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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Happy Birthday, Rotarians (This Week’s Birthdays)

Please Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theater When We Welcome Tacoma 8 Member Debbie Ranniger, Executive Director, Etta Projects

Etta Projects is a development organization that collaborates with communities, creating sustainable solutions to improve
health, sanitation and clean water. We envision a world where all communities are safe and healthy. Etta Projects (www.ettaprojects.org) was created in 2003 to honor the life and legacy of Etta Turner, a Port Orchard teenager whose young life ended tragically in November 2002 when she was in Bolivia as a Rotary International Exchange student. Through our work thousands of families in Bolivia have benefited with improved health & nutrition, water and sanitation systems and education.

Debbie joined Etta Projects with over 20 years of leadership experience including vice president for advancement at Clover Park Technical College, executive director of two college non-profit foundations and president of the Kent City Council.

Debbie is a member of Tacoma 8 Rotary, serves as co-chair of the World Community Service committee and has traveled extensively in Central and South America knowing first-hand of the needs Etta Projects addresses.

She received the ‘Spirit of the Community’ award for outstanding Community Service by the Kent Area PTA Council, the Education Service Award from the Kent Chamber of Commerce and the “In Pursuit of Excellence Award” by the Kent Chamber of Commerce for encouraging and supporting diversity in the workplace.

Debbie has a B.A. in art and landscape architecture with a focus on sustainable practices and environmental design. Her masters and Ph.D. are in the field of speech communications with emphasis on small group process and decision-making, group and organizational leadership and strategic planning.

This Week’s Helpers

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

Meeting Sponsor – Miriam Barnett, YWCA
Invocator – TBD
Greeter (Membership Committee) – Jim Whitacre
Greeter/Roving Mics – Jonathan Murray
BadgeBoard/Roving Mics – TBD
National Anthem/Four-Way Test – TBD
Birthdays – TBD
Fine Counter – Donna Haynes
Meeting Reporter for Gearshift – Jeremy Fogelquist
Piano – Steve Smith
Program Introducer – Carol Webster
Roamers

June 30 – Larry Treleven – Tacoma Narrows
June 26 – Whitney Grisaffi – Lakewood
July 7 – Larry Treleven – Tacoma North

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

**THURSDAY, July 9** – Literacy Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens, Tacoma, 11:15am.

**THURSDAY, July 9** – Membership Committee Meeting, (merged committees: Membership Identification, Pandaka and Engagement & Retention) Rotary Office, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Ste. 200, 11:00am.

**THURSDAY, July 9** – World Community Service Committee Meeting, Landmark Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma, 11am.

**FRIDAY, July 10** – Projects Committee Meeting, KBTC TV, 2320 South 19th, Tacoma, 8:15am.

**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
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

Ron Thomas: 11 years on July 8
Tanya Andrews: 12 years on July 10

New Member(s) This Week

There were no new introductions at our July 2 meeting.

Announcements

In Sympathy
Sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to the family of Carrie Kuhel. Carrie passed away last week. When details are known of her memorial service, we will pass that information on.
Camp Goodtimes
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 are looking for 30 volunteers. We ask that you do not bring guests under 17.

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

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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.

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 Ice 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
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.

**Thank You Letters**

We are writing to thank Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 for so generously giving your support to the Point Defiance/Ruston Senior Center. Your grant will help operations of the center, but it will also assist with programming that everyone enjoys.

The year 2014 was an extraordinary year! We began opening on Saturdays from October 1 – April and we had more than 28,000 program participants. We commenced working on emergency management, and several staff and volunteers went through specialized training so that, should a disaster occur, you have the best care. We now have a Senior Center Emergency Response Team.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Our center would not be same without you!

Sincerely,
Kate Quebe, Director, Pt. Defiance-Ruston Senior Center
Mark Gustafson, President & CEO, Franke Tobey Jones

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I wanted to say Thank you for the pleasant surprise that we were recently gifted by Tacoma Rotary #8. I am delighted that we were found to be among the highest scoring organizations to apply for a grant this past year. It is truly a joy to be able to do what we do here in the Bryant Neighborhood within the Hilltop of Tacoma, and we are grateful for partners like you who come alongside us in these efforts. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Rod Nash, Director of Outreach, Trinity Education Programs

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Thank you Tacoma 8 Rotary for the additional funding. While unexpected, it is most appreciated. We will put it to good use in the Read2Me Program. Thank you again,

Karen Thomas
Tacoma Community House

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Thank you for your recent gift of extra funds to support Hilltop Scholars. With your commitment, Hilltop children have access to valuable education opportunities so that they can become college graduates and engaged leaders in the community. Thank you.

I am excited to share with you that Hilltop Scholars middle school phase had a 70% increase in attendance over last year, serving 128 students in 2014-15. Summer Academy, our five week academic-intensive program, just began last week for the middle school students. This program helps prevent summer learning loss with students participating in reading, math, study skills, physical activities and enrichment opportunities daily.

Thank you for partnering with us on this important mission, and we look forward to sharing our progress with you in the months ahead.

Peace,
Bill Hanawalt, Executive Director, Peace Community Center

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together Sound Sound, thank you for your grant. Your support has made a significant difference for our low-income homeowners in need. We are excitedly looking forward to making repairs or modifications for another 85 homes this coming year.

Your contribution goes far to improve the lives and homes of low-income homeowners for providing free home repairs supporting our vision of a safe and healthy home for every person. Your support of that vision will help us continue to impact the lives of all our neighbors.

Thank you for your part in preserving affordable housing in the South Sound!

Sincerely,
Amy Hoyte, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together South Sound

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Thank you for your investment in young people through our City Life Program!

