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This Week’s Meeting

Please Join Us at the Landmark Temple Theatre For A Panel Discussion on Financial and Estate Planning:
Securing Your Future, Providing for Your Loved Ones, and Leaving a Legacy

Presented by:

-Mary McNally, CPA, Johnson Stone and Pagano, PS
-Rick Oldenburg, Principal and Gift Planner, Oldenburg & Associates
-Scott Winship, JD, Estate Planning Attorney, Vandeberg, Johnson and Gandara, LLP

Our panel of experts will address topics such as:

- Should everyone have a will?
• Are there ways to reduce estate taxes and probate costs?
• Do I need a power of attorney?
• What is a Health Care Directive?
• How can I make a gift to a charity and take care of my family too?

Plus useful information to take with you, including a list of Club members who have expertise in the Estate Planning process.

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

- **Meeting Sponsor** – Carol Webster
- **Invocator** – Elliot Stockstad
- **Greeter (Membership Committee)** – Bill Baxter
- **Greeter/Roving Mics** – Whitney Grisaffi
- **BadgeBoard/Roving Mics** – TBD
- **National Anthem/Four-Way Test** – TBD
- **Birthdays** – Don Doman
- **Fine Counter** – Doug Neff
- **Meeting Reporter for Gearshift** – Don Doman
- **Piano** – Barbara Mead
- **Program Introducer** – Rick Oldenburg

**Roamers**

- **May 25** – John West – Lake Chelan
- **May 27** – Larry Treleven – Seattle #4
- **June 2** – Becky Fontaine – Tacoma North
- **June 6** – Larry Treleven – Gig Harbor

**Upcoming Relationship Building Socials**

The Fellowship/Relationship Building Committee invites all members of Tacoma 8 to join them on Thursday evenings 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!

**June: “Upscale Fine Dining”**

June 11th: Stanley and Seaforts - 115 E 34th St, Tacoma, WA 98404
June 18th: Shenanigans - 3017 Ruston Way, Tacoma, WA 98402
June 25th: Lobster Shop - 4015 Ruston Way, Tacoma, WA 98402

Upcoming Meetings: Times & Places

TUESDAY, June 9 – Community Service Grants Committee Meeting, home of Carol Webster, 3019 North 29th Street, Tacoma, 5:30pm.

TUESDAY, June 9 – Classification Committee Meeting, Rotary Office, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Ste. 200, 11:45am

TUESDAY, June 9 – Programs Committee Meeting, College Success Foundation, 950 Pacific Avenue (Ste. 1250), Tacoma 98402, Noon.

Club Anniversaries

Joe Betzendorfer: 5 years on June 10  
Peter Carlstrom: 14 years on June 7  
Emily Cook: 5 years on June 10  
Morgan Donnelly: 2 years on June 13  
Sue Elkin: 9 years on June 8  
David Flentge: 18 years on June 12  
Randy Rushforth: 34 years on June 11  
Mary Jo Strom-Copland: 17 years on June 11  
Sandi Wollum: 7 years on June 12

New Member(s) This Week

Sheila Ruhland

Last week’s speaker, Sheila Ruhland was introduced at our
June 4 meeting. Her sponsor is Pamela Transue. Sheila is the President of Tacoma Community College. She is transferring from the Fond Du Lac Rotary Club in Wisconsin. Welcome to the club, Sheila!

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

**It’s Time to Think Galleyside!**

The end of this Rotary year is near, and that means it’s time to begin planning for Galleyside, one of Tacoma 8’s most time honored and treasured traditions. Galleyside is an afternoon of fun and fellowship following our turnover day program when we celebrate the outgoing president, Ray Schuler.

The Details:

- Galleyside is for members of Tacoma 8 only; the only exceptions are boat captains and family of the outgoing President.
- Participating club members will be assigned to a boat and will leave to board the boat immediately following the Rotary meeting on June 25.
- Your Captain and First Mate will provide beverages and snacks for your boat ride. They will ask all attendees to help cover these costs or contribute in some way (just like a Fireside) so be prepared and pay attention to the communications from your boat.
- The boats will take a leisurely cruise, arriving at Dockton State Park in Quartermaster Harbor (on Vashon Island) between 4:30 and 5:00 pm for a group barbeque dinner. For those who need or want to drive over, the ferry schedule and driving directions will be provided.
- All members who sign up for Galleyside (except captains) will be billed for the dinner ($35). Boat captains are not billed for dinner; with the cost of gas, it is the least we can do!
- End time for this event depends on the boat but most boats get back to their docks by around 8:00 pm.

Sign up this Thursday - be sure to get your name on the list early to ensure you have a spot. (Deadline for cancellations and reservations is June 18.)

**Boats Needed!**

To accommodate all Tacoma 8 Members who attend Galleyside, one to two more boats are needed. If you own a
boat or know someone with a boat who would be interested, please contact Maria DeVore right away.

**Please Help Victims of War, Polio and Other Diseases Cope with Their Disabilities!**
The WCS Committee is collecting mobility devices on behalf of Crutches 4 Africa. We need wheelchairs, leg braces, baby joggers, canes, elbow crutches, regular crutches, walkers, prosthetic limbs and bike trailers.

You can bring items to our Thursday meeting, the Rotary office or call Kevin McGowan to arrange a pick-up of larger quantities (253-383-4724). Crutches 4 Africa was founded by Colorado Rotarian Dave Talbot, himself a victim of polio. You can learn about this nonprofit at [http://www.crutches4africa.org](http://www.crutches4africa.org).

