



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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HANDS FOR PEACEMAKING & ROTARY GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

Funded in part by Tacoma #8, members of four Rotary Clubs participated in the mission to assemble and install 110 Aller clean-air wood-burning stoves and water filters in a remote village in the Mayan Highlands.



Following graduation from the UW School of Business, David Snow served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala then embarked on a career focusing on regional, national and international sales management. He joined Tacoma #8 in 2003 and served two terms as Vice President of the Foundation. He and his late wife, Barbara, traveled to Ethiopia on a PolioPlus mission to vaccinate children against polio and visited Kenya with Rotary. While with World Vision

Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 meets weekly on Thursdays.

This week's meeting:

La Quinta Inn & Suites
1425 East 27th Street
Tacoma, WA 98421





in the early 2000s, David co-led a Rotary/World Vision task force seeking a partnership alliance with Rotary International. In the process they met with Rotarians such as then RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and twice with Past RI President Jim Lacey. This effort paved the way for Rotary-World Vision Collaborations, which today has reached \$60 million in completed, underway or planned projects. David was involved in the early years of LeMay-America's Car Museum and Franciscan Health System during the construction of St. Anthony (Gig Harbor) and St. Elizabeth (Enumclaw) Hospitals. His decade-long work with Wesley Community Foundation led to his transfer to Renton Rotary in 2018.



Time paid for by Jim Whitacre in recognition of:



We will put dental kits together following the meeting.



We will welcome our 2024-25 Rotary Youth Exchange students.

Emil Sommer & Ruth Nassali

Both Emil & Ruth will introduce themselves to our club this **Thursday, September 5th**.

Both students will receive their Rotary Youth Exchange badges



Tacoma Rotary #8 in Zimbabwe, Africa!



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A petite woman with white hair bounded up the stairs to the microphone in front of over 300 Rotarians at the 2024 District Conference 5000 meeting. She spoke passionately about

STEVE SMITH CAROLYN WEYRICK



There will be a Military Affairs Committee Meeting this Thursday, September 5th at 11:15am at the La Quinta prior to our club meeting At 12pm.

Anyone interested in joining this committee are encouraged to attend.

Topic: Military appreciation meeting on Thursday November 7, 2024.



Thank you, Jena Anderson, for your hard work and dedication to Rotary Club of Tacoma #8



Rotary MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Comments may be submitted to the board within **7** days of this posting, as to the membership of:

JESSICA PICHORA

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Financial Services – Financial Consultant

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2020 meeting. She spoke passionately about an independent non-profit that grew out of Rotary: Malