The Gearshift is a weekly publication to inform you about current happenings in the Rotary Club of Tacoma #8

The Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 meeting this Thursday at Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma 12:00pm – 1:00pm

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This Week’s Meeting

Please Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theater When We Hear Tacoma 8 Member Harrison Laird Share His Experiences in Nepal During the Earthquake

Tacoma 8 Rotary’s own Harrison Laird will be sharing his story of the Everest experience at this week’s meeting. Harrison was at 21,000 on the shoulder of Mt. Everest when the devastating Nepal earthquake hit on April 25th. The 7.8 magnitude earthquake killed over 9,000 people and injured more than 23,000. Invite your friends, family and
colleagues to hear Harrison’s breathtaking account of his adventures!

Letter from President Barry Benson

July 20, 2015

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As most of you know for the last few months I have been exploring the idea of a prepaid meal plan, and with this note I wanted to let the club know where we are with this.

My goal was to improve club finances and, at the same time, encourage better attendance at meetings. In examining this, it was important to me that I hear the comments from as many members as possible. To that end, I appointed an ad hoc committee of board members; I discussed the plan with nearly all the committee chairs, and spoke with or had email exchanges with several hundred club members to examine the implications. In addition, several past presidents and a couple of members of the finance committee helped me develop a spreadsheet so that we could take an in-depth look at the financial impact of such a change.

All the responses were honest and respectful, and as you might imagine, they went from one extreme to the other. Surprisingly even some members who had not been regular attenders praised idea and said they would re-arrange their schedules to attend more frequently. At the other extreme, there were those who felt such a plan would be unfair, or that they would see this as an increase in the cost of membership, creating a financial burden. Applying the four way test became an interesting challenge!

So now we have a pretty good idea of what the impact would be both financially and from the standpoint and membership acceptance, and it is clear that a prepaid meal plan would not deliver what I had hoped, and for that reason, I have decided not to move ahead with the plan.

Once again, I would like to thank the huge number of you who provided wisdom and guidance, and if you are interested in discussing this in more depth with me, just let me know!

Yours in Rotary,

Barry Benson
President
This Week’s Helpers

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

Meeting Sponsor – New Phoebe House, Naomi Villano
Invocator – TBD
Greeter (Membership Committee) – Carlyn Roy
Greeter/Roving Mics – Julie Foley
BadgeBoard/Roving Mics – Mindi Estus
National Anthem/Four-Way Test – TBD
Birthdays – Monique Nadeau
Fine Counter – Roger Lilley
Meeting Reporter for Gearshift – Gerald Moczynski
Piano – Barbara Mead
Program Introducer – Connie Brown

Roamers

June 9, July 7, and 10 – John West – Lake Chelan
July 10 – Wild Jones – Poulsbo-North Kitsap
July 15 – Fred Moisio – Tacoma Sunrise
July 17 – Larry Treleven & Becky Fontaine – Gig Harbor

Upcoming Relationship Building Socials

The Fellowship/Relationship Building Committee invites all members of Tacoma 8 to join them on the First Thursday of each month 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 fun!

July (a special social following Camp Goodtimes)

July 25: Anthony’s – 5910 North Waterfront Drive, Tacoma

Upcoming Meetings: Times & Places

MONDAY, July 20 – Board Meeting, Mt. Adams Room, 5th Floor Landmark Convention Center, 47 St. Helens Avenue, 4:00pm.

FRIDAY, August 7 – Projects Committee Meeting, KBTC TV, 2320 South 19th, Tacoma, 8:15am.
Club Anniversaries

Maureen Fife: 14 years on 7/19
Bryan Flint: 6 years on 7/25
Becky Fontaine: 23 years on 7/23
Jason Keil: 1 year on 7/24
Jim Mattson: 32 years on 7/21
Steve O’Brien: 8 years on 7/19
Deb Robinett: 24 years on 7/25

New Member(s) This Week

No new members were introduced at the July 16 meeting.

Announcements

Membership Proposal
Unless written objections are submitted to the Board within 10 days of this posting, the following individual will be invited to membership:

Jesus Unzueta
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - Staffing
Chief Information Officer
TrueBlue
Sponsor: Mindi Estus

In Sympathy
Sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to Scott Ramsey, whose father passed away recently, and to the family of Bill Mohler. Bill passed away on July 12. When details are known of his memorial service, we will pass that information on to you.