Bobby Arkills, Youth for Christ

**Sound Advice for Service Above Self Living**

Submitted by Past President Bill Baxter - we'll pass one along each week.

“Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better.”
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 16 - Senators Dammeier and Darneille; Reflections on the Legislative Session

Thursday, July 23 - Harrison Laird; Experience in Nepal during the Earthquake

Thursday, July 30 - Buck Frymier and Pamela Transue; Education in Prisons and Rotary WCCW Prison Project

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: Stephanie Schramm

Our new President Barry Benson took the podium and welcomed the Rotarians and guests in the room.

We started off with a moment of silence for the passing of member Carrie Kuhel.

President Barry announced our new theme "celebrating our yesterdays and imagining our tomorrows." Thank you to Rusty George and his crew for helping with the creation on the look and feel.

Bell rang: 12:15
Invocation was given by Kirsten Willis, Tacoma Community House. National Anthem and Four way test by Chris Serface, Tacoma Little Theatre, accompanied on the piano by Barbara Mead of Moss Adams.

THANK YOU to our meeting sponsor: Chris Lee of Sandler Training.

!!NEW!! to President Barry Benson.... "Is it the Truth?" Mark Anderson from Anderson Law Firm was our MC for this awesome and exciting new part of our meetings... if you missed it - you missed out! Learn more by COMING TO THE MEETING... just sayin'…

Anniversaries were announced:
3 years Jim Boardman and Jace Dwinell
4 years Steve Hatcher
12 years **David Snow**

Introductions of visiting Rotarian and guests

True Confessions and announcements were made

**Jeff Lovely** was called out for his "antics and tighty whities" at Galleyside.

Paid Announcement by **Melanie Manista Rushforth**, NW Spay & Neuter Center for her friend Kris Blondin who is running for City Council.

Birthdays.....Thank you, **Heather Faverman** for doing birthday announcements

Short presentation by our Meeting Sponsor, Sandler Training

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On to the Speaker, Don Leingang of the USO Northwest, introduced by **Debbie Regala**

**USO Northwest (USONW)**

A nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO Northwest relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations to support its activities. The USO Northwest is not a part of the U.S. government, but is recognized by the Department of Defense, Congress and the President of the United States.

Supporting America's troops was the first mission of the USO. Over time, the USO has evolved, developing new programs and services to meet the ever-changing needs of the troops and their families, while holding steadfast to the original mission.

Today, the USO Northwest continues to lift the spirits of America's troops and their families throughout the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. USO Northwest provides programs and services developed to meet the unique needs of today's military and their families. With the help of more than 300 volunteers, USO Northwest serves over 600,000 military and their families annually. USO Northwest provides support to those who need it the most including military deploying overseas and returning home, military families, wounded warriors and their families and families of the fallen.

General services provided:

- USO SeaTac Airport Center
- USO Shali Center
- USO Portland Center
- Travel assistance
- Troop Care Packages
- USO Mobile Canteen
- Free tickets and recreation opportunities
- Community services for military and their families
- Troop deployment and homecoming events
- Internet Cafe at Seattle Coast Guard Station
Happy Birthday, Rotarians!

July 5 - Susan Barbeau  
EDUCATION - Early Learning  
First 5 FUNdamentals  
Executive Director  
Sponsor: Tanya Andrews  
Elected: September 4, 2014  
Birthplace: Centralia WA  
Spouse/Partner: Sahsh Ravindran

July 7 - Andy Buelow  
ASSNS: Performing Arts  
Tacoma Symphony  
Executive Director  
Sponsor: Barry Benson  
Elected: November 20, 2014  
Birthplace: Sacramento, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Beth

July 7 - Maureen Fife  
ASSNS: SOC SVS - Housing  
Tacoma/PC Habitat for Humanity  
CEO  
Sponsor: Kathleen Olson and David Ottey  
Elected: July 19, 2001  
Birthplace: San Diego, CA  
Spouse/Partner: Mark

July 8 - Christian Anderson  
FINANCE/BANKING - Investments  
Union Bank / Highmark Capital  
Sr. Portfolio Manager  
Sponsor: Brett Thomas  
Elected: June 27, 2013  
Birthplace: Newberg, OR  
Spouse/Partner: Erika

July 9 - Connie Brown  
ASSNS: SOC SVS - Housing  
Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium  
Executive Director  
Sponsor: Neel Parikh  
Elected: December 12, 2002  
Birthplace: Boise, ID  
Spouse/Partner: Cathryn Cummings

July 9 - Dean Hanks  
EDUCATION - Private Schools  
Bellarmine Preparatory School  
Director of Major Gifts & Planned Giving  
Sponsor: Dave Thomas  
Elected: June 2, 2005  
Birthplace: Southwick, MA

July 9 - Jim Henderson  
PAST SERVICE - Printing & Publishing  
Sponsor: Mike Hara  
Elected: August 9, 1984  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA

July 11 - Mariam Anderson  
ASSNS: International Trade  
City Club of Tacoma  
Executive Director  
Sponsor: Mary Jo Strom-Copland  
Elected: March 4, 2010  
Birthplace: Moscow, Russia  
Spouse/Partner: Todd Anderson

July 11 - Nancy Davis  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Recreation  
Metro Parks Tacoma  
Governmental Relations Officer  
Sponsor: Becky A Fontaine  
Elected: July 27, 2006  
Birthplace: Minneapolis, MN  
Spouse/Partner: Steve Wade

July 11 - Joe Gordon  
LAW PRACTICE - General  
Gordon Thomas Honeywell Malanca  
Partner/Member of LLP  
Sponsor: Joe Gordon, Sr.  
Elected: September 2, 1969  
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA  
Spouse/Partner: Sandra