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Board-certified in Family Practice, Enrique C. Leon, MD, practices at Community Health Care's Eastside Family Medical Clinic. Dr. Leon provides medical care to patients of all ages, including obstetrical care. Dr. Leon is a graduate of James Madison University in Virginia. He received his medical degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. His Family Practice Residency was completed at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. His special interests in health care are pediatrics and obstetrics. Dr. Leon focused his training on a practice in community and public health because of a strong desire to help those most in need. He is also fluent in Spanish.

Dr. Leon will speak to us about his trip last year to Peru, the country of his birth. During his sabbatical from Community Health Care he made the journey with his wife and daughter to bring much needed medical supplies and equipment collected in the Northwest to this medically underserved country. While he was there he also taught American medical procedures and techniques to local medical teams

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This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **David Graybill**

Greeter - **Chiara Wood**

Badge Board - **Lani Powell, Bryan Flint**
and **AJ Gordon**

Singer - **Don Hansen**

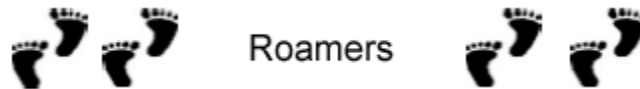
Piano - President **Steve Smith**

Birthdays - **Jan Brazzell**

Fine Counters - **Chuck Hellar** and **Mel Zanjani**

Story Writer - **Gina Breukelman**

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- July 13 - **Cathy Hall** - Lakewood
- Aug 14 - **Jeff Cathersal** - Gig Harbor Midday
- Aug 27 - **David Flentge** - Tacoma South
- Aug 28 - **Don Doman** - Sumner
- Aug 28 - **Bill Matthaehi** - Tacoma North
- Aug 28 - **Mary McNally** - Tacoma Narrows
- Aug 28 - **David Snow** - Port Orchard
- Aug 29 - **Don Doman** - Puyallup
- Aug 29 - **Rita Morkrid** - Tacoma Sunrise
- Aug 30 - **John Donovan** - Columbia Valley Daybreak

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Club Anniversaries

Joe Gordon, Jr.: 38 years on September 2

Gary Mustain: 9 years on September 3

Neel Parikh: 12 years on September 7

Nita Sell: 11 years on September 5

Marion Sharp: 1 year on September 7

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

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Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, September 13 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Col. Paul Gruver, Cmdr. - AF Western Air Defense Sector.

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, Chuck Valley - "Why Marriott Was Built Downtown."

Committee and Other Meetings

THURSDAY, Sept 6 - Attendance Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

FRIDAY, Sept 7 - Projects Committee Meeting, Commencement Bay Coffee Company, 25th & Jefferson, 8:00am.

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.

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



Elliot Stockstad

Elliot was introduced to membership by his sponsor **Roy Kimbel** on August 30, 2007. He is the Business Outreach Coordinator for Bates College. His classification is "EDUCATION - Vocational." Welcome to the club, Elliot!

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Special Announcements

With Sympathy...

Sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to family and friends of past member Gene Lough. Gene passed away on August 28.

Committee Sign-Up Forms

You should have received Committee Sign-Up forms in your mailbox. Also in the mailing was your contact information from the roster. Be sure to complete the sign-up form as well as make any corrections on your roster info and return both forms (no later than September 7 please) to the Rotary office using the envelope that was also provided. If your contact information is correct, return the form indicating there are no changes. If you turn in both forms before August 31, you will also receive an attendance credit. Please let the office know if you did not receive this packet in the mail.

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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) know you are ready to become a Blue Badge. If you need another Pandaka checklist, contact the Rotary office.

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 Galleside and offsite meetings. Remember the rule: if you sign up to attend Galleside and/or an offsite meeting, you are still obligated to pay even if you were a no-show.

Please help us avoid unnecessary charges for supplies, postage and labor by paying your account balances immediately. Thank you!

Congratulations! It's a Girl!