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Dues
Dues invoices for the new fiscal year were mailed June 1. Your Board of Directors approved an increase in Tacoma 8 dues of $25 for regular and senior memberships and $50 for corporate memberships. Annual dues for 2015-2016 are: $475 Regular Active; $335 Senior Active; $950 Corporate. Honorary dues will remain at $100. If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible to keep your membership in good standing.
**Project Greater Good 2015-16**

**Nuts and Bolts of Project Greater Good**

In 2010 before President Carolyn McDougal took office, she suggested that Tacoma 8 should have an annual giving program to help strengthen the club and our ability to support good works locally and globally. The vision was that every member would not only pay annual dues, but would also contribute to support Tacoma Rotary Foundation, Rotary International Foundation, Polio Plus and Projects / Programs with an additional annual pledge that could be paid out over the Rotary year from July 1 through June 30. The hope was that with this kind of annual support our meetings would be void of regular appeals for support of different activities where we were involved. For those of you who were here then you will remember that this approach has certainly cut down the requests for money at our weekly meetings!

Last year President Ray challenged the club to continue with their generosity and just about half of our members participated in Project Greater Good and contributed close to $57,000. (In 2014-15 we added Rotary Youth Exchange as an additional giving option.)

This club is blessed by the many ways our members express their generosity and live our motto of Service Above Self. Please consider supporting Project Greater Good when you receive your pledge form.

-Kathi Willis

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**Camp Goodtimes**

Camp Goodtimes is this Thursday, July 23.

Tacoma Rotary 8 sponsors a Carnival for the day for kids with cancer and their siblings to enjoy.
Come help for the day! We ask that you do not bring guests under 17.

More more information contact:

**Ann Voves**  
annvoves@ecseffort.com  
253-988-5607

**Courage Classic Volunteers**  
Our club is hosting the Beer Garden in Leavenworth for the Courage Classic again this year! This is a fun event - pouring beer for thirsty bike riders. The Beer Garden is being held on Sunday, August 2nd from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Best Western Icicle Inn, Leavenworth. They are holding a block of hotel rooms. If you would like to spend the night, please call the hotel directly (509) 548-7000 for the Courage Classic rate. If you haven't participated before, you will have a great time (and get attendance credit). If you have participated, please join the fun again. Please e-mail Lori Duester at cdenali@comcast.net for more information and to sign up.

**Become a Tacoma #8 Meeting Sponsor**  
Have you sponsored a meeting yet? Now's your chance to help the club offset the cost of the speaker’s meal, gift and program expenses. Have your company’s name in lights and sign up today.

**Cost:** $100 per meeting

To sponsor a meeting, or for more information, contact **Chris Lee, Don Sheppard** or the Rotary office.

**Want To Help at a Rotary Meeting?**  
Please contact Lori in the Rotary office if you are interested in helping in any of the following areas:  
--Leading the National Anthem & Four Way Test  
--Giving the Invocation  
--Playing piano  
--Mentoring a Pandaka  
--Greeter  
--Writing the Gearshift Meeting Notes

Some of these are typically Pandaka functions; however, most Pandakas have already fulfilled these requirements on their checklists. Many have stepped up and repeated the coverage - in some cases, more than once.

**Sound Advice for Service Above Self Living**  
Submitted by **Past President Bill Baxter** - we'll pass one along each week.
“It is no use saying ‘we are doing our best.’ We must do what is necessary.”

— Sir Winston Churchill

PANDAKA UPDATES

Pandakas:

If you would like to be scheduled as a greeter or at the badge board to help fulfil your Pandaka requirements, please email Lori in the Rotary office lhansen@rotary8.org.

Please remember to keep your master checklist (at the back table each week at our Rotary meetings) up to date. Also, in order to graduate, you must be up to date with your financial obligations (if you are on a payment plan, your payments must be current) AND your attendance must be at least 50%. You can find ways to make up your attendance on our website.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 30 - Buck Frymier; The work Gig Harbor Rotary is doing with women transitioning out of Women’s Correction Center in Purdy

Thursday, August 6 – Sandy Kemper, Michael LeClaire – RI Global Grant in Bolivia


TACOMA 8 PROJECTS

Tree House
We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help provide dinner at Tree House on Monday, July 27. Plan to arrive at Tree House between 4:30-4:45 pm; dinner served 5:30-7:00; cleanup and out no later than 7:30 pm. Contact Past President Jim Whitacre for more information.

Food Repackaging Project
Food repacking at Emergency Food Network, 3318 92nd Street South, Lakewood, is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, from 9AM to NOON. Be sure to dress warmly as the repacking takes place in an unheated warehouse.
**Toiletries Wanted**
We are in need of personal size toiletries. Hotel guest size soap, hair products, lotions, etc. are the perfect size. Drop them off at the Rotary office or at any Thursday Rotary meeting.

