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 Welcome Don Leingang, Executive Director; USO Northwest

Commander Don Leingang was raised in Tacoma. He graduated from the Oregon State University in 1984, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He was commissioned an Ensign through the
Commissioner Leingang’s previous assignment was as a student at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he earned his Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies in March 2006. He reported onboard Naval Station Everett as Executive Officer in June 2006 with immediate duties organizing Seattle Seafair. Commissioner Leingang served as the Executive Officer of Naval Station Everett until his retirement from the Navy on 1 July 2008. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the USO Northwest.
Commander Leingang’s awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (6), the Navy Achievement Medal, as well as numerous unit and service awards.

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

Meeting Sponsor – TBD
Invocator – Kirsten Willis
Greeter (Membership Committee) – Greg Rolsma
Greeter/Roving Mics – Naomi Villano
BadgeBoard/Roving Mics – John Pfaff
National Anthem/Four-Way Test – Chris Serface
Birthdays – Heather Faverman
Fine Counter – Dan Bogart
Meeting Reporter for Gearshift – Stephanie Schramm
Piano – Barbara Mead
Program Introducer – Carol Webster

Roamers

June 23 – Cindy Niemi – Tacoma Narrows
June 26 – Gerald Moczynski – Puyallup / South Hill

Membership Proposals

Karen Jesch Boedecker
PAST SERVICE – Health Services
Retired Mental Health Nurse from the VA
Sponsor: Brien Elvins

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

July 2: Social Bar – 1715 Dock Street, Tacoma

Upcoming Meetings: Times & Places

THURSDAY, July 2 – Communications Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens, Tacoma, 11:00am.

TUESDAY, July 7 – Community Service Grants Committee Meeting, YMCA Sunshine Hall, 405 Broadway, Tacoma, 7:30am.

THURSDAY, July 9 – Literacy Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens, Tacoma, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, July 9 – Membership Committee Meeting, (merged committees: Membership Identification, Pandaka and Engagement & Retention) Rotary Office, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Ste. 200, 11:00am.

THURSDAY, July 9 – World Community Service Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma, 11am.

FRIDAY, July 10 – Projects Committee Meeting, KBTC TV, 2320 South 19th, Tacoma, 8:15am.

TUESDAY, July 14 – Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Ste. 200, 11:45am

TUESDAY, July 14 – Programs Committee Meeting, College Success Foundation, 950 Pacific Avenue (Ste. 1250), Tacoma 98402, Noon

WEDNESDAY, July 15 – Finance Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Ste. Noon

THURSDAY, July 16 – Rotary Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma, 11am.
THURSDAY, July 16 – Vocational Service Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma, 11:00am.

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

TUESDAY, July 21 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, Location: Dukes, 3327 Ruston Way, Tacoma, 5pm.

Club Anniversaries

Jim Boardman: 3 years on June 28
Jace Dwinell: 3 years on June 28
Steve Hatcher: 4 years on June 30
David Snow: 12 years on July 3

New Member(s) This Week

Julie Foley

Julie was introduced to the club at our June 25 meeting. Her sponsor is Jeff Albers. Julie’s classification is INSURANCE – Employee Benefits. Welcome to the club, Julie!

Announcements

2015-16 Rotary International President
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran
Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is CEO and founder of a publicly listed company with a worldwide clientele in the tea packaging industry. His company, Printcare Plc, is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served RI as treasurer; director; Foundation trustee; committee member, vice chair, and chair; task force member; RI training leader; and district governor.

As his country's national PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force consisting of the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days. He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, to rebuild 25 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 15,000 children.

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. Please keep your membership in good standing by paying your dues by July 1.

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.

**Thank You Letter**
Thanks for the luncheon! I am so grateful for the scholarship and I am honored to represent the Tacoma 8 Rotary Club! Special thanks to Chris and Kathi!

With sincere appreciation and warmest thanks to you.

Ayla Ludolf – Class of 2015, Henry Foss High School

**Sound Advice for Service Above Self Living**
Submitted by Past President Bill Baxter - we'll pass one along each week.

“If ignorance is bliss, why aren’t there more happy people?”

— Philip Howard

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**PANDAKA UPDATES**

Pandakas:

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 9 – Debbie Ranniger, The Etta Project in Bolivia
Thursday, July 16 – Senators Dammeier and Darneille – Reflections on the Legislative Session

TACOMA 8 PROJECTS

Tree House
We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help provide dinner at Tree House on Monday, July 13 and 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, July 18, 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.

