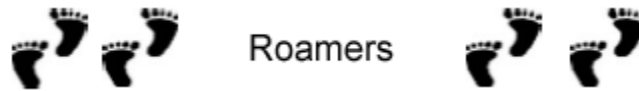
Birthdays - **Pat Steel**

Fine Counters - **Bob Bruback** and **Don Zemek**

Story Writer - **Chris Quinn-Brintnall**

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Sept 4 - **David Flentge** - Unknown

Sept 4 - **Gerald Moczynski** - Sumner

Sept 5 - **Gerald Moczynski** - Clover Park

Sept 5 - **Lee Gingrich** - Clover Park

Sept 6 - **John Donovan** - Columbia Valley Daybreak

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### Club Anniversaries

**David Curry**: 2 years on September 15

**George Lackermayer**: 37 years on September 10

**Linn Larsen**: 25 years on September 9

**Dane Meyer**: 14 years on September 15

**Terry Taylor**: 2 years on September 15

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### Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

#### Next Three Meetings

**THURSDAY, September 20** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Tacoma  
8 Member **Linda Tieman**, Executive Director, WA Center for Nursing: "Who Will Care for You?"

**THURSDAY, September 27** - Landmark Temple Theatre,



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Chuck Valley - "Why Marriott Was Built Downtown."  
**THURSDAY, October 4** - Landmark Temple Theatre, Governor  
 Christine Gregoire.

**Committee and Other Meetings**

**TUESDAY, Sept 11** - World Community Service Committee Meeting, Dr. Klein's condo at 404 North D Street, 7:30am.  
**TUESDAY, Sept 11** - Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45am.  
**TUESDAY, Sept 11** - Program Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 12 noon.  
**THURSDAY, Sept 13** - Communication Committee Meeting. Landmark, 11:00am.  
**THURSDAY, Sept 13** - Information Meeting, Rotary Office. 3:30pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

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**



**Tony Camoroda**

Tony was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Pete Taylor** on September 6, 2007. He is a Regional Sales Manager for Dayton Superior. His classification is "BUILDING MATERIALS - Sales." Welcome to the club, Tony!



**Jon Flora**

Jon was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Pete Taylor** on September 6, 2007. He is President of the Franciscan Foundation. His classification is "HEALTH SERVICES □ Foundation Development." Welcome to the club, Jon!



**Brian Forth**

Brian was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Emily Reiter** on September 6, 2007. He is President/Owner of Sitecrafting. His classification is "BUSINESS SERVICES □ Web Design." Welcome to the club, Brian!

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**Special Announcements**

**Attention All Pandakas**

Our next Pandaka graduation is scheduled for September 20. If you have been a member of our club for at least 90 days and have completed your Pandaka requirements, please let **David Gardner** (253-377-8588, e-mail: [davidg@asei.ws](mailto:davidg@asei.ws)) know you are ready to become a Blue Badge. If you need another Pandaka checklist, contact the Rotary office.

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**Keep your Rotary membership in good standing!**

All annual dues for 2007-2008 were to have been paid by July 31, and unfortunately several are past due. This puts us in a bit of a predicament, as the Club has paid both Rotary International and District dues for all our members. According to our policies, if 2007-2008 dues are not paid by the end of September, members in arrears are subject to suspension.

There is also a backlog of unpaid charges for GalleySide and offsite meetings. Remember the rule: if you sign up to attend GalleySide and/or an offsite meeting, you are still obligated to pay even if you were a no-show.

Past due invoices have been mailed. Please help us avoid unnecessary charges for supplies, postage and labor by paying your account balances immediately. Thank you!

**A Fun Excursion to Portland**

Once again we are considering a trip to Portland. The dates would be November 2, 3, and 4. We will take Amtrak from Tacoma to Portland on Friday afternoon, grab a bite to eat and then take the trolley to Portland Improv (we'll ask them to save us front row seats again). Saturday will give us time to visit the Portland Art Museum, shop and have dinner at a nice restaurant before attending *The Underpants* (adapted by Steve Martin) at the Portland Center Stage. Sunday will find us sleeping in and then lunching before going to the World Trade Center for Coco Bliss and her one-person performance of skits and songs in *Chocolate Confessions*. Afterwards actress Joan Freed (Coco Bliss) and her husband will join us for dessert at The Heathman before we move on to Powell's Book Store. We will Amtrak back to Tacoma on Sunday evening.

**Details:**

We will look for hotel booking via The Portland Big Deal (starts in mid-September) for hotel rooms, which usually offers \$20 off per night, a continental breakfast for two, wine tasting in the evening and free overnight parking. FYI: I don't think we've ever had time for the free wine tasting. The Improv has accommodated us twice before by holding our seats allowing us to waltz in just before curtain time for our front row seats. They should be able to do this again.

Peg and I saw *The Underpants* at A.C.T. in Seattle and it was hilarious. In this side-splitting reinvention of a turn-of-the-century German sex comedy (if you can imagine a German sex comedy), the incomparable Steve Martin (yes, that Steve Martin) focuses his zany eye on the relationship between a prudish butcher and his delectably voluptuous young wife, Louise. Set in 1910, when a glimpse of stocking was something shocking, two very different men face cardiac arrest when they are witness to the full descent of the luscious Louise's lingerie during an outdoor celebration. Louise becomes something of an instant celebrity and a magnet for romantic intrigue in this hilarious, frothy, naughty comedy.

At the Art Museum there will be two exhibits. In presenting some 60 drawings, prints, and artist books, mainly from the Museum's collection, *Graphic Force*, *Humanist Vision* reveals the immediacy and poignancy of Leonard Baskin's artistic legacy: the common consciousness of humankind. Highlighting the creative collaboration between the artist and master printers, *Chuck Close Prints* demonstrates the ways in which the artist has challenged the accepted boundaries of the printmaking tradition.

In *Chocolate Confessions* we'll be welcomed to the chocolate shop

of Coco Bliss, where a mixed assortment of hilarious customers share their deep, dark secrets. In this one-woman musical comedy, you'll meet over a dozen unique characters and hear amusing anecdotes about chocolate, like how M&M candies came to be, the surprising origins of the chocolate chip cookie and a courtroom drama of chocolate on trial for its sins. *Chocolate Confessions* has appeared in 25 cities across the country with rave reviews.

Please, let me know your interest (759-6639 or [trainingmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:trainingmedia@yahoo.com)), so I can get you on the short list. We're going to have a wonderful time.

*Don Doman*

### **Win Two Weeks in Tahiti!!!**

About the only way to spend two weeks at Bob Hammar's Tahitian home, Fare Hamara ([www.farehamara.com](http://www.farehamara.com)), is to win it in the Woodstick Raffle. Bob has graciously donated his home as the top prize. His home will accommodate two couples easily and up to eight people for a family with young children. The prize also includes \$2000 for airfare. The value of this prize is over \$5000.

Of course, there are other fantastic prizes as well. Tickets are \$20 each and proceeds go to Rotarians for Hearing Regeneration. The estimate of sold raffle tickets is about 3000, so your odds are really, really, really good for winning. The drawing will be held at Woodstick which is scheduled for October 27 at the ShowPlex in Puyallup. For more information visit [www.woodstick2007.com](http://www.woodstick2007.com).

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### **Upcoming Relationship Building Socials**

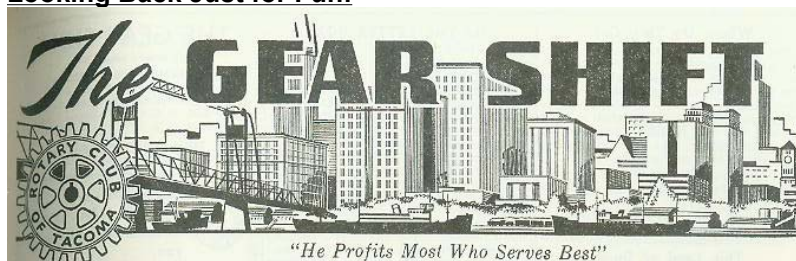
The Relationship Building Committee invites all members of Tacoma 8 to join them on Thursday evenings at 5 pm in Tacoma unless otherwise noted. These socials are a great way to meet some new Rotarians or catch up with old friends. Pandakas, these meetings will fulfill your "social" requirement prior to graduation and, for all members, it's a fun way to earn attendance credits.

Sept 13 - **Andy Laycock's Beach Home** - 9002 Warren Drive NW, Gig Harbor 98335 - 5:00pm. Beer, wine, soda and snacks will be provided with a \$5 donation (each). Looks like it will be sunny! Call Andy with any other questions. 253-380-8885.

Sept 20 - **Fircrest Golf Club** - 1500 Regents Blvd, Fircrest 98466 - (253)564-6756 (no jeans allowed).

Sept 27 - **Two Koi Japanese Cuisine** - 1552 Jefferson Avenue, Tacoma, (253)274-8999.

