



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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THURSDAYS AT FIVE

Rotary
Club of Tacoma #8



This week's meeting:

5-7pm

the Humane society
Tacoma & Pierce County

2608 Center Street
Tacoma, WA 98409



*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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TO RSVP**

**HELP
WANTED**

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.

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



Don Doman, Jeff Gellert, and Kathleen Manke

This week's Featured Auction Items



A Pie a Month from Diane Tibbo



Mariners Tickets for Four and Parking



Sounders Club Seat Tickets on July 19th



Professionally Guided Fishing Trip



Homemade chocolates from Miriam Barnett



Italian Dinner by Miriam Barnett & Michele Johnson on July 26th



King Deluxe Waterview Jacuzzi room from the Silver Cloud
Deluxe & Gift card for Copper & Salt

ROTARY
Stories of Wonder. Hope. and Change

LEARNING AND CONFERENCE
ROTARY DISTRICT 5020 | TACOMA, WA | MAY 30-31, 2025

**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**

Auction Sponsors

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

EGOT \$10,000 Timberland Bank Financial Insights	GRAMMY \$5,000 Kathi Willis Gesa Credit Union OSCAR \$2,500 Edward Jones (INVESTMENTS)	TONY \$1,500 Banner Bank UNITED WAY Pierce County Zenith West GYMNASIUMS TACOMA LITTLE THEATRE	TONY \$1,500 STADIUM WEALTH MANAGEMENT Rusty & Janet Hersey Chris Serface & Mike Reynolds GOLDEN GLOBE \$1,000 WEDDERMANN ARCHITECTURE TACOMA LITTLE THEATRE	GOLDEN GLOBE \$1,000 SHARON CHAMBERS GORDON Buck Thompson Barry & Sharon Benson Michele Johnson Donna Haynes Jim & Deb Tanasse Cynthia Darland Greg & Sonja Rolsma Joe & Sandra Gordon PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$500 Marsha & Andrew Burns Jan Brazzell & Wolfgang Opitz Rick Oldenburg Jeff & Kim Albers Whitney Grisaffi Jenn Jensen Pat Willis
EMMY \$7,500 NTUS-WILL LA	Heritage BANK Carol & Chris Webster Clay Zhang Cindy Grady Stacey & Ed Ogle	evergreen FAMILY FOUNDATION	usbank COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE	



Next Thursday



GREATER TACOMA PEACE PRIZE



Past President of the Tacoma Lodge of the Sons of Norway, **Tom Heavy, SR. - Founder** is on the Board of Directors for the International Sons of Norway Foundation. Tom developed the concept for a local peace prize, sponsored by Norwegian Americans, while serving in the war zone during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Retired from the US Coast Guard Reserve, Tom is also a

retired AmeriCorps program manager. He has lived in Tacoma-Pierce County for over 40 years. He and his wife, Nancy, are active members at Peace Lutheran Church on Tacoma's Hilltop.

B.A. Pacific Lutheran University
M.A. Wartburg Theological Seminary
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, Retired
AmeriCorps Program Manager, Retired

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CALL OUT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE RAFFLE #0100

AUCTION RAFFLE | \$50 EACH | YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

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\$1,000 Cash!

THE DRAWING WILL BE ON THURSDAY APRIL 24th AT 6:00 PM - MUST NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN #0100

\$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





April Broadcasts

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

12 – 1pm

Click Here to
Watch Now!

April 3, 2025
Meeting Minutes



Story Writer – Barry Benson
Program – Pierce County Emergency Management

Lunch

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



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**EMERGENCY
FOOD
NETWORK**

Saturday Apr 12, 2025
12:00pm – 2:30pm
3318 92ND Street South
Lakewood, WA 98402

**CLICK HERE
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 rang in the meeting at 12:07 and thanked everyone for joining.

Then we participated in our regular ceremonial opening, starting with Cindy Grady who led the 4-way test and Land Acknowledgement.

For Thursday's reflection, Greg Rolsma shared some of his favorite inspirational quotes. Martin Luther King Jr asked us "What are you doing for others? And one of Greg's favorites came from the late Bob Moawad of the Edge Learning Institute. Moawad said, "You can't make footprints in the sands of time if you're sitting on your butt, and who wants to make Butt prints in the sand of time."

President Chris then reminded us that April is Maternal and Child Health Month by telling us that every day mothers risk their lives giving birth, and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, Rotary provides immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improves access to essential medical services, and supports trained health care providers for mothers and their children.

We next recognized Rotarian Anniversaries.

GLENN EVERITT 50 YEARS
BILL PICKELS 16 YEARS
RUTHANN HOWELL 5 YEARS
CALVIN PEARSON 2 YEARS
PAULA GRACIA 1 YEARS

Linda Kaye Briggs introduced the April birthday celebrants -- Carla Santorno, Harrison Laird, Nick Frank, Barry Benson, Deb Tanasse, and Pamela Transue. In answer to her birthday question, they each told us of their fondest wish that might come true in the next 365 days.

Our auction is coming up in 23 days (April 26th), so co-chairs Carol Duris and Sharon Benson reminded us to procure our tickets and to dress in whatever way they preferred. They also announced that we had hit our sponsorship goal of \$100,000!

Kirsten Willis was next on the agenda to talk about membership and encourage us to bring people to a meeting. The first meeting lunch is on the house! Our focus is on younger members. Then Kirsten gave us the David Letterman type list-- The top 6 reasons for joining Rotary, with Number 1 being you can brag about your international business (we do a lot of work internationally!)

Our meeting sponsor, Mary Lynn Pannen graciously donated her 2 minutes to the meeting.

Our program (Emergency Management) was introduced by Gil Quante. Katie Arthur, the Outreach Coordinator for Pierce County's Department of Emergency Management led off the discussion along with Arianna Topbjerg, Emergency Coordinator for the City of Tacoma.

In discussing the various possible emergencies, they reminded us that Tacoma is very close to the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a 700 mile "megathrust" fault line that runs from Northern California to British Columbia. And this fault line could be the source of a 9.0 earthquake, which seismologists tell us is long overdue.

They went on to describe other potential emergencies, ranging from extreme heat, from flooding or from a lahar, and even the possibility of a volcano.

Their advice was to have a "go-pack" ready with things you might need in an emergency. They also recommended that we have a list in our purses or wallets of out of area contacts (our cell phones may die) and to have a designated meeting or gathering point for family and friends.

They also told us of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) basic training opportunities that cover how to be prepared as well as first aid training for emergency related injuries.

Katie gave us 3 important steps to prepare for these hazards. 1. make plans. 2. Build a "go-kit," and 3. Help each other.

We can get more information by calling 253 798 6595 Pierce County Emergency Management. (and I checked by calling the number, and you don't get a voice mail, but a live person!)

Next week is "Thursday at 5." We will visit the Humane Society and enjoy drinks, appetizers and a behind the scenes tour of the facility.



BIANCA MILEVOJ APRIL 8TH
EU-WANDA EAGANS APRIL 11TH
PETER NORMAN APRIL 12TH



JOHN SCHNEIDER 23 YEARS
KIRSTEN WILLIS 15 YEARS

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