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.
IT HAPPENED – MINUTES FROM LAST ROTARY MEETING

By: Gary Brooks

For the final time, outgoing President Ray Schuler welcomed the gathering at 12:10 p.m. Mark Lindquist, Pierce County Prosecutor channeled Teddy Roosevelt for the day’s invocation. Rachel Cardwell, University of Puget Sound and Past President Steve Smith, College Success Foundation, were a rousing duet for the Star Spangled Banner.

Club anniversary milestones were acknowledged for Jeremy Fogelquist (1 year); Christian Anderson (2 years); Nick Naubert (4 years); Karyn Whitacre (12 years); Christine Cason (15 years); Club Secretary Cap Pearson (19 years); John B Dimmer (26 years) and Tom Anderson (39 years).

Introductions included President Ray’s wife, daughter, mother and assistant as well as other guests.

Past President Brien Elvins, Tacoma Investment Group, subbed for Jeff Albers, Albers & Co. to introduce new member Julie Foley. Julie is the VP of Finance at Trusteed Plans Service Corporation, a role she’s had for eight years. She has been in Tacoma for 30 years after growing up near Portland. She attended the University of Puget Sound and St. Martin’s and is closing in on her MBA.

Past President Jennifer Durham, HOST Party and Event Planning, presented awards bestowed upon Tacoma 8 members at last week’s District Conference. President Elect Becky Fontaine was recognized for her service as Youth Exchange chair. Susan Barbeau, First 5 Fundamentals, was presented a plaque for the Literacy Committee, which she chairs, recognizing that the committee completed more than five projects during the year. Past President Nita Sell received the Regional Service Award, one of only two awards the District Governor has discretion to award. Arvind Phukan, Clean Water Champion, received the prestigious Service Above Self Award, the highest honor given by Rotary International. Only 150 are awarded globally each year.

Karyn Whitacre, Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children, led the birthday celebration. In honor of President Ray’s Back to the Future theme, she showed pictures of what the four birthday celebrants (Jeff Lovely, Stephanie McCallum, Elliot Stockstad and Linda Kaye Briggs) would have looked like in the years that were traveled to in Back to the Future (1885, 1955, 1985 and 2015).

True Confessions featured:

Amy Wigstrom, Emergency Food Network -- Acknowledged the press Emergency Food Network has received related to the 70,000 pounds of food left over from the U.S. Open that was re-distributed through EFN.

Jim and Enid Harris, First Couple of Tacoma 8 – announced the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were engaged 13 days after they met in 1954.

Larry Treleven, Sprague Pest Solutions – returned from a conference in Bermuda and welcomed his son back to Tacoma.

Mark Anderson, Anderson Law – is sad to leave the church band but happy to have more time to dedicate to the Military Affairs committee.

Ann Farrell, Farrelli’s Pizza – contributed $110 in tips earned from the beer tent at the U.S. Open. Rotarians poured 48 kegs of beer for thirsty golf fans.
Lori Duester, BRC Family – is recovering from grandparent duty last week.

Debbie Regala, Past Service: Government – made a donation in recognition of her wedding anniversary (564 months, 1 week, 4 days ago).

Kevin McGowan, McGowan Photography – announced that World Community Service fundraising for Nepalese earthquake victims totaled $3,500.

Arvind Phukan, Clean Water Superstar – told of his trip to Brazil for the Rotary International Convention, the 14th he has attended.

Linn Larsen, Commercial Real Estate – participated in a sailboat race from Victoria to Nanaimo.

Corey Hjalseth, Evergreen Home Loans – paid a fine for Larry Treleven’s promotion of his business.

Now-Past President Ray Shuler, President Barry Benson and President Elect Becky Fontaine exchanged pins recognizing their transitioning roles.

Turnover festivities commenced with Elliot Stockstad, Steve Smith, Bryan Flint, Amy Wigstrom, Kirsten Willis, Rachel Cardwell and Nita Sell playing various roles in a Back to the Future spoof featuring song and dance and a Rotary meeting in 2045. The act featured Steve Smith singing “T-Town Funk”, Elliot Stockstad reprising the Johnny B Good scene with a Calvin B Good Chambers Bay themed song among other high jinks.

President Barry adjourned to the awaiting Galleyside boats at 1:04.

Happy Birthday, Rotarians!

June 28 - Richard Olson
BUSINESS SERVICES - Technical Consultant
Fix It Wizard Owner
Sponsor: Fred Moisio and Kathleen Olson
Elected: November 1, 2012
Birthplace: El Paso, TX
Spouse/Partner: Kathleen

July 5 - Susan Barbeau
EDUCATION - Early Learning First 5 FUNDamentals Executive Director
Sponsor: Tanya Andrews
Elected: September 4, 2014
Birthplace: Centralia WA
Spouse/Partner: Sahsh Ravindran