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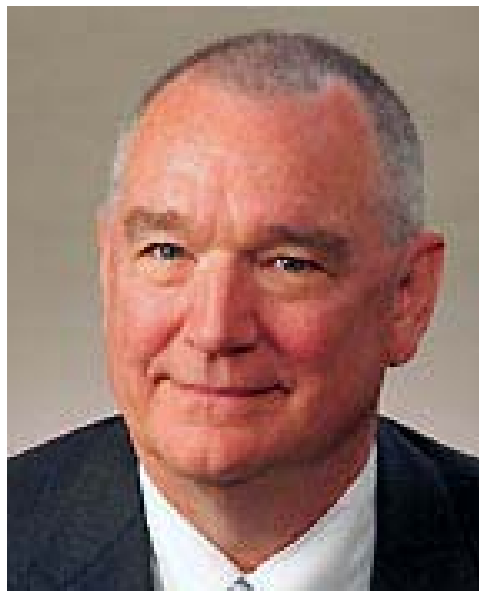
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TACOMA 2006-2008...AND BEYOND

Eric Anderson last addressed our club on January 26, 2006, six months after he assumed the position of Tacoma City Manager. At the time, he had a steep case of laryngitis, but valiant trooper that he is, he honored his commitment and proceeded to share his thoughts on where Tacoma was and where it was going.

Eric was born in New Orleans and raised in upper New York state. He has BA, MPA and MA degrees from various institutions and was a National Endowment to the Humanities Fellow at Princeton. Prior to his arrival in Tacoma, he served as City Manager in Des Moines, IA, Evanston, IL and Eau Claire, WI. He has also served as a consultant for local governments in Estonia, Lithuania and

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Eric has roots in Tacoma and is happy to be back in the Pacific Northwest. He and Linda, his wife of nearly 40 years, live in Tacoma. When he's not managing the city, he enjoys hiking and reading.

Last week, we forwarded a copy of **Dane Meyer's** writeup of his 2006 presentation to Eric to use as a reference. He will address those issues along with the new ones which have developed during the past two years and will also share his vision of where we are going. Tacomans have responded well to his leadership, so please join us this week for a "state of the city" report from our speaker, and our newest club member, Eric Anderson.

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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **Pat Steel**
Greeter - **Steve O'Brien**
Badge Board - **Maro Imirzian** and **Steve Jewell**
Singer - **Barry Benson**
Piano - **Barbara Mead**
Birthdays - **Chuck Laguna**
Fine Counters - **Bob Bruback** and **Roger Lilley**
Story Writer - **Doug Danstrom**

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Roamers



Unknown - **Gina Breukelman** - Tacoma South
Jan 8 - **Bill Matthaei** - Unknown
Jan 9 - **Lee Gingrich** Palm Desert - Palms to Pines
Jan 9 - **Steve Rhea** - Seattle
Jan 15 - **Fred Moisio** Fife/Milton

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Club Anniversaries

Jeff Albers: 9 years on January 21
Jack Dauer: 6 years on January 24
Kara Duffy: 3 years on January 20
Bob Ecklund: 3 years on January 20
Brian Haynes: 3 years on January 20
George Howe: 22 years on January 23
John Kloes: 30 years on January 26
Merritt Nelson: 54 years on January 21
Stacey Ogle: 18 years on January 25



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Mary Lynn Pannen: 13 years on January 26
Julio Quan: 2 years on January 26
Jan Rogers: 14 years on January 20
Mike Stewart: 3 years on January 20
Brett Thomas: 3 years on January 20
Mel Zanjani: 3 years on January 20

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, January 31 - Landmark Temple Theatre, **David Fischer**, Performing Arts in Tacoma.

THURSDAY, February 7 - Landmark Temple Theatre, **Colleen Barta/Tim Strege**, William Factory Business Incubator.

THURSDAY, February 14 - Landmark Temple Theatre, **Nancy Johnson**, Metro Parks Bond Issues.

Committee and Other Meetings

WEDNESDAY, January 22 - Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting, Farrelli's - 6th and Union, 5:00pm.

FRIDAY, January 25 - 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

There were no new members introduced at the January 17, 2008 meeting.

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Special Announcements

With Sympathy...

Sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to **Dawn Lucien** and family in the recent loss of her husband.

Attention all Committee Chairs!

Please be sure that all attendance has been turned in for 2007 so we can get our records updated for calendar year end and give attendance credit to members who have attended the committee meetings.

Still Collecting Toiletries!

A big THANK YOU to the members who have brought toiletries for Tacoma Family Medicine and Family Housing. We will continue collecting toiletries at every meeting. Just drop them into the

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Please let the Rotary office know...

If you become aware of an illness or surgery of a fellow Rotarian or a passing in a Rotarian's family, or if you have had a birth or adoption take place in your family, please call (253 473 7723) or email (info@rotary8.org) the Rotary office so that appropriate acknowledgments may be made.

"And the Winner is..."

It's that time again, fellow Tacoma 8 Rotary members! Yes, it's time to start preparing for this year's auction, our single biggest fundraising event of the year!

The next meeting will be February 12 at 6pm at Brien Elvins' home, 2420 Union Avenue. Dinner and drinks will be served and all we ask is that everybody chip in \$5 - what a deal! It's a great time of fellowship and then we spend some time to get this "production rolling." (Plus all you Pandakas will meet some requirements and meet some great friends in the process.)

The 2008 Auction theme will be that of an "Awards Show" (i.e., Academy, Emmy's, Tony's, etc.). The title is "And the Winner is..." People can come as their favorite star, in black tie, or better yet, their favorite star in black tie. We want this to be a FUN, CLASSY and FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL event; the auction that is the buzz around town to generate even more interest for the following year. Who knows, instead of "Oscars" maybe we will give away "Steves"!!!

We need your help! There are many facets to the auction: sponsorship, procurement, table sales, decor, publicity and marketing, logistics, etc. Some of you may roll up your sleeves and get really involved in the actual putting it together, some of you may roll up your sleeves and write a big fat check (LOL) and others might procure many fabulous items. There is something for everyone and it takes us all to make it a smashing success!

SAVE THIS **NEW** DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE ACTUAL AUCTION: SATURDAY, APRIL 26, AT THE TACOMA SHERATON.

Thanks a million for all of your help!

Carolyn McDougal, Chair 2008 Auction Committee

Auction Procurement Forms

Auction procurement forms will be available on the tables at every Thursday Rotary meeting. You can also download a copy from our website. Bring the completed forms to the weekly meetings or fax to the Rotary office at 253-473-7838. If you mail your form back to the office, please be sure to use our PO Box.

Blood Drive

Once again our Tacoma 8 Project Committee is teaming up with Cascade Regional Blood Services to do a blood drive. The Cascade mobile clinic will be at the Landmark at our meeting on February 21, 2008 from 11:00 to 2:00. Please mark your calendars and plan to donate. For more information contact **Dean Hanks**, 253-229-5487.

Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee

The Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee has set a new goal for 2007-2008, after the club's achievement of reaching the one million dollar mark prior to the end of the 2006-2007 year. Our new goal is member participation. You will be hearing from this committee and seeing us in the lobby each quarter to encourage you to sign up for regular donations to the Foundation. Making regular quarterly donations is the easiest way to contribute to the Foundation, earn your Arthur Wickens Fellowship and help us give more money back



to the club for local community service. Please consider a regular gift to the Foundation. Just \$25 per quarter will fulfill the recommended, annual \$100 donation.

Need to Make Up a Meeting?

Do you know that it's possible to earn a make-up on-line?

Make-up at your convenience, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Spending 30 minutes on the make-up website constitutes an On-Line Rotary Meeting.

It is a mandatory requirement that your visit duration must be 30 minutes or more. The Programs section provides a wide range of subject matter for your interest.

Visit www.rotaryclubone.org and find out how. You will need to know we are in District 5020 in order to submit the test

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.

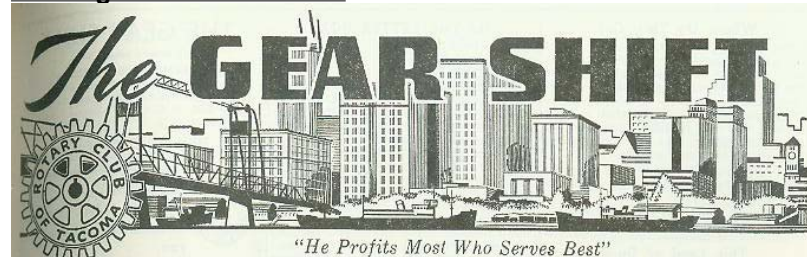
January 24 - The Crown (the old Gary's Steak Out) 2705 6th Avenue, Tacoma

