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This Week’s Program

Join Us Thursday, August 13, When We Welcome Representative Denny Heck

On November 6th, 2012, the residents of Washington’s new 10th Congressional District elected Denny Heck to be the district’s first member of the United States House of Representatives. Since taking office, Congressman Heck’s top priorities have been creating jobs, growing our economy and keeping the American Dream alive for the middle class and those working to get into it. He has been a vocal advocate for military families and veterans as well as for the health and natural beauty of the Puget Sound’s environment.

Congressman Heck is the only Member of Congress from the Pacific Northwest that serves on the House Financial Services Committee. He is a member of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee and Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee.

In the decade prior to his election to Congress, Congressman Heck successfully grew several small businesses in Washington State. One of those small businesses, which specializes in workplace education, was started in Olympia with only two employees. Today it employs more than 300 people throughout the United States and has continued to grow in recent years. Congressman Heck was also an original investor in Real Networks, the digital entertainment company that pioneered

Speakers
Aug 13, 2015
Rep. Denny Heck
What’s Happening in D.C.

Aug 20, 2015
Early Learning Speaker
Literacy and Literacy Award

Aug 27, 2015
Ketul Patel
CEO, Franciscan Hospitals

Sep 03, 2015
Representative Derek Kilmer
Report from Congress

Sep 10, 2015
Rose Bowman
District 5020 Governor

Sep 17, 2015
Incoming Rotary Youth Exchange Students
Introductory Speeches by New RYE Students

View entire list

Upcoming Events
Classification Committee
Rotary office
Aug 11, 2015 11:45 AM

World Community Service Committee
Landmark Temple Theatre
(Before lunch)
Aug 13, 2015 11:00 AM

Membership Committee
Rotary Office
Aug 13, 2015 11:00 AM

Vocational Services
Landmark Temple Theatre
(before meeting)
Aug 20, 2015 11:00 AM
streaming media on the Internet.

A strong advocate of open government, in 1993 Congressman Heck co-founded TVW to provide the people of Washington State greater accessibility to their state government. TVW has grown into the nation’s preeminent statewide public affairs network. While at TVW, the Congressman hosted the renowned public affairs program Inside Olympia and won an Emmy for a documentary he wrote and produced.

Congressman Heck served his community in the State House of Representatives for nearly a decade. He was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Majority Leader before retiring in 1986. While in the State House, Congressman Heck was one of the prime authors of the state’s historic Basic Education Act. After his time in the Legislature, he served as Chief of Staff to Governor Booth Gardner during his second term.

Congressman Heck is a native Washingtonian and graduated from The Evergreen State College in 1973. He has been married for 39 years to Paula Fruci Heck, an educator who began her career as a teacher and retired as principal at Jefferson Middle School in Olympia. He and Paula have lived in Olympia for 30 years. They have two sons, Bob and Trey, and recently became grandparents of Maleah, born December 30, 2014.

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**THIS WEEK**

**THIS WEEK’S HELPERS**

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

Meeting Sponsor – Chris Serface, Tacoma Little Theatre
Invocator – TBD
Greeters – Julie Foley
Badgeboard/Roving Mic – John Pfaff
National Anthem & Four Way Test – Rachel Cardwell
Birthdays – Jeff Rounce
Piano – Jack Warnick
Fine Counter – Jeremy Fogelquist
Meeting Reporter for Gearshift – Don Doman
Program Introducer – LaTasha Wortham

**WANT TO HELP AT A ROTARY MEETING?**

There are several ways you can get involved in our Rotary meetings. 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

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[Meets at Landmark Temple Theatre (before lunch)]
**Rotary Youth Exchange Committee**
Landmark Temple Theatre (before lunch)  
Aug 20, 2015 11:00 AM

**Tacoma Rotary Foundation**
Landmark Temple Theatre (before lunch)  
Aug 27, 2015 11:15 AM

**Community Service Grants**
Habitat for Humanity  
Sep 01, 2015 7:30 AM

**Communications/Public Relations Committee**
Landmark Temple Theatre  
Sep 03, 2015 11:00 AM

**Fellowship & Relationship Building Committee**
The Fish Peddler (formerly Johnny’s Seafood)  
Sep 03, 2015 5:00 PM

**Programs Committee**
College Success Foundation Board Room  
Sep 08, 2015 12:00 PM
**THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS**
Jim Winskiil - August 10
Jack Nettleton - August 12
Tom Ryan - August 12
Warren Foster - August 14
Richard Jamison - August 14
Betty Ann Pope - August 14

**THIS WEEK’S ANNIVERSARIES**
Jim Henderson: 31 years on 8/09
Nick Leider: 8 years on 8/09
Stephanie Schramm: 3 years on 8/09
Larry Trelven: 36 years on 8/09
Barbara Mead: 20 years on 8/10
Lori Bemis: 5 years on 8/12
Chris Hays: 13 years on 8/15
Ron Langrell: 2 years on 8/15

**New Member Introductions**

No new members were introduced as last week’s meeting.

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**Roamers**

July 17 - **Becky Fontaine** - Gig Harbor
July 24 - **Greg Rolsma** - Old Saybrook, CT
July 28 - **Kate Schneider** - Sumner
Aug 7 - **Rick Olson** - Gig Harbor

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**Upcoming Relationship Building Socials**

*Posted by Michelle Roberts*

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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!

**September Social TBD.**

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**Golf at Fircrest Golf Club**

Steve Bader, Rusty Hersey, Roger Lilley, and Greg Rolsma invite you to join them for golf on Tuesday, September 8th at 1pm. Please call or e-mail Greg (253-564-5373 or grolsma@comcast.net) to reserve your spot by Wednesday, September 2nd. Green fees are $70 and carts are available.