Congratulations to **Peter Cole** and wife Jesalyn on the birth of their daughter, Piper Hannah Cole, who was born September 1.

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), 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), 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.

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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 6 - **Stanley & Seaforts** - 115 E 34th St., Tacoma 98404 - (253) 473-7300.

Sept 13 - **Andy Laycock's Beach Home** - details later.

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 6, 1956 GearShift:

<i>Program</i>	Getting Acquainted
Vocational Talks featuring our own members	Coming to the meeting at the last minute, eating lunch with a few Rotarians you know well, and immediately leaving the meeting for another appointment is not carrying out the first tenet of Rotary—"the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service."
Eugene A. Seaton Mgr. Shaffer Terminals will present	Those who operate in this way never become full-fledged Rotarians. They never know the joy of having served, because they never become acquainted with their fellow Rotarians.—Buzz Saw, Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A.
TACOMA'S WATERFRONT through the eyes of a dock operator.	
Dr. John Gullikson will tell of the	
NORTHERN PACIFIC BENEFICIAL HOSPITAL where he serves as chief surgeon	

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Rotary Happenings - August 30, 2007

By: Beth Sylves



President Steve Smith, Director of Community Relations, UW Tacoma, rang the bell to begin the last meeting of August, 2007. He thanked Past President **Kathy Martin**, President/Owner, The Martin Firm, for subbing last week while he was out of town. Invocation was offered by **AJ Gordon**, VP Commercial Real Estate Lending, Rainier Pacific Bank (and new father for the second time, congratulations!). **Amy Wigstrom**, Executive Director of the American Heart Association was accompanied on piano by President Steve to pay tribute to our country in song. President Steve then recognized twelve Rotary anniversaries, ranging from 1 year to 28 years, and welcomed back four of our newest members who were introduced two and three weeks ago - and who all happened to be in the house; great start for 100% attendance!

Gordon Jenkins, VP and Manager of BNY Mellon Wealth

Management introduced one visiting Rotarian, Rick Olson, from Tacoma Sunrise. We met a new member, thanks to **Roy Kimbel**, Advisor, Roy Kimbel & Associates. **Elliot Stockstad**, Business Outreach Coordinator at Bates Vocational & Technical College is the newest Number 8 Rotarian. Elliot is the son of Rick and Barbara Stockstad, known by many in our club. He and his wife, Jen, welcomed the arrival of their first child, a baby girl, on August 13. A graduate of UPS, Elliot has been with Bates since 2006. He is very active in community organizations such as Urban Grace and Hilltop Action Coalition, just to name a couple. Elliot is a candidate for the Rotary Singers, as he enjoys choir and writing music and poetry. Please take a moment to meet Elliot Stockstad!

Gina Breukelman, Development Director, Emergency Food Network and **Derrick Hochstatter**, Development Officer, Tacoma Community House, grabbed the microphones to introduce our guests of Rotarians. Among the many who joined us were Dr. Art Jarvis, Interim Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools, representatives of the Franklin Graham Festival coming to Tacoma later this fall, lots of kids who were spending quality time with Mom or Dad before school starts, and three of our new exchange students, who you'll get to know better soon.

President Steve reminded us that our dues were due July 31, so if you haven't paid, please do so. Pandaka graduation is September 20, so if you are nearing completion of your requirements and feel you will be ready to graduate, let either the Rotary office or **David Gardner** know. We were reminded to bring any back-to-school supplies you would like to donate to the office. Donations were also being collected for those who prefer to donate cash to the cause. We heard a paid announcement inviting us to *Music & Murals* in People's Park on Hilltop from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 8 for a free, family-friendly event. Visitors may try their hand at interactive art experiences, dine on local cuisine, view incredible pieces of artwork and dance to the eclectic beats from regional musicians. People's Park is just one site to explore and connect with community on this day. A public walking tour and map highlighting all murals will guide visitors through Hilltop as they explore and experience the rich history of the neighborhood.