January 31 - Two Koi - 1552 Jefferson Avenue, Tacoma

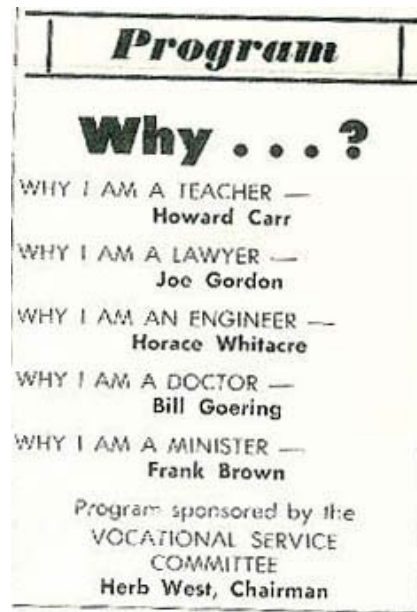
February 7 - "Gin Rummy Tournament" at The Tacoma Club, Wells Fargo Plaza, 1201 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma

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Looking Back Just for Fun!



Here is the front story as it appeared in the January 24, 1957 GearShift:



Thank You Letters to Tacoma 8

Members of Tacoma 8 Rotary,
Thank you so much for your support towards our program and students. The wreath and swag sales will help our students and their families this holiday season and throughout the year.
Much Appreciated,
Park Avenue Center Staff

Thank you so much for supporting Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity's Youth Initiative program. With your generous grant we are currently establishing Campus Chapters at Foss High School and Tacoma Baptist High School. There is student interest to start a chapter at Mt. Tahoma High School as well. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Thanks,
Jennifer Aszklar (Cassandra & Jarles)

On behalf of the Toy Rescue Mission (TRM), I would like to thank you for the donation of \$3200. Your contribution is a wonderful and needed gift and we greatly appreciate your support...Your contribution to our program(s) enables us to expand our outreach and we appreciate your partnering with us in our endeavors to make a positive impact on those around us.

Linda Goelman
Administrative Assistant
Toy Rescue Mission

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Rotary Happenings - January 17, 2008

By: Beth Sylves



Ahoy, mates! The Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 was called to order, presided by **Past President, Nita Sell**, standing in for an under-the-weather **President Steve Smith** (get well soon!). Our invocation was given by President/CEO of YMCA of Tacoma/Pierce County, **Bob Ecklund**, who reminded us to "do good things" in our work and our lives. **Victoria Woodards**, Pierce County Council Assistant and MetroParks Commissioner, led us in our weekly ritual of paying tribute to our country, accompanied by **Jack Warnick**, Past Service - Wood Products, on piano.

Past-Prez Nita recognized a handful of club anniversaries, from 1 year to 54 (**Buck Thompson!**) as well as welcoming back some wet-behind-the ears members who have joined within the last few weeks. **Amelia Benitez**, VP from Sterling Savings Bank introduced some visiting Rotarians from Tacoma North, Narrows and Sumner, on hand to hear more about this summer's excitement, I'm sure.

Roving Mics were manned by **Bill Kaufmann** and **Terry Taylor** who introduced us not only to guests of Rotarians but also the topic for the day - Tall Ships Tacoma, 2008. Much like in 2005, our club will be involved in the signature event that Tacoma will host this summer. Our involvement will encompass many areas and include lots of exciting opportunities for our members. The first step is to register with Tall Ships (www.tallshipstacoma.com) as a volunteer - and note on your application that you are a member of Tacoma 8 Rotary. The event is July 3-7. If you can only volunteer for a day or two, choose July 5-6, as the volunteer coordinator will attempt to group Rotarians somewhat together in their volunteer duties.

Past-Prez Nita made some announcements (most of which are most likely included in this issue of the *GearShift*) and then

introduced **Carolyn McDougal**, this year's Auction chairwoman. Carolyn unveiled this year's theme ("And the Winner Is...") and art - thank you to **Rusty George** Creative! You can visit our website for more information about the April 26th event, as well as find your procurement form and Carolyn's email address to join in the auction-planning fun!! Next on the agenda was a paid announcement from our chapter of the American Red Cross, inviting us to attend the "Real Heroes Breakfast" on January 25.

Past President Don Doman, owner PNW Video Productions recognized birthdays of Rotarians by asking each celebrant to tell of their greatest adventure. We learned of African safaris, golf outings in Scotland & Ireland, rugby in New Zealand and mountain climbing in the good ol' US. We certainly have some adventurous soles and souls in our club!

