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## Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre When We Hear Vocational Talks From Tacoma 8 Members Dan Pass and Steve Rhea



**Daniel Pass** is the Director of Government Operations at Topia Technology Inc., a Tacoma-based software development firm. Dan joined Tacoma 8 in December, 2006 and is quick to point out he only has two events to complete on the Pandaka checklist! Dan was born in Connecticut, but grew up in Washington State. He graduated from Washington State University in 1975 with a degree in Political Science and International Relations. He began a 20 year career as an Army Intelligence Officer with multiple overseas assignments to Germany, Turkey, SW Asia and Africa. Along the way he picked up a Masters in Middle Eastern Studies and an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University, plus additional graduate work at USC. After the Army, Dan worked at the Boeing Company which focused on a variety of defense-related contracts and came to Topia in 2000. He has helped to grow Topia from a small start-up company to over 50 employees and continues to aid in its growth through a growing list of government and commercial clientele. Currently Dan oversees the TroopSkoot program which allows deployed Service members to communicate with family members far more effectively than they currently can. Dan lives in Bonney Lake but looks forward to the day when he calls Kona home.

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**Steve Rhea** is Principal for Northwest Capital Recovery Group. Steve joined Tacoma 8 in March, 2006. He grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to Gig Harbor with his parents and two sisters in 1973. He attended Tacoma Community College and graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in Business Administration. He worked in the field of Human Resources for 16 years in the food processing, aluminum and aerospace industries. The aerospace company moved him around in the company where he managed Safety, Health, Environmental, Facilities and Capital Projects and met his current business partner who founded Northwest Capital Recovery Group. Steve was a client of Northwest Capital Recovery Group and saw first-hand the benefits of recovered money for his company. He decided to join Northwest Capital Recovery Group as a partner in the firm four years ago. Steve currently resides in Bellingham where he has lived for the last 31 years and has three teenage children.

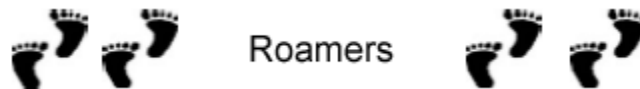
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### This Week's Helpers

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

Invoker - **AJ Gordon**  
Greeter - **Gordon Jenkins**  
Badge Board - **Steve O'Brien, Scott Smith** and **James Chikwinya**  
Singer - **Victoria Woodards**  
Piano - President **Steve Smith**  
Birthdays - **LaTasha Wortham**  
Fine Counters - **Bob Bruback** and **Don A. Andersen**  
Story Writer - **Beth Sylves**

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- July 13 - **Mary Grubbs** - Gig Harbor
- Aug 02 - **Don L. Anderson** - Kihei-Wailea, Maui
- Aug 03 - **Mary Grubbs** - Gig Harbor
- Aug 08 - **Rita Morkrid** - Tacoma Sunrise
- Aug 10 - **Don Andersen** - Lakewood
- Aug 10 - **Bob Bruback** - Lakewood
- Aug 14 - **Lee Gingrich** - Gig Harbor Mid-day
- Aug 14 - **David Snow** - Bellevue
- Aug 16 - **John Donovan** - Columbia Daybreak
- Aug 17 - **Mary Grubbs** - Gig Harbor
- Aug 22 - **Rita Morkrid** - Tacoma Sunrise
- Aug 23 - **John Donovan** - Columbia Daybreak


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Aug 23 - **Michele Johnson** - Puyallup South Hill  
 Aug 23 - **Gerald Moczynski** - Puyallup South Hill  
 Aug ? - **Dean Curry** - Unknown

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**Club Anniversaries**

**John Bechtholt:** 10 years on August 28  
**Jim Carlsen:** 28 years on August 30  
**Jayasri Ghosh:** 4 years on August 28  
**Ryan Gowin:** 2 years on September 01  
**Jeff Lang:** 5 years on August 29  
**Kathy Martin:** 18 years on August 31  
**Joe Missel:** 1 year on August 31  
**Rick Oldenburg:** 5 years on August 29  
**Jack Peterson:** 10 years on August 28  
**Scott Seelye:** 3 years on August 26  
**Bob Swanson:** 16 years on August 29  
**Julie Wasson:** 1 year on August 31

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**Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places**

**Next Three Meetings**

**THURSDAY, September 6** - Landmark Temple Theatre,  
 Dr. Enrique Leon, Community Health.  
**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?"

