



# The Gearshift

## ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8

We are bringing together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, to encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

The Gearshift is a weekly publication to inform members of current events in the Rotary Club of Tacoma #8.



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**Rotary**   
 Club of Tacoma #8

**This week's meeting:**

**12-1pm**

La Quinta Inn & Suites  
 1425 East 27<sup>th</sup> St  
 Tacoma, WA 98421



# This Thursday





Katie Arthur works in the Pierce County Department Of Emergency Management. Katie is the department's Outreach Coordinator and is frequently in the community teaching preparedness classes or attending public events to share information with the community. It's a very busy job. During emergency operations center activations, Arthur is often working in the Logistics section making sure partners get the resources they need for the emergency.

Katie was recently accepted to the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA).

The NEMAA reinforces the qualities needed to lead emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes appropriate case studies. NEMAA participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of peers.

The NEMAA program is a one-year program that requires students to attend in-person, one-week classes four times and extensive virtual collaboration with other students and faculty throughout the year.



We are in need of a few Volunteers to help run the technology in our Thursday meetings.

No need to come early or stay late. Setup and take down will be handled by the Club Administrator.

Please contact David in the office if you would like to volunteer.



*Wishing You a Speedy Recovery!*



To both **Dorothy Lewis** and **Jim Whitacre** after their recent surgery.



## Meeting Sponsor



**REGISTER HERE**

DINNER AND AUCTION

Rotary   
Club of Tacoma # 8

SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025  
5 – 10pm

*Stepping Into The Spotlight*



STAR CENTER, 3873 SOUTH 66TH TACOMA 98409

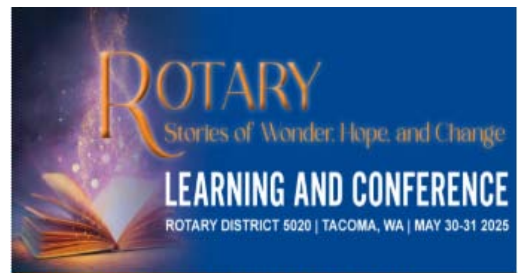
WELCOME NEW MEMBER



JOE LE ROY







**JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING ROTARY DISTRICT 5020 CONFERENCE!**

Greetings, Fellow Rotarians and Guests!

I am excited to invite you to join me and your fellow Rotarians at the Rotary District 5020 Conference and Learning event in Tacoma, WA, on May 30-31, 2025.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to engage in valuable learning, meaningful fellowship, and hear from motivational speakers.

You'll be inspired by powerful "Rotary Stories of Wonder, Hope, and Change". It's the perfect occasion to spark new ideas and build lasting connections with fellow Rotarians!

In Rotary Service,  
**Bill McGregor**  
 District 5020 Governor 2024-2025

Our club has limited funds available to assist individuals who wish to attend the District Conference. Contact David in the office for more information.

To learn more about the conference and to Register [Click Here](#)

**14K Yellow Gold Bracelet** from Ben Bridge Jeweler

Enjoy the view from the air on Kenmore Air & a gift card from Woven

Floral Arrangement Every Month for a Year from Stadium Thriftway

Get away to Alderbrook

Enjoy a getaway to a cabin near Rainier and Crystal Mountain and a Visa Gift Card

Salmon Dinner at Dunbar's on August 18th

*This Week's Featured Items*

**Goal: \$250,000**



**\$104,850 Raised!**

*Auction Sponsors*

<b>EGOT \$10,000</b> Timberland Bank	<b>GRAMMY \$5,000</b> Kathi Willis Gesa Credit Union	<b>TONY \$1,500</b> Banner Bank	<b>TONY \$1,500</b> STADIUM WEALTH MANAGEMENT	<b>GOLDEN GLOBE \$1,000</b> Buck Thompson Barry & Sharon Benson Michele Johnson Donna Haynes Jim & Deb Tanasse Cynthia Darland Greg & Sonja Rolsma Joe & Sandra Gordon
<b>FINANCIAL INSIGHTS</b> Financial Insights	<b>OSCAR \$2,500</b> Edward Jones INVESTMENTS	<b>UNITED WAY</b> Pierce County	<b>GOLDEN GLOBE \$1,000</b> Rusty & Janet Hersey Chris Serface & Mike Reynolds	<b>PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$500</b> Marsha & Andrew Burns Jan Brazzell & Wolfgang Opitz Rick Oldenburg Jeff & Kim Albers Whitney Grisaffi Jenn Jensen
<b>EMMY \$7,500</b> NTUS-WILL	<b>GRAMMY \$5,000</b> Heritage Bank	<b>Zenith West</b> GYMNASTICS	<b>WEDDERMANN</b> ARCHITECTURE	
<b>LA</b>	<b>D&amp;B</b> SOUND • EXHIBIT • DESIGN • MEDIA	<b>THE UNIVERSITY PREPARATION SCHOOL</b> TACOMA	<b>TACOMA LITTLE THEATRE</b>	
<b>DIMMER FAMILY FOUNDATION</b> Kathryn Nelson Mike & Liz Dunbar	<b>MOSSADAMS</b> Carol & Chris Webster Clay Zhang Cindy Grady Stacey & Ed Ogle	<b>EVERGREEN</b> HOME LOANS	<b>USbank</b>	
			<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE</b> MEDICAL • DENTAL • PHARMACY	

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 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AUCTION RAFFLE | \$50 EACH | YOUR CHANCE TO WIN**

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**\$1,000 CASH!**

THE DRAWING WILL BE ON SATURDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM - NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

