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This Week’s Meeting

Please Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theater When We Welcome Senators Dammeier and Darneille

Bruce Dammeier has the honor of serving the good people of the 25th Legislative District in the Washington State Senate. He serves as vice chair of the Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee, the Health Care Committee and the Ways & Means Committee. Additionally, he sits on the Senate Rules Committee. A Pierce County native, Bruce attended Curtis High School before going on to graduate with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy and serve eight years as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer. While on active duty, he was deployed on humanitarian relief missions in the United States and across the world. At the conclusion of his military service, he returned to Washington and became a dedicated
community volunteer, while also running a small business. Bruce and his wife of more than 30 years, Lauren, reside in Puyallup.

Jeannie Darneille represents the 27th Legislative District in the Senate, building upon the experience she gained during 12 years in the House of Representatives.

“I understand the needs and concerns of families struggling to make ends meet. In the House, I worked to increase education funding for all learners; expanded health care for children, families, and the disabled; developed a safe environment for children and adults to learn, grow, and thrive; safeguarded civil liberties; and promoted economic opportunities to create living-wage jobs that improve the well-being of families. This work is not finished and I intend to continue as Senator to be the voice of those in need.”

Jeannie has been described as being as tough as a 50-cent steak. She loves that description. Her faith and experience has motivated her to work to improve the lives of the poor. Her career has included: a decade working in colleges and universities across four states and over 30 years working in non-profit social service agencies. Each position increased her awareness of issues such as health care, poverty, homelessness, homophobia and mental health. During the interim between sessions, she now works and consults with non-profit organizations as they go through leadership transitions.

Jeannie is the oldest of six children in an Air Force family, her parents taught her the importance of volunteerism. Her volunteering started at Planned Parenthood in Bellingham and continues today. Jeannie has served on boards of directors for non-profit organizations across our community, cooked at the Hospitality Kitchen, worked on Habitat houses, and has been a Big Sister.

Jeannie received her bachelor’s degree in art history from Western Washington University and a master’s in higher education administration from Colorado State University. She is married to Howard Graham, an attorney in private practice specializing in disability issues. They have three sons, one grandson, and for 30 years have lived within a five-block radius within the district. Jeannie is also an avid baseball fan (Go Rainiers!).

This Week’s Helpers

Thanks so much to the people who will be helping at this week’s meeting:
Meeting Sponsor – Kathleen Olson, Humane Society
Invocator – Jamie Brooks
Greeter (Membership Committee) – Harrison Laird
Greeter/Roving Mics – TBD
BadgeBoard/Roving Mics – TBD
National Anthem/Four-Way Test – TBD
Birthdays – Michelle Roberts
Fine Counter – Roger Lilley
Meeting Reporter for Gearshift – Kathleen Olson
Piano – Jack Warnick
Program Introducer – Dawn Lucien

Roamers

July 1 – Maria DeVore – Tacoma Sunrise

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

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.

Club Anniversaries

Kit Evans: 11 years on July 12
Cindy Grady: 4 years on July 14
Donna Haynes: 7 years on July 17
Linda Nguyen: 5 years on July 15
Kathleen Olson: 21 years on July 14
Malcolm Russell: 2 years on July 18
Ray Schuler: 29 years on July 17
Carol Webster: 7 years on July 17

New Member(s) This Week

Karen Boedecker

 Karen was introduced by her sponsor, Cynthia Darland. Karen’s classification is PAST SERVICE – Health Services. Welcome to the Club, Karen!

Announcements

Carrie Kuhel
A funeral mass will be celebrated on July 25 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Gig Harbor at 10am followed by a reception the church hall.

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.

Camp Goodtimes
Ten more volunteers are needed to be Rotary Carnies for Camp Goodtimes on Thursday, July 23, 2015.

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 information to come in the next few weeks with signup sheets on tables.

Ann Voves
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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 motive alone that gives character to the actions of men.”

