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 Mike LeClair – RI Global Grant in Bolivia

The Smiles Forever Foundation grew out of the compassion stirred in Sandy Kemper during a Rotary sponsored trip to Bolivia. It was created in 2001 and consists of three elements: a dental hygiene school, a community service clinic and a public fee-for-service clinic. Tacoma 8, through its World Community Service Committee, has had a major impact on the success of Smiles Forever through a Rotary International Grant Project in 2007 and this year with a Rotary International Vocational Training Team Global Grant. Kevin McGowan wrote both grants and will provide additional details in this week’s presentation, along with the Vocational Training Team Leader, Mike LeClair.

Dr Michael LeClair has been a member of Twin Cities Rotary for about 11 years. Mike was a private practice dentist in Chehalis for 15 years. He sold his practice in November, 2012. He has been on the board of directors of Valley View Community Health Center for close to 10 years during which time the center grew from nothing to an organization employing
over 90 people serving the health needs of Lewis County, especially those most in need. Earlier he was a student at the University of Utah and graduated with a BS in Psychology and some graduate level work in Physiological Psychology (Neuropsychology). As the Vietnam War increased in intensity, he joined the Air Force and became a pilot from 1969-1975. He then went to Creighton University in Omaha, joining the Army for a 24 year career which included a one year internship and a 2 year residency in General Dentistry. He served in the capacity of Clinic Chief for 13 years, then helped manage education and risk management programs. He retired with the rank of full Colonel. Mike’s father was in the army infantry and died in service in 1967, so Mike traveled extensively both early and later in life. He has been married to his wife, Tiny for 46 years and has 3 adult children and a granddaughter living in Portland.

This Week’s Helpers

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

Meeting Sponsor – TBD
Invocator – Rusty Hersey
Greeters – Karen Boedecker
Badgeboard/Roving Mic – Mindi Estus
National Anthem & Four Way Test – Carlyn Roy
Birthdays – Jim Whitacre
Piano – Steve Smith
Fine Counter – Donna Haynes
Meeting Reporter for Gearshift – Don Doman
Program Introducer – Kevin McGowan

Roamers

July 17 - Becky Fontaine - Gig Harbor
July 17 - Larry Treleven - Gig Harbor
July 30 - Fred Moisio - Seaside, Oregon

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 6, 2015 - Johnny’s Dock, 1900 East D Street, Tacoma

**Upcoming Meetings: Times & Places**

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

**THURSDAY, August 6** – Literacy Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre (before Rotary meeting), 11:15 am.

**THURSDAY, August 6** – Rotary International Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre (following Rotary meeting), 1:10 pm.

**Club Anniversaries**

Carter Taylor: 24 years on 8/08

**New Member(s) This Week**

No new members were introduced at the July 30 meeting.

**Announcements**

**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.

**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.

“Thinking well is wise; planning well wiser; doing well wisest and best of all.”

— Persian Proverb

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8**

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PANDAKA UPDATES

Pandakas:

If you would like to be scheduled as a greeter or at the badge board to help fulfill 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 20 – Early Learning Speaker – Literacy and Literacy Award
Thursday, August 27 – Ketul Patel – CEO Franciscan Hospitals

TACOMA 8 PROJECTS

Tree House
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.

Food Repackaging Project
Food repackaging 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: Jim Henderson

July 30, 2015 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 was called to order by President Barry Benson at 12:05 pm. Asking us to clear our minds and think about what brought us together, the invocation was given by David Graybill, Past Service – Business Services. The National Anthem and Four Way Test were led by Past President Pat Steel, Community Strategies, and accompanied on the piano by Jack Warnick, Past Service – Wood Products.

President Barry then recognized those celebrating Service Anniversaries: 1 year – Sheryl Ellis; 6 years – Monique Nadeau and Ed Ramos; 7 years – Ronn McMahon; and 9 years – Nancy Davis. Visiting Rotarians and guests were asked to stand as the mics were handled by Naomi Villano, New Phoebe House Association and Karen Boedecker, Past Service – Health Services. President Barry then introduced today’s Meeting Sponsor, Don Sheppard, Salvation Army. Don talked about ways to support the work of the Salvation Army, including the upcoming Sept. 25 Golf Scramble.

President Barry then reminded everyone that the celebration of life for long time member Bill Mohler, who passed away July 12, would be on Saturday Aug 1 at 1pm at PLU in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center, with reception to follow. A reminder on the upcoming Courage Classic was given by Cindy Niemi, MultiCare and Lori Duester, BRC Family LLC. Donations can still be made to the Rotary Riders Team and are encouraged, with over $25,000 raised so far. Riders were recognized along with those members who have volunteered to staff our club’s rest stop. We were reminded that membership growth is important to our club and President Barry thanked member Nancy Davis for proposing a new member into the club.
On a personal note from President Barry, we were told that a mailing was being sent out to all members encouraging continued participation in Project Greater Good. He said that he was honored to be serving this year as our Club President and he is able to really understand the value that our members bring to our community and the wider world.