After True Confessions about tremendous trials and travels, **Bill Kaufmann** introduced our program - Tall Ships! Bill recapped his involvement in 2005, and the love affair that began when seeing the ships in the bay. Bill introduced our speakers - co-chairs of "State Farm presents Tacoma Tall Ships 2008" - Clare Petrich and Stan Selden, a presentation of the Tacoma Tall Ships Organization (TTSO.) What is a Tall Ship, you ask? It is defined as a vessel that is fore and aft-rigged, as well as the traditional square-rigged ships. The vessels range in size from 40 feet to over 300 feet. The event that we know as Tall Ships is actually the American Sail Training Association (ASTA)'s Tall Ships Challenge. The Challenge occurs on the Atlantic Coast, the Pacific Coast and the Great Lakes, visiting just one region each summer. The Pacific Coast series this summer begins in Victoria, BC on June 29, visits Tacoma July 3-7, then heads south to finish in San Francisco through July 28.

You may recall that the 2005 event resulted in Tacoma being named the "Port City of the Year" which was quite an accomplishment by a port city hosting its first Tall Ships Challenge event. Tacoma was commended on the many "creature comforts" that our exemplary hospitality offered to the ships' occupants - labor to help with repair, laundry services, food & beverage offerings, gift bags and more.

This year TTSO is proud to feature Youth on Board, a joint project of Tacoma Tall Ships 2008, Metro Parks, Tacoma Sea Scouts, Boys & Girls Club and Tacoma-area Rotary Clubs, including ours, that will allow our youth to experience life aboard ship, team building, and community pride during Tall Ships Tacoma. 50 youth, 10 chaperones will board 4 Tall Ships for 3 days and make countless lifetime memories.

What ships are coming in 2008? For the first time in ten years, the US Coast Guard's Eagle, a 295-ft training boat and the only active commissioned sailing vessel, will visit the west coast as a part of the challenge. Also coming to Tacoma is the Nina, a replica of the ship on which Columbus sailed across the Atlantic on his three voyages of discovery to the new world beginning in 1492. Of course, the Lady Washington, our state's official Tall Ships ambassador and star of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies will visit our port this summer. Joining her is the Hawaiian Chieftain, Amazing Grace, Cutty Sark, and many, many more. Shore-side activities this summer will include three entertainment villages and many dockside parties. The event's budget is over \$2.5 million in addition to the \$1 million from the state to improve the docks in Commencement Bay, a permanent improvement that is just one small part of the legacy that the Tacoma Tall Ships Organization has for our community. The event will need over 1,500 volunteers.

How can you get involved? Clare introduced Sue Schaffer, volunteer coordinator for this year's event. Sue told us that the volunteer recruitment is in full swing, and is about half way to its goal. Volunteers are needed in the areas of operations, public safety, hospitality, ticketing, programming, transportation/parking and more. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older, and commit to a minimum of two five-hour shifts. In addition to more

fun than you can imagine, as a volunteer you'll receive hats, t-shirts and other great Tall Ships perks. If you happen to own a boat, you might be called into duty in a variety of exciting and useful ways, as over 200 volunteer boats are needed. From now until April recruitment will continue, then training will begin in May, and of course, the event is July 3-7. Please visit www.tacomatallships.com to sign up and learn more, and don't forget to indicate that you are a member of Tacoma 8!

Past Prez Nita reminded us to "Live Your Passion" and we were adjourned.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



1/21 - Rusty George
"BUSINESS SERVICES -
Graphic Design"
Creative Principal
Rusty George Creative
Elected: 5/9/2002
Sponsor: Jim Crabbe
Birthplace: Fresno, CA
Spouse/Partner: Kitura



1/24 - Ross Hjelseth
"EDUCATION - Protestant
School"
Headmaster
Life Christian
School/Academy
Elected: 6/6/1996
Sponsor: Fulton Buntain
Birthplace: McVillie, ND
Spouse/Partner: Ronni
Hjelseth



1/23 - Jap-Ji Keating
"ASSNS: SOC SVCS - Past
Service"
Director of Communications
Jon Graves Architects
Planners
Elected: 11/1/2007
Sponsor: Jim Whitacre
Birthplace: New York
Spouse/Partner: Kenneth
Keating



**1/25 - Nicholas
Rajacich**
"PHYSICIANS - Orthopaedic
Surgery"
M.D.
Nicholas Rajacich MD
Elected: 4/9/1992
Sponsor: Dumont Staatz
Birthplace: Baltimore, MD
Spouse/Partner: Melinda



1/24 - Ann Voves
"WHOLESALE - Art
Import"
Owner
Nuvo Designs
Elected: 3/4/1999
Sponsor: Kendall McGuire
Birthplace: Wiesbaden,
Germany
Spouse/Partner: Ronald
Voves



1/25 - Brandy Smith
"CONTRACTING &
CONSTRUCTION - Fire
Sprinkler Systems"
President
Smith Fire Systems Inc.
Elected: 9/28/1995
Sponsor: Harold Williams
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Anne
Shureen Smith

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