— Jean De La Bruyere

**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 23 - Harrison Laird; Experience in Nepal during the Earthquake

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

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, 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: Jeremy Fogelquist

For the second time President Barry Benson joyfully rang the bell promptly at 12:08 p.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Meeting Sponsor, Miriam Barnett, from the YWCA. Kathleen Olson, Humane Society, gave a wonderful invocation about graciousness and transformative change. Libby Catalinich, Jay Ray, was accompanied on the piano by Past President Steve Smith, College Success Foundation, and led the National Anthem and Four Way Test.

President Barry, staying in line with this year’s theme of “Celebrating our Yesterdays; Imagining our Tomorrows,” introduced a new feature to the weekly meetings, Throw Back Thursdays. Chris Lee took the mic and threw the meeting all the way back to the 1940's. What a distance to travel in such a short time.

President Barry then announced club anniversaries for Ron Thomas (11 years) and Tanya Andrews (12 years). All of the visiting Rotarians and guests of any Rotarians were then acknowledged when Jonathan Murray, Uncharted Waters Float Center, and Dona Ponepinto, United Way, brought around the microphones for everyone to make their introductions.

President Barry introduced Cynthia Darland, Community Volunteer, who introduced an old friend of hers that she had known for over twenty years as the club's newest member and the first new member of this year, Karen Boedecker. Karen loves to travel and volunteer within the local community. President Barry then made Karen's membership official by giving her a Rotary pin and giving Cynthia a sponsor pin.

President Barry introduced Past President Brien Elvins, Tacoma Investment Group, who gave a compelling membership announcement urging members to help the club make this a fantastic year by overcoming last year's addition of thirty three new members into the club and invite people you know to attend the meetings.

Miriam Barnett, YWCA, took the podium as this week’s Meeting Sponsor and started by thanking Pat Steel for sponsoring the sponsor. Miriam then informed us that Pierce County currently has 5% more domestic violence than any of the surrounding Counties.

President Barry announced that a sympathy card was being circulated for Carrie Kuhel's husband, Larry. Carrie’s memorial service will be held Saturday, July 25. The details for the memorial service will be in this week’s Gearshift.

If you are eager to volunteer you are in luck, because there are numerous upcoming opportunities that you can get more involved with. Camp Goodtimes needs 10 more volunteers for July 23. If you want to volunteer for the Camp Goodtimes carnival there will be sign-up sheets at this week’s meeting. There will be a social immediately following Camp Goodtimes at Anthony's as soon as you get off of the ferry. The annual Courage Classic is quickly approaching and volunteers are needed to pour beer at the Courage Classic beer garden. If you are interested, you can sign up this week.

Michelle Roberts, LeMay Mobile Shredding, announced that there has not been as many Rotarians attending the Thursday night socials, as a result, there will only be a Thursday night social on the first Thursday of every month until better attendance is attained.

Lori Duester made a paid announcement that she and Dorothy Lewis are holding a fundraising event for the Sherpas in Nepal whose homes were destroyed by the second earthquake that hit Nepal on May 12th. The fundraising event will take place on July 13, from 5-7 p.m. at the Tacoma Program Center.
President Barry then announced that the Youth Exchange program is still looking for one host family with a strong preference for the North End or Browns Point, for Amie from Thailand. If you know of anyone who might be interested in hosting Amie please contact Marsha Burns.