He recalled the generosity of club members and the World Community Service Committee in financially supporting the Sherpa and their families, and what Harrison Laird shared with us last week about his travel to Mt. Everest and the devastation that was experienced. He thanked club members who volunteered at Camp Goodtimes, a project serving kids with cancer that we fund in part through gifts to Project Greater Good. Last week’s meeting saw the distribution of grants awarded to several worthy non-profits. These grants are possible because of gifts to the Tacoma Rotary Foundation as well as from our annual auction proceeds.

President Barry said that it is heartwarming to see how our members change and improve lives in so many ways. Much of that happens through support for Project Greater Good and we were all urged to participate with a financial contribution. Questions can be directed to President Barry, Emily Happy or Kathleen Olson from the Rotary International Foundation Committee or Kathi Willis of the Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee.

Birthdays were then celebrated by Mark Anderson, Anderson Law Firm PLLC. Coming forward to celebrate their birthdays were Past Presidents Jennifer Durham and Pat Steel, as well as Stephanie Schramm and Jan Brazzell. Also celebrating this week but not present were Bob Ecklund, Chris Free, Van Sawin and Diane Stoehr.

There was time for True Confessions and a number of members came forward: Cynthia Darland for a trip to Denver for a concert; George Pilant who reintroduced his wife Helen McGovern Pilant, former President of Clover Park Rotary and with EFN; Peter Carlstrom for a trip back to his native Sweden; Jennifer Wolbrecht for a trip with her kids; Past President and PDG Pete Taylor talked about a broken car window and the news that his son John is engaged; Past President Mike Dunbar about a baseball trip to see the Mariners play the Detroit Tigers in Detroit; Kelly Lane for a trip to New York City; and Past President Nita Sell who is going to conduct a class for 24 hour fitness after she recovers from a torn rotator cuff. President Barry told us he started out his day with an early morning visit for a root canal to his dentist…ouch.

Debbie Regala, Past Service – Government Services, then introduced our program and featured speaker, Buck Frymier from Gig Harbor Rotary. He told us about a fascinating and successful project of the Gig Harbor Club with the Washington Women’s Correctional Facility at Purdy. Member Rotarians work with the female prison inmates trying to help them transition back into the world with an innovative mentoring program and a Re-entry Employment Program. Rotary has been active worldwide in Vocational Services and this is a great opportunity to continue that service. The women inmates are looking for a second chance and the approach is to keep them from reoffending and returning. This project began for the Gig Harbor Club in 2013. 500 women inmates are released from prison each year but unfortunately 2 out of 3 return back to prison. This program is trying to break that cycle. Key elements of the program are mentoring, job skills, and finding employment after prison. The goal is to graduate 25% of inmates. They are looking for other Rotary Clubs to partner on the program and working to get offenders back into school. We were told there is a strong role for Rotary Clubs and Rotarians and we can give the women inmates the gift of hope. Buck was thanked for his presentation and presented a speaker thank you card. Our Meeting Sponsor Don Sheppard from the Salvation Army was again thanked.

Next week’s speakers will be Michael LeClair who will speak on an experience as a Vocational Training Team that our club sent to Bolivia to work in a dental clinic. Remembering this year’s theme of “Celebrating our yesterdays; Imagining our tomorrows” the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.
Happy Birthday, Rotarians!

8/3 - Chris Lee  
BUSINESS SERVICES - Training  
Greenview Training Solutions Inc.  
President  
Sponsor: Jeff Rounce  
Elected: 5/24/2012  
Birthplace: London, England  
Spouse/Partner: Lynn

8/5 - Lawrence Ghilarducci  
LAW PRACTICE - General  
Gordon Thomas Honeywell Malanca Peterson & Daheim  
of Counsel  
Sponsor: Joe Gordon, Sr.  
Elected: 11/8/1962  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Ann

8/5 - Terry Hayes  
ASSNS: SOC SVS - Employment & Training  
Tacoma Goodwill  
CEO  
Sponsor: Bruce Dammeier  
Elected: 11/29/2001  
Birthplace: Seattle, WA

8/7 - Dona Ponepinto  
ASSNS: SOC SVS - Community Collaborations  
United Way  
President & CEO  
Sponsor: Julie Anderson  
Elected: 9/4/2014  
Birthplace: Oceanside, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Joseph

8/8 - Debbie Ranniger  
EDUCATION - Vocational  
Etta Projects  
Sponsor: Robin Echtle  
Elected: 4/29/2010  
Birthplace: San Francisco, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Dan