Jennifer Durham, Owner, HOST Hospitality, presented several Art Wickens fellowships, and announced that we exceeded \$80,000 raised for the Foundation in 2006-07. **LaTasha Wortham**, Congressional Assistant, Office of Congressman Norm Dicks, celebrated birthdays before we heard a few minutes of members' True Confessions.

Bill Rogers, President of Evergreen Staffing introduced our program - vocational talks from members designed to allow you to learn more about what our members do when they aren't lunching at the Landmark.

First up, **Dan Pass**, Director of Government Operations, Topia Technology. A WSU graduate, Army service for 25 years, and a stint at Boeing, prepared Dan for joining Topia in its infancy in 2000. Topia's main business sector is government accounts. In 2006, the company was awarded a "Best Place to Work" distinction by the *Business Examiner*. Earlier this year the company introduced their first consumer product - SKOOT - a way to manage data in a more intuitive way, offering a path to exchange large files without having to use e-mail or the more complicated FTP process. SKOOT allows for tracking of files and allows the user to know who has received and opened the file or who hasn't. The user can drag & drop a large file into a folder and invite others to view the contents, taking only 30 seconds. Troopskoot is a variation on the service, allowing free access for service members to send photos, videos and other information they wish to share - securely and effortlessly. SKOOT is their very own "private family network."

Next, we heard from **Steve Rhea**, Principal, Northwest Capital Recovery Group. Steve is a graduate of Western Washington

University, and he joined the company after being a client. The company, a "rates & tariffs master," started in 1994 and acts as an auditor of utility and telecommunications billing for small and large companies. There are three realities that very often differ: what you are paying for, what you think you are paying for, and what you are actually receiving. NW Capital Recovery can rapidly spot inconsistencies. Companies that have used the service include Safeway, REI, Red Robin, Overlake, Swedish, and Puget Sound Energy to name a few. Yes, PSE, a service provider that is often audited and asked for credits or refunds from NW Capital Recovery has used the company to audit their own phone service billing. There is no risk to a company to use the service. NW Capital Recovery is only paid if a recovery is made. They boast a 98% success rate. President Steve reminded us to LIVE THE PASSION FOR ROTARY and we were adjourned.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



09/02 □ **Doug Neff**
 "ACCOUNTING □ Tax Services"
 Shareholder
 Johnson, Stone & Pagano, PS
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 Sponsor: Pete Taylor
 Birthplace: Seattle, WA
 Spouse/Partner: Heather Neff



09/07- John Schneider
 "FINANCE/BANKING - Financial Consultant"
 Financial Consultant
 Smith Barney
 Elected: 4/11/2002
 Sponsor: Jeff Von Schmauder
 Birthplace: Santa Rosa, CA
 Spouse/Partner: Naomi



09/03 - Jim Arneson
 "FINANCE/BANKING: Community Bank"
 President/CEO
 Venture Bank
 Elected: 11/30/2006
 Sponsor: Thomas David B
 Birthplace: Northridge, CA
 Spouse/Partner: Lisa Arneson



09/07 □ **Andy Wood**
 "ASSNS □ Tacoma Philharmonic"
 Executive Director
 Tacoma Philharmonic
 Elected: 04/25/2007
 Sponsor: Carolyn Else and Karen Seinfeld
 Birthplace: Tallahassee, FL
 Spouse/Partner: Patti Johnson



09/07 - Erik Hynes
 "FINANCE/BANKING - Commercial"
 VP & Sr. Relationship Manager
 Wells Fargo Bank
 Elected: 1/29/2004
 Sponsor: Kathleen Olson
 Birthplace: Boise, ID
 Spouse/Partner: Mary Beth Hynes



09/08 - Mel Zanjani
 "EDUCATION- Community Colleges"
 VP for Institutional Advancement/Foundation
 Exec
 Tacoma Community College
 Elected: 1/20/2005
 Sponsor: Pamela Transue
 Spouse/Partner: Fred Zanjani

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