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**Membership 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.

**Become a 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.

**Hearing Devices Available at Tacoma 8 Lunch Meetings**

Do you have a hard time hearing at our meetings? For members who have hearing challenges, four hearing devices will be available for distribution at Tacoma 8 lunch meetings. If interested, see the Rotary staff who will check these out to members. Please remember that you must return the device at the end of the meeting.

**Stuff the Bus**

Starting next week, please bring backpacks, school supplies, clothing and shoes for the upcoming school year. *Community in School’s* goal is to provide basic items to 4,000 needy children in our area. Far too many children start the school year without essential basic items. You can also sponsor a child for $25. This sponsorship will provide a child with a backpack & supplies. The final pick-up day will be Thursday, August 27.

Here’s a list of recommended donation items:

Backpacks, tissues, hand sanitizer, calculators, school boxes, glue sticks, erasers, erasable pens, mechanical pencils, 3x5 note cards, notebook dividers, spiral notebooks, Post-it pads, glue, binders, Band-aides, Peechees, bolders, rulers, scissors, markers, crayons, uniforms, socks, clothing, shoes, coats, personal items and toiletries.
For more information, contact Ed Ulman at ulmaned@gmail.com.

Toiletries Project

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.

Tree House

Tree House
A place for families

We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help provide dinner at Tree House on Monday, August 10 and 24. 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.

Emergency Food Network Food Repack Project

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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.

Tacoma Youth Marine Center Project

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. For more information, contact Bill Baxter or Malcolm Russell or attend the next Projects Committee meeting held the first Friday of each month.

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.

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**It Happened (Minutes from Last Week’s Meeting)**

*Posted by Don Doman*

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**Don Doman**

My wife Peggy accompanied me to Rotary last Thursday. Well, for lunch anyway. She ducked out before the meeting started to visit King’s Book Store.

I walked up to the head table expecting to give a Rotary Project Banner to President Barry Benson, but handed it instead to Kathleen Olson, who was replacing Barry for the day. As I was walking back to my table I heard my name called, and I was greeted by Ken Millsap, owner of Pickers Northwest (treasures and collectibles) in Gig Harbor. Ken was brought back to the Landmark to replace Mike, who is now at Ace Hardware. They’ve replaced each other a couple of times. They have both been exceptional in their treatment of our members and their respect for our organization.

Peg and I joined Peter Norman and Past President Jim Harris and soon Past President Kathy Martin, Cynthia Darland, Whitney Grisaffi, and Larry Hosley joined us. Good natured laughter turned to an easy discussion about music and business. That always strikes a chord.

The meeting was called to order on time by President of the Day and Past President Kathleen Olson, who announced that she had been club president just ten years ago. The meeting sponsor was Don Hansen, also a past president. The invocation was given by Rusty Hersey of Superior Linen Service, which was followed by Carlyn Roy of Tapco Credit Union leading us in the National Anthem accompanied on piano by Past President Steve Smith of College Success Foundation and then we had the four Way Test, also led by Carlyn.

One Rotary Anniversary was celebrated and recognized, Carter Taylor.

Karen Boedecker and Mindi Estus ran the Roving Mics for visitors. Visitor introductions finished on a high note as Past President Carolyn McDougal had her fiancée rise to wild applause.

Stephanie Schramm of Schramm Marketing LLC had introduced members of her family, and I think it was her young
niece who skipped through the tables enjoying herself and to
the delight of many. I like seeing pure joy displayed.

Walking wounded Past President Nita Sell (torn rotator cuff)
gave me a hug as she walked by, while Meeting Sponsor Past
President Don Hansen gave a very short presentation for
Cascade Park Vista and then called for three cheers for Health
& Wellness. This had been his mantra during his year as club
president.

Birthdays were celebrated by Past President Jim Whitacre. In
attendance were Dona Ponepinto of United Way, and Past
President Larry Ghilarducci. Birthdays were followed by True
Confessions. There were many, including a paid political
announcement for Conor McCarthy, but a large portion of
confessions concerned the Courage Classic. Corey Hjalseth of
Evergreen Home Loans shared a nice story about running out of
steam as he biked through the mountain passes. He wondered
if he would be able to finish. He saw an eleven year-old boy
walking his bike with his head hung down. Corey climbed off his
own bike and walked with the boy and as he encouraged the
boy, he encouraged himself. In the end they both finished. Nice
story. Cue the skipping girl.

Kevin McGowan of McGowan Photography introduced our
speaker Dr. Michael LeClair who shared his PowerPoint as
team leader of the Bolivia Vocational Training Team. The
program started with our World Community Services committee
obtaining a $10,000 grant, which grew to $35,000 with matching
funds. Two dentists and four dental hygienists traveled to Bolivia
to share their techniques and knowledge in local Bolivian
communities as part of the Smiles Forever Foundation. The
foundation was created in 2001 and consists of three elements:
a dental hygiene school, a community service clinic and a public
fee-for-service clinic. Originally there was a collaboration with
the Madre de Dios Women’s Shelter, which resulted in a dental
hygiene vocational training program right at their shelter. The
grant process didn’t happen overnight, but was the result of
continued hard work over several years by our fantastic World
Community Services committee.

The meeting was adjourned just before one in the afternoon
after thanking all those who contributed AND an announcement
of the evening’s social at Johnny’s Dock.

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Copy of Sound Advice for Service Above Self Living
Posted by William Baxter

Sound advice for Service Above Self Living submitted by Past President Bill Baxter

“Life is certainly only worthwhile as it represents struggle for
worthy causes.”

— Dwight Eisenhower

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