## Looking Back Just for Fun!



Here are a few articles that appeared in the September 13, 1956 *GearShift*:

<p><b>Program</b></p> <p><b>The Civic Affairs Committee</b></p> <p>Bill Riefflin, Chairman</p> <p>PRESENTS</p> <p><b>"Tacoma's Toughest Task"</b></p>	<p><b>LITTLE THINGS</b></p> <p>Isn't it amazing how a little drop of oil Makes the wheel run smoother, and lessens sweat and toil? Isn't it amazing how a little drop of rain Lifts the drooping flower, so it will bloom again? Isn't it amazing how a kindly word of praise Cheers the heavy laden and helps the burden raise? —Portland Spokes</p> <p>Hurting another's reputation won't im- prove your own.</p>
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## Rotary Happenings - September 6, 2007

By: Gina Breukelman



**President Steve Smith** rang the bell to start the meeting. **David Graybill**, Tacoma/Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, gave the invocation. **Don Hansen**, Cascade Park Vista, led the National Anthem with GUSTO, accompanied by President Steve Smith, UWT, on piano.

The following members were acknowledged for club anniversaries: **Marion Sharp**, 1 year; **Gary Mustain**, 9 years; **Past President Nita Sell**, 11 years, **Neel Parikh**, 12 years; and **Joe Gordon, Jr.**, 38 years. President Steve welcomed newer members **Elliot Stockstad**, and **Doug Rohner**.

**Chiara Wood**, Turning Point, introduced three visiting Rotarians; two from Gloucester, England and one from Anchorage, Alaska.

Immediate Past President **Pete Taylor**, Taylor Voice & Proofreading Works, introduced two new members. **Tony Camoroda**, Dayton Superior, is a Past President of his former Rotary club in California. Tony works in concrete accessories and enjoys golf, racquetball, biking, and fishing. **Jon Flora**, Franciscan Foundation, is a former member of the Seattle Rotary Club and has replaced former Rotary 8 member **Bob Krotz** as President of Franciscan Foundation. Jon enjoys boating, swimming, art, and music.

**Emily Reiter**, *Business Examiner*, introduced a third new member: **Brian Forth**. Brian is a past Tacoma 8 member and is the President/Owner of Sitecrafting, a web application and design firm. Brian spends his free time fly fishing, brewing beer, and supporting local nonprofits.

**Becky Fontaine**, Pierce County Reading Foundation, and **Linda Kaye Briggs**, MultiCare, promoted Tacoma 8's literacy efforts on Roving Mics as visitors were introduced. Becky and Linda

promoted volunteer opportunities with Werlin Reading Program and invited Rotarians to attend the annual Werlin Reading Program luncheon on September 25.

President Steve made various announcements:

-He thanked members for patience with technical difficulties of the week's *GearShift*.

-**Peter Cole** and his wife Jesalyn had a baby girl September 1 named Piper Hannah.

-Former member **Gene Lough** passed away.

-Membership dues were due July 31 - pay up Rotarians!

-He thanked members who donated school supplies for the back to school project. Recognized **LaTasha Wortham**, Office of Congressman Norm Dicks, who oversaw this program, purchased school supplies with Rotary donations, and delivered supplies to local schools.

**Bryan Flint**, Tahoma Audubon Society, promoted the upcoming Fall Firesides, which will be held Tuesday, October 2, at 6:30.

Bryan asked members to sign up to host, co-host, or attend a Fall Fireside.

**David Gardner**, Air Systems Engineering, announced that the next Pandaka Graduation will be September 20. The following red badgers will join the ranks of seasoned Rotarians: **Brynn Blanchard, Robin Echtle, Steve Rhea, David Fischer, Chiara Wood, Arvind Phukan, Christina Ford, David Vance, Zach Hill, Chuck Laguna, Dan Pass, Pam Brewer, Pam Andersen, Marion Sharp, and Jennifer Gilbert.**

**Dr. Jim Shoemake**, retired Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools, made a paid announcement regarding the 8th annual Bank to Bay event, which would be held Sunday, September 9. Money raised will support the Help A Student Fund, which provides school supplies and clothing to low-income students.

**Jan Brazzell**, Advancement Consulting, provided Labor Day related facts and asked birthday celebrants to discuss the toughest job they ever had. **John Schneider**, Smith Barney, said being a father is the toughest unpaid job he's ever had and that his most difficult paid gig was working for a concrete company in college.

**Andy Wood**, Tacoma Philharmonic, acted out his teenage job waterproofing concrete in the St. Louis summer heat. **Mel Zanjani**, Tacoma Community College, did "a lot of hustling" as a bartender while in graduate school.

Many Rotarians made True Confessions, including the following noteworthy items:

-**Harry Pritchard** and his wife celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

-**Mark Anderson** and his wife attended the Stevie Wonder concert with **Emily Reiter** and her fiance, Ryan West.