**Committee and Other Meetings**

**THURSDAY, August 30**- 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.

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**New Members This Week**

There were no new members introduced at the August 23, 2007  
 meeting.

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**Special Announcements**

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**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, please 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.

**Attention All Pandakas**

Our next Pandaka graduation will be scheduled in September, date to be determined. 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.

**Back to School Supplies**

Provide useful and needed school supplies for children from low income families. We're partnering with the United Way to give children tools to begin a successful school year. Bring new school supplies to any of our Rotary meetings between now and the end of the month. For more information, contact **LaTasha Wortham** 253-593-6536.

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

Past due invoices will be mailed in the next few days. Please help us avoid unnecessary charges for supplies, postage and labor by paying your account balances immediately. Thank you!



**New Face at the Rotary Office!**

You may have seen a new face at recent Thursday meetings and at the Rotary office. Shannon Meline began interning in the Rotary office July 23. Shannon is a 2005 graduate of Stadium High School and is part of the Tacoma-Pierce County Youth Building Tacoma program. Her interests include traveling, hiking, water skiing and photography. An honest, hard-working young lady, Shannon has been instrumental in completing the classification revisions on badges and databases, as well as assisting the Rotary staff in various assignments.

Shannon's internship ends August 31, and she'll be looking for full-time employment. Her goal is to work in an office setting. She can be reached until August 31 at the Rotary office.

**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).

We'll be selling raffle tickets in the lobby for the next couple of weeks with posters and a video to show off the great time you could have in Paradise.

### **Need to Make Up a Meeting?**

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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.

Aug 30 - **Johnny's Dock** - 1900 East D Street, Tacoma 98421 - (253)627-3186.

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 aloud).

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

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## **Rotary Happenings - August 23, 2007**

**By: Dane Meyer**



Past President **Kathy Martin**, President/Owner, The Martin Firm, Ltd., presided while **President Steve**, Director of Community Relations, U of W Tacoma, was away. It was nice to see her at the podium again and it seemed to bring a cheery mood to the lunch meeting. **Becky Fontaine**, Executive Director, Pierce County Reading Foundation, gave the invocation. The National Anthem was led by **Chiara Wood**, Owner/Operator, the Turning Point. **Jack Warnick**, PAST SERVICE, Wood Products, paced us through on piano.

Celebrating anniversaries were: **Dorothy Lewis** - 20 years; **Stephanie Christensen** - 15 years; and **Rob Roth** - 7 years.

Newer members were welcomed: **Doug Rohner**, who re-joined last week; **James Chikwinya**, **Scot Ellis**, and **Nick Leider** who joined two weeks ago; and **Drew Ebersole** and **Ethan Smith** who joined three weeks ago.

**Louis Cooper, Jr.**, Director of Maintenance, Port of Tacoma, welcomed three Rotarians, visiting from California, Lakewood and Tacoma Narrows.

**LaTasha Worthham**, Congressional Assistant to Congressman Norm Dicks, and **Nancy Davis**, Government Relations Officer, Metro Parks Tacoma, took on the duties of Roving Mics to publicize our annual Back to School Supplies Drive. Together with family centers and the United Way, the focus this year is on low-income middle and high school students. Seven members stood to have their guests recognized.

It was announced that a sympathy card was being circulated for Past President **Jim** and **Karyn Whitacre**, who recently lost their mother-in-law and grandmother. Kathy also announced that the District Governor had asked to have the district newsletter distributed. There is still a need for mentors. Those interested were encouraged to sign up. Also announced was Immediate Past President **Pete Taylor's** drive to encourage new member proposals.

**Mary Jo Strom-Copland**, Owner/President, The Travel Company, and **Don Meyer**, Executive Director, Foss Waterway Development Authority, discussed the Open World program, calling on members to volunteer for hosting.

Past President **Kathleen Olson**, Executive Director, The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County, celebrated the birthday bunch with a wacky sort of horoscope interpretation. Those celebrated were Pete Taylor... and others not present: **Paul Akiyama**, **Mitch Mullan**, Past President **Robert Mallon**, **Fred Matthaei** and one of our exchange students, **Gabriel Salas**. **Don Lloyd** went up to represent Paul, while **Bill Matthaei** served in his brother's stead.

