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

Gig Harbor Rotary is partnering with other Rotary clubs in a joint effort to make a difference in the lives of women released from the Washington State Prison in Gig Harbor…this is their story.

**Buck Frymier** directs the Rotary Women’s Prison Program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women (Purdy Prison) in Gig Harbor, and works with Rotarians from various clubs and several non Rotarians who also volunteer. **Buck** is a past president of Gig Harbor Rotary and this year celebrates 40
years as a Rotarian. He and his wife Kay volunteer both in the community and overseas in various countries, as lay counselors, as Rotarians on international projects and on faith-based missions to various countries. Buck is a former hospital CEO and hospital consultant with the World Bank.

This Week’s Helpers

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

Meeting Sponsor – Don Sheppard, Salvation Army
Invocator – David Graybill
Greeter (Membership Committee) – Larry Norvell
Greeter/Roving Mics – Naomi Villano
BadgeBoard/Roving Mics – Karen Boedecker
National Anthem/Four-Way Test – Pat Steel
Birthdays – Pete Norman
Fine Counter – Dan Bogart
Meeting Reporter for Gearshift – TBD
Piano – TBD
Program Introducer – Debbie Regala

Roamers

July 13 – Maria DeVore – Tacoma North
July 17 – Amy Wigstrom – Lakewood

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!

August social TBD

Upcoming Meetings: Times & Places

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

Nancy Davis: 9 years on 7/27
Sheryl Ellis: 1 year on 7/31
Ronn McMahon: 7 years on 7/31
Monique Nadeau: 6 years on 7/30
Ed Ramos: 6 years on 7/30

New Member(s) This Week

No new members were introduced at the July 23 meeting.

Announcements

In Sympathy

Sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to Ed Ramos, whose mother passed away recently.

Memorial Service

A celebration of Bill Mohler’s life is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st at 1pm at PLU in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center. Reception to follow.

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

**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.

Please support our Tacoma 8 Riders. Go to [www.courageclassic.com](http://www.courageclassic.com) and click on the cause, donate, register. Look for the following Tacoma 8 riders to support or the Rotary Riders team:

Don Hansen, Daryl Hembry, Corey Hjalseth, Cindy Niemi and Nick Rajacich.

**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.

“The best things in life aren’t things.”
— John Tigges

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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**
Rotary District 5020
Rose Bowman (Chehalis)

**ROARY STAFF**
Beverly Vincent, Executive Director
Lori Hansen, Membership Services Coordinator
Joy Vivar-Beeks, Bookkeeper

**INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS**
Amie Tangseefa
(Thailand)

Ane’ Miren Diaz
(Spain)

Anna Andrasko
(Hungary)

**OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT**
Sigala Hernandez
(Switzerland)

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**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 at 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, 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.

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: Gerald Moczynski

Before the meeting began, former Mayor Bill Baarsma offered a eulogy for Bill Mohler, who passed away the prior week, one day after his last child was married.

President Barry rang the meeting open at 12:10. Carol Webster offered the invocation. Libby Catalinich played piano while Chris Serface led the Club through the National Anthem and, subsequently, the Four Way Test.

Club anniversaries were recognized. Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced.

President Barry introduced Meeting Sponsor Naomi Villano of New Phoebe House. Naomi took a moment to describe the services of New Phoebe House and invited everyone to an upcoming Casino Night Fundraiser on August 8.

The Club’s Community Service Award recipients were introduced next by Scott Winship and Cindy Grady. They included:
- Metropolitan Development Council
- Northwest Infant Survival and SIDS Alliance
- Exodus Housing
- Tacoma Area Youth for Christ
- ScoutReach Division of Boy Scouts of America
- Tacoma Urban Land Trust
- Rebuilding Together South Sound
- Foundation for Healthy Generations

A sympathy card circulated for Ed Ramos, whose mother passed away earlier in the week.

Corey Hjalseth made an announcement about the upcoming Courage Classic event.

President Barry invited Connie Brown to the podium to introduce Harrison Laird as the day’s speaker.

Harrison Laird gave a great presentation about his expedition to climb Mount Everest and how it was interrupted by Nepal’s 7.8 magnitude earthquake. By reading several entries from his trip journal, he was able to relay the natural human emotions, worries, and even trivialities that bounce around in one’s head in the midst of such an event, things that tend to get forgotten when one tells such a story completely in hindsight. Nice job, Harrison!

President Barry introduced Past President Jeff Lovely to celebrate birthdays. Having none, we moved on to True Confessions.

Scott Ramsey thanked the Club for the sympathy card he received after the death of his father.

Chris Serface described how he sustained a concussion during a performance, but still had “the show must go on” mentality shining through!

Mark Lindquist offered a paid announcement about the 7th Annual Signed Book and Spirits Auction at King’s Books. It will start at 5 pm on Thursday, July 30.

Harrison Laird shared that he had summited Mount Rainier this past weekend.
Steve Smith paid a fine for having had his phone ring during the National Anthem. He also shared that he had traveled to North Dakota for a wedding, and that he was very excited for two staffers from the College Success Foundation who were traveling to the White House this very same day.

Sara Rumbaugh spoke about traveling to attend the IDEA Exercise Conference. She invited club members to learn more about what she learned by attending her YMCA Rock Star classes at 5:15 a.m.

The meeting adjourned when it adjourned.

Happy Birthday, Rotarians!

7/26 - Bob Ecklund
ASSNS: SOC SVS - Health & Recreation
YMCA of Tacoma/Pierce County
President/CEO
Sponsor: Warren Foster and Don Andersen
Elected: 1/20/2005
Birthplace: Minneapolis, MN
Spouse/Partner: Judy

7/26 - Stephanie Schramm
MARKETING - Public Relations
Schramm Marketing LLC
Owner
Sponsor: Emily Reiter
Elected: 8/9/2012
Birthplace: Aberdeen, WA
Spouse/Partner: Alex

7/28 - Jennifer Durham
BUSINESS SERVICES - Event Planning
HOST - Party & Event Planning
Owner
Sponsor: John Lantz
Elected: 12/12/2000
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Jeffrey

7/30 - Jan Brazzell
CONSULTING - Philanthropic Management
Advancement Consulting
CEO/ Principal Counsel
Sponsor: Judy Hosea
Elected: 11/29/2001
Birthplace: Huntsville, AL
Spouse/Partner: Wolfgang Opitz

7/30 - Chris Free
INSURANCE - Employee Benefits
Rapport Benefits Group
Associate
Sponsor: Donn Irwin
Elected: 6/5/2008
Birthplace: Fort Knox, Kentucky

8/1 - Van Sawin
GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Transportation
Pierce Transit
Business Development Officer
Sponsor: Linda Nguyen
Elected: 12/18/2014
Birthplace: Ft. Knox, KY
Spouse/Partner: Kirsten

8/1 - Dianne Stoehr
ACCOUNTING - Tax Services
Doty, Beardsley, Rosengren & Co, PS
Tax Director
Sponsor: Rusty Hersey
Elected: 5/1/2014
Birthplace: Washington, DC
Spouse/Partner: Daniel