**\$50 each**

**Rotary Auction Special**

**CARRS** Restaurant & Catering

This coupon is good for 25% off ONE meal  
 11006 Bridgeport Way SW | Lakewood, WA 98499  
 Coupon Expires 12-31-25

**PURCHASE BEFORE & AFTER MEETINGS**

Virtual streaming of Tacoma Rotary Club meetings can be viewed on



*Next Thursday*



THURSDAYS AT FIVE

**Thursday at Five**

Sponsored by: **The Humane Society**  
Tacoma & Pierce County

**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2025    **Time:** 5-7 p.m.  
**Location:** The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County  
2608 Center St., Tacoma WA, 98409

**RSVP**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

**SVdP** St. Vincent de Paul  
Tacoma, Pierce County

**Saturday April 5, 2025**  
**10:00am – 1:00pm**  
4009 South 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98409

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

*Lunch* **Friday Apr 11, 2025**  
**11:00am – 2:00pm**  
425 South Tacoma Way  
Tacoma, WA 98402

**Tacoma Rescue Mission**  
HELP • HOPE • HEALING

**April Broadcasts**

Thursday April 3rd  
Thursday April 17th  
Thursday April 24th

**12 – 1pm**

Click Here to Watch Now!

**March 27, 2025**  
Meeting Minutes

**Story Writer – Jim Henderson**  
**Program – Community Service Award**

President Chris Serface called the March 27th meeting of the Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 to order at 12 Noon. The meeting was held at the LaQuinta Inn in Tacoma Washington and was live on the Club's You Tube channel .

The Four Way Test and Land Acknowledgement was led by member Adam Cook. Sherrana Kildun came forward to provide a thoughtful Reflection. She talked about doing the right thing and the circle of potential.

Michelle Johnson took the roving microphone around to members who had guests. The following members had guests: Jan Brazzell, future Club President Emily Mendez-Bryant, Jim Merritt, PP Jim Whitacre and Dan Wirth. Incoming Exchange Student Ruth told us she attended the Spring Formal at Stadium High School and is excited for the opening night of the show, Chicago, also at Stadium.

Rotarian Service Anniversaries were celebrated: Judge Frank Dacca - 37 years, PP Brien Elvins 28 years, Dean Hanks 26 years, and PP Carolyn Weyrick 21 years. Sharon Benson reminded everyone we are 30 days from this year's Auction. She asked to attend to buy raffle tickets, donate items and bring guests.

Dan Wirth came forward to introduce our newest member, Joe Le Roy, the new CEO at Hope Sparks. He has 27 years in nonprofit management, has a bachelor's degree in psychology, is married with one son, and was a former member of the Passport Rotary Club.

We then did a special video greeting to Canadian Rotarians urging them to attend the upcoming District Conference to be held in Tacoma at the end of May. Future DG Linda Kaye Briggs joined in leading the greeting by Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards.



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**Saturday Apr 12, 2025**  
**12:00pm – 2:30pm**  
3318 92<sup>nd</sup> Street South  
Lakewood, WA 98402

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TO RSVP**



Talk Time is a unique opportunity for volunteers to work with adults in our community who are in the English Language Acquisition Program.

**Thursday April 24, 2025**  
Available Sessions  
10:30am – 12:00pm  
1:30 – 3:00pm  
6:15 – 7:45pm

If you plan to attend, please let Natasha Stockton know the date and time by emailing the [Tacoma Community House](#).

President Chris then welcomed two members of the Daffodil Festival court, Queen Harmony from Silas High School, and Miss Congeniality, Princess Gisselle from Washington High School. The 88th Daffodil Festival parade will be held on April 5th. This week's meeting sponsor was Cindy Grady.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of this year's Community Service Award to Kwabi Amoah-Forson, the founder of the 'Peace Bus'. He is known for managing humanitarian campaigns and promoting messages of Peace through social media, community events and keynote speeches.

Jan Brazzell came forward to talk about Kwabi's impact on the community. Jan told us he aims to bring people together, inspire positive change, and empower people to promote peace and equality. He founded the Peace Bus to help people. He received the Tacoma Peace award. Mayor Woodards said she first met him when she ran for Mayor. She admires his humility, determination and exemplifies what is meant to spread peace, and is honored to call him a friend and it has not changed who he is.

Krabi uses his platform to help people in need. He credited his upbringing and his Mom. He said he sees people coming together. He would go to the park on Saturday morning with his posters talking about peace. He is trying for all young people to have free meals in the summer, working with area restaurants to arrange that. The best way to reach him and support his work is by going to [peacebus.org](#).

President Chris reminded everyone about the community service project on March 28th at the Tacoma Rescue Mission for breakfast at 6am to 9am. Tonight, please attend the March, 'Thirsty Thursday' at 5pm at Coopers Food and Drink in west Tacoma.

Today's meeting volunteers were thanked by President Chris. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm




<b>CARLA SANTORNO</b>	<b>MARCH 31ST</b>
<b>HARRISON LAIRD</b>	<b>MARCH 31ST</b>
<b>NICK FRANK</b>	<b>MARCH 31ST</b>
<b>BARRY BENSON</b>	<b>APRIL 1ST</b>
<b>DEB TANASSE</b>	<b>APRIL 4TH</b>
<b>PAMELA TRANSUE</b>	<b>APRIL 5TH</b>

**Happy Anniversary!**



<b>GLENN EVERITT</b>	<b>50 YEARS</b>
<b>BILL PICKLES</b>	<b>16 YEARS</b>
<b>RUTHANN HOWELL</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>
<b>CALVIN PEARSON</b>	<b>2 YEARS</b>
<b>PAULA GRACIA</b>	<b>1 YEAR</b>

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