True Confessions brought 14 members to the fine bucket. **Linn Larsen** told of a 3-week trip to China. **Pat Nagel** felt so moved by the Courage Classic cause that he is starting a Harmon's Bike Club for next year, hoping to raise \$50,000. **David Gardner** espoused gratitude for the new YMCA and his partnership with Rushforth Construction there. **Bill Matthaei** went further in talking about the new Gig Harbor YMCA. New member **Drew Ebersole** confessed that he had neglected to introduce his guest. **Jack Warnick** announced that he and Lilly had recently celebrated their 54th anniversary. **Connie Brown** expressed the need for the Back to School Supplies program to include scientific calculators. **Nita Sell** (who claims to be old...NOT!!) shared her joy in having adopted a 3-year-old German Shepherd named Rider. Past President **Chuck Hellar** was rightfully pleased to have recently been awarded a contract to provide supplies to the Air Force. **Mark B. Anderson** told of his sister (whose age he also included) and her joy in surgically repaired vision. **Chuck Laguna** has a new grand baby. **Karen Seinfeld** announced that she will be the new president of Bates. after she goes to Cambridge for a couple weeks to visit with her son, who is studying electrical brain currents. **Barbara Mead's** son won a first prize in "wake skating" and is heading to Louisiana. **Beth Sylves** went to Paris and London with her husband on a business trip. **Chris Hays** is looking for volunteers to take Youth Exchange students to a Sounders soccer match September 4.

Past President **Don Doman**, Owner of PNW Video then introduced the guest speaker, Val Dumond, a local author of numerous books. Her latest being "Just Words."

Val Dumond talked about the words that invoke prejudice and fear, the words that form the "isms" in life and how the "isms lead to schisms and to thinking in terms of us and them." One of her remarks was, "race is a crock, and racism is very serious." "Skin color is a myth as is geographic origin and they are socially contrived," she reasoned. She illustrated how certain language degrades or subtly demeans, particularly women, in sexist ways. In

summing up her talk she asked the question: "Do we need a label?" She said her hope was to encourage discussion and expand awareness, "words can hurt or help."

After thanking the speaker, Kathy Martin announced the highlights of the meeting and gave us President Steve's reminder to "Live the Passion for Rotary."

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## Happy Birthday Rotarians!



**8/26 - Ken Heany**  
"GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
- Metro Parks - Retired"  
Metropolitan Parks District of  
Tacoma  
Elected: 7/21/1994  
Sponsor: Jim DiStefano  
Birthplace: San Diego, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Patti



**8/28 - Cindy Niemi**  
"HEALTH SERVICES - Major  
Gifts"  
Major Gifts Officer  
MultiCare Health Foundation  
Elected: 11/29/2001  
Sponsor: Becky Fontaine  
Birthplace: Vancouver, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Bill Niemi



**8/26 - Ron  
Lunceford**  
"REAL ESTATE -  
Residential"  
President  
Windermere Real  
Estate/Paragon Co.  
Elected: 10/13/1988  
Sponsor: Kurt Jacobson  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Jeanette  
Lunceford



**8/28 - Michael  
Stewart**  
"LAW PRACTICE - Criminal  
Defense"  
Attorney  
Michael Austin Stewart ☐  
Attorney at Law  
Elected: 1/20/2005  
Sponsor: Carolyn Else  
Birthplace: Spokane, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Reem  
Stewart



**8/27 - Jim Crabbe**  
"BUSINESS SERVICES ☐  
Computer Software"  
President & CEO  
Konnects  
Elected: 6/3/1999  
Sponsor: Carrie Pickett  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Carrie  
Crabbe



**8/31 - Scott  
Sutherland**  
"BUILDING MATERIALS -  
Fabrication Tent & Awning"  
President  
Tacoma Tent & Awning  
Elected: 5/11/1989  
Sponsor: Kurt Jacobson  
Birthplace: Renton, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Kimberlee  
Sutherland



**8/27 - Randy  
Rushforth**  
"CONTRACTING &  
CONSTRUCTION - Heavy  
Commercial"  
President  
Rushforth-Taylor  
Construction Co., Inc.  
Elected: 6/11/1981  
Sponsor: Bob Rezba  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Karen  
Rushforth

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