**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 slogan 'press on' has solved, and always will solve, the problems of the human race.”

-- Calvin Coolidge
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, June 18 – No Meeting due to US Open
Thursday, June 25 – Turnover Day & Galleyside

TACOMA 8 PROJECTS

Tree House
We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help provide dinner at Tree House on Monday, June 8 and 22. 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, June 20, 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 WEEK’S MEETING

By: Julie Anderson

For a recap of birthdays, anniversaries, speaker bio, etc. please review last week’s GearShift. Now, here’s what tickled me at the June 4th meeting . . .

The best thank you note evah! Stanley Elementary School youngsters serenaded us with their version of Karen Carpenter’s, “Top of the World.” That’s how 4, 5, and 6-year olds say thanks for Rotary’s famous literacy work.

Past President and today’s meeting sponsor, Brien Elvins of Tacoma Investment Group, was awarded Tacoma’s City of Destiny Adult Leadership award on June 2. [Brien won’t admit it, but it’s a BIG deal.] Naturally, he gave all of the credit to his Tacoma 8 Rotary posse.

We enjoyed meeting many guests of Rotarians. For example, Dick Moe introduced his wife and guest, Marcia Moe. They’re celebrating their anniversary. According to Dick, they’ve been blissed-out for 429 months. [You do the math.]

I’m pretty sure that I only saw 20 members reading the Four Way Test from the screen. Nice!

Maria DeVore, MDC, is “balancing boats and passengers” for the June 25 Galleyside. [Wowza! Promise?] Seriously, she needs your boat. Call her.

Past President Fred Moisio, Titus Will Ford, celebrated birthdays. Instead of tests of strength and humiliation, Fred lightened things up by noting historical events associated with each person’s birthday. Poor Kathleen
Olson, Humane Society! In 452, Attila the Hun invaded Italy. In 1896, the first car was reported stolen. In 1936, parking meters were invented. And then, Kathleen was born.

Pandakas paraded across the stage, exchanging their red badges for blue badges. Mother Fish delivered the commencement speech:

"Good afternoon to Tacoma 8 – The greatest Rotary Club in the world! I am the mother fish of all Pandakas. President Ray has said I must be brief or he will personally fillet me. What a nice man! Pandaka is Greek for small fish. Today, six Pandakas will join the big fish with Blue Badges. Some of you are real whoppers."

And then Mother Fish’s bombshell:

I have some secret information about President Elect Barry Benson’s plans for 2015/16. His theme will be ‘Back to the past: Doing much, much less, with much, much more.’ And, Barry promises that meetings will go from 60 minutes to 3½ hours."

True Confessions brought a line of generous people forward. One highlight: Dorothy Lewis confessed that Financial Insights had won The Best of the Puget Sound’s “Best Small Business” award. She gave a nod to Ali Criss and all of the Rotarians who have cheered the company along since 1981.

Then, we were mesmerized by the delightful midwest accent of guest speaker Dr. Sheila Ruhland, President of Tacoma Community College. [Am I the only one who kept imaging Dr. Ruhland as the easygoing Sheriff from “Fargo?”] Dr. Ruhland graciously acknowledged Dr. Pamela Transue, her predecessor, who skillfully led TCC for 18 years. This drew significant applause from Pamela’s Tacoma 8 fan club.

Everyone was delighted to hear about Dr. Ruhland’s deep ties to Rotary. Because she’s already an active, engaged member of an out-of-state Rotary Club, and she’d already submitted an application to Tacoma 8, President Ray worked his Presidential magic. He “transferred” Dr. Ruhland directly into our club, on the spot. Pin and all. [Wham, bam, thank you ma’am!]

And THAT is what tickled me on June 4.

What tickles YOU? Volunteer to be a story writer and you can earn a meeting make-up credit for each meeting that you cover.

Happy Birthday, Rotarians!

June 8 - Bill Baxter
BUILDING MATERIALS - Plumbing Supplies Distributor
Frank Russell Company
Trustee/Director
Sponsor: Ernie Thomson
Elected: December 1, 1955
Birthplace: Chicago, IL

June 8 - Kathleen Olson
ASSNS - Animal Welfare
The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County
Executive Director
Sponsor: Sharon Tom
Elected: July 14, 1994
Birthplace: Hollywood, CA
Spouse/Partner: Rick
June 8 - **Shon Sylvia**  
**GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Recreation**  
Metro Parks Tacoma  
Director, Recreation & Community Service  
Sponsor: **Margaret McCormick**  
Elected: March 22, 2007  
Birthplace: San Jose, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Alicia Nakamoto

June 10 - **Bill Pickles**  
**FINANCE/BANKING - Financial Planning**  
Cornerstone Financial Strategies  
Partner/Financial Planner  
Sponsor: **Leilani Powell**  
Elected: April 2, 2009  
Birthplace: Yuma, AZ  
Spouse/Partner: Jennifer

June 11 - **Jack Warnick**  
**PAST SERVICE - Wood Products**  
Sponsor: **Rick Ohlson**  
Elected: February 28, 1980  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Lilly

June 13 - **Jim Merritt**  
**ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN - Commercial**  
Merritt Arch PLLC  
Sponsor: **Del Hobbs**  
Elected: April 2, 1987  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Claudia