Sharon Jaffee, Hawkins Poe, Inc., took the podium to celebrate this week’s birthdays. Her question that she asked each of the birthday celebrants is how did they beat the heat over the fourth of July? Nancy Davis, Government Services, drank gallons of water while sitting next to the A/C and then went to the Freedom Fair in the evening. Jim Henderson, Printing and Publishing, spent the day at a friend’s house that had A/C and a pool. Connie Brown, Housing Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium, spent the day at Hood Canal and spent her day wading into the water and drinking margaritas. Susan Barbeau, First 5 FUNdamentals, spent the day at her parents’ house operating the grill all day. President Barry announced that there were a few minutes for true confessions and four people flooded to the stage. Kathi Willis announced that she had been laid off from Group Health and was looking to stay busy over the remainder of the summer. Jim Fry confessed that he had taken a trip to Arizona. Mark Anderson took the microphone and apologized about his Bryan Flint jokes and references at last week’s meeting that apparently only two people understood. Mark then thanked Miriam for her work that she was doing at the YWCA. Arvind Phukan had taken a trip to Philadelphia to celebrate a wedding. Arvind then explained that the wedding was comprised of two families from very different backgrounds and they had to celebrate with two wedding parties. First he spent three days at a Hindu wedding celebration and for the lack of a better term Arvind explained that he then spent three days at the house of the ladies.

President Barry introduced Carol Webster, Community Volunteer, who in turn introduced our guest speaker, Debbie Ranniger, Etta Projects. Debbie gave a wonderful presentation about the Etta Project’s work in water and health sanitation.

President Barry graciously thanked Debbie for her presentation and presented her with a thank you card. President Barry welcomed Karen to the club and thanked Cynthia for sponsoring her. President Barry then thanked the meeting Sponsor, Miriam Barnett, YWCA, and with that he promptly rang the bell and ended the meeting at 1:04 p.m. by urging everyone to remember his theme “Celebrating our Yesterdays; Imagining our Tomorrows.”

Happy Birthday, Rotarians!

July 12 - Angie Martin
FINANCE/BANKING - Community Bank
Columbia Bank
Branch Manager Broadway
Sponsor: Kent Roberts
Elected: May 8, 2013
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Jon

July 13 - Sue Serko
GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Judicial
Pierce County Superior Court
Judge
Sponsor: Kathryn J. Nelson
Elected: April 6, 2006
Birthplace: Brooklyn NY
Spouse/Partner: Peter
July 14 - Michael Dunbar  
FINANCE/BANKING - Financial Planning  
Michael Dunbar, CFP LLC  
Managing Member  
Sponsor: Barry Benson  
Elected: May 21, 1992  
Birthplace: Yakima, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Liz

July 15 - Jack Hamilton  
PAST SERVICE - Insurance  
Retired  
Sponsor: Ned Shera  
Elected: April 21, 1977  
Birthplace: Spokane, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Sharon Brown-Hamilton

July 17 - Ron Langrell  
EDUCATION - Vocational  
Bates Technical College  
President  
Sponsor: Ed Ulman  
Elected: August 15, 2013  
Birthplace: Salem, OR  
Spouse/Partner: Vicki Jackson Langrell

July 17 - Linda Nguyen  
ASSNS: Employment & Training  
Work Force Central  
CEO  
Sponsor: Jerry McLaughlin  
Elected: July 15, 2010  
Birthplace: Vietnam  
Spouse/Partner: Chris Musselman

July 18 - Brien Elvins  
FINANCE/BANKING - Registered Investment  
Advisor  
Tacoma Investment Group  
President  
Sponsor: John West and Nick Herb  
Elected: March 27, 1997  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Cathy

July 18 – John Pfaff  
CONTRACTING & CONSTRUCTION – Remodel  
BathFitters  
Sponsor: Cynthia Darland  
Elected: June 11, 2015  
Birthplace: Spolane, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Cosette

July 18 - Amy Kennerly  
FINANCE/BANKING - Retirement Plan  
Consultant  
Spectrum Pension Consultants, Inc.  
Managing Consultant - Team Leader  
Sponsor: Roger Lilley  
Elected: September 9, 2010  
Birthplace: North Carolina  
Spouse/Partner: Alan Browning

July 18 – Doug Page  
EDUCATION - Universities  
Pacific Lutheran University  
ED Gift Planning  
Sponsor: Jeff Pritchard  
Elected: January 17, 2013  
Birthplace: Los Angeles, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Kristin