-**Terry Taylor** traveled for three weeks.

-**George Howe** vacationed in Lake Powell for 2 weeks and climbed Angel's Landing at Zion National Park.

-**David Gardner** reported that two songs he wrote were selected for documentary films.

-**Rusty George, Kathleen Olson, and Sharon Babcock** spent last week in the wilderness for the American Leadership Foundation.

-**Ray Schuler** won bragging rights as the tournament champion at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club.

**David Flentge**, Community Health Care, introduced guest speaker Dr. Enrique Leon, lead provider at the Eastside Community Health Care Clinic. Dr. Leon went on a sabbatical to his home country of Peru last year and coordinates the provision of container ships of medical supplies to the country. Three weeks ago, Peru experienced an 8.0 earthquake, which left many citizens dead, injured, and/or homeless. The earthquake also left the country's fishing and agriculture industries temporarily destroyed. Dr. Leon stated that the majority of Peruvian residents lack health insurance or are on state health insurance. Health problems faced

by the country include high prevalence of TB and high infant mortality rates. The country also lacks sanitation and clean water.

Dr. Leon taught medicine, saw patients, and learned from Peruvian medical professionals during his two-month sabbatical. He taught obstetrical emergency care and infant emergency resuscitation in rural areas and also served clients in the inner cities. Dr. Leon stated that the country has trained physicians and nurses, but needs medical equipment and tools to properly treat patients. Dr. Leon has a goal to send 2-3 containers of medical equipment and supplies to Peru in 2007. Supplies include medicine, hospital beds, wheelchairs, needles, bandages, computers, tools, and other medical equipment. Dr Leon hopes to receive financial support to cover shipping costs and stated that \$200 in aid could be provided for every \$1 donated to the project. Donations can be directed to Community Health Care.

Before adjourning the meeting, President Steve announced that next week's speaker will be Colonel Paul Gruver, Commander of the Air Force Defense Sector. President Steve adjourned the meeting and reminded Rotarians to "Live the Passion"

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## Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**9/9 - Joe Loescher**  
"ATTORNEY - Litigation"  
Attorney  
Smith Alling Lane  
Elected: 5/27/2004  
Sponsor: John Spencer  
Birthplace: San Diego, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Evelina  
Tainer Loescher



**9/13 - Julio Quan**  
"ASSNS: SOC SVCS -  
Centro Latino"  
Executive Director  
Centro Latino  
Elected: 1/26/2006  
Sponsor: Connie Brown  
Birthplace: Guatemala  
Spouse/Partner: Maralise  
Hood



**9/12 - Gina  
Breukelman**  
"ASSNS: SOC SVCS -  
Emergency Food Network"  
Development Director  
Emergency Food Network  
Elected: 4/6/2006  
Sponsor: Maureen Fife  
Birthplace: Huron, SD  
Spouse/Partner: Frank  
Rottell



**9/14 - Kevin Glackin-  
Coley**  
"ASSNS SOC SVCS - Food  
Connection"  
Director  
St. Leo Food Connection  
Elected: 11/2/2006  
Sponsor: Kelley Gregory  
Birthplace: New York City  
Spouse/Partner: Tara  
Glackin-Coley



**09/12 - Solveig  
Larsen**  
"Exchange Student -  
Norway"  
Host Family: Allan Guitar  
Birthplace: Kristiansand,  
Norway



**9/15 - Steve Bader**  
"HEALTH SERVICES -  
Radiological Clinic"  
Chief Operating Officer  
Tacoma Radiation Oncology  
Center  
Elected: 5/17/1984  
Sponsor: Howard Wong  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Judy Bader



**9/13 - Kirk Hull**  
"PRINTING & PUBLISHING -  
Lithography"  
Elected: 1/14/1960  
Sponsor: W.Y. (Tony) Hull  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Nancy Hull



**9/15 - John Hall**  
"FINANCE/BANKING -  
Community Bank"  
President/CEO  
Rainier Pacific Bank  
Elected: 3/14/1996  
Sponsor: Steve Bader  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Sue Hall



**9/13 - Randy  
Melquist**

"INSURANCE - Life"  
Chartered Life Underwriter  
Mass Mutual Financial Group  
Elected: 2/9/1995  
Sponsor: Don Doman  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Andi  
Melquist



**9/15 - Chad Krilich**

"PHYSICIANS - Family  
Practice"  
Physician  
Community Health Care  
Elected: 10/26/2006  
Sponsor: David Flentge  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Julie Krilich

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