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**Tacoma Youth Marine Center**
Provides Tacoma youth with a waterfront boating and maritime training center to engage, inform and educate youth about boating, seamanship and opportunities in the maritime industries using large vessel operations training and other boating activities that open opportunities and builds character, leadership, fitness and citizenship in the youth served.

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**IT HAPPENED – MINUTES FROM LAST ROTARY MEETING**

*By: Kathleen Olson*

The meeting was called to order by **President Barry Benson** following a moment of silence in memory of long time Rotarian **Bill Mohler**, who was the first President of Bates Technical College and the chief fundraiser for the renovation of the former KSTW television studio that is the current home of KBTC Public Television. A graduate of Mount Tahoma High School and Pacific Lutheran University, he resided in South Tacoma for many years. He is survived by his wife Marjorie, sister Nancy Hathaway and several adult children.

**Jamie Brooks** gave a very thoughtful invocation on the “Four Agreements.” They are: 1. Be impeccable with your word (Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.) 2. Don't take anything personally (What others say and do is a projection of their own reality.) 3. Don't make assumptions (Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama.) 4. Always do your best (Under any circumstance, simply do your best and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.)

The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County was the meeting sponsor to promote their annual fundraiser, Dog A Thon, held July 25th at Ft. Steilacoom Park for dog and cat lovers alike. **Past President Kathleen Olson**, also celebrating her 21st anniversary as a club member, joined the head table to share the sponsor minute.
Andy Buelow, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, and Dave Olson, US Bank, helped introduce visiting Rotarians and guests.

Announcements included an update by Cindy Niemi, MultiCare and Lori Duester, BRC Family LLC, on the Courage Classic, a fully supported, 173 mile bicycle tour event that was created as a fundraising ride to support the Rotary Endowment for the Intervention and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. This endowment will ensure that the children in our communities and their families will never be turned away from the help they might need in the case of sexual or physical abuse. Rotary Clubs of Pierce County provide plenty of food at rest stops throughout the entire ride. There are three stops along the route each day, including the summit lunches. Tacoma #8 hosts the last stop, the Leavenworth Beer Garden, on August 2nd.

Camp Goodtimes, a weeklong camp on Vashon Island for children with cancer and their siblings, includes a carnival. Club members volunteer on carnival day, July 23rd. Ann Voves, Enterprise Communication Services, and Karyn Whitacre, Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children, are coordinating this annual club project.

Birthdays were celebrated by Michelle Roberts, LeMay Mobile Shredding, who asked the honorees to share their favorite Mariners baseball memories. Jack Hamilton, Sue Serko, Doug Page and Mike Dunbar obliged. Brien Elvins noted that as a golfer, his favorite baseball moment was the USGA Open at Chambers Bay.

Dawn Lucien provided bios for the guest speakers, Senator Bruce Dammeier (R) from the 29th Legislative District and Jeannie Darnielle (D) from the 27th Legislative District. They are part of the Pierce County Delegation in Olympia, and just completed a 175-day session, the longest in State history. They discussed the challenges they face and the good things they accomplished, despite the differences that makes them allies on some legislation and opponents on other issues, but always friends. They celebrated funding for some key Pierce County transportation projects, human services, mental health services including $5 million for a 120-bed psychiatric hospital and education programs, totally 270 million dollars in state support. Some key projects receiving funding include the East Tacoma Community Center, the Seaport Museum, Pantages Theater, new parks in Fife and Fredrickson, new trails in Steilacoom and completion of the Foothills Trail in east Pierce County. There was also funding for UWT to purchase the Old Spaghetti Factory Building to complete the university downtown campus.

Signing off with his theme, “Celebrating our Yesterdays; Imagining Our Tomorrows,” President Barry adjourned the meeting at 1:10.

Happy Birthday, Rotarians!
7/23 - David Schmitz
AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Auto Glass & Upholstering
City Glass & Upholstery
Owner
Sponsor: Rick Ohlson
Elected: 12/12/1974
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Linda

7/23 - Patrick Steel
CONSULTANT - Business Services
Community Strategies
Corporate Mystic
Sponsor: Ed Hudson
Elected: 11/17/1977
Birthplace: Seattle, WA
Spouse/Partner: Sara

7/24 - Mike Bitterling
ENGINEERING - Electrical
BCE - Engineers
President
Sponsor: Harold Williams
Elected: 8/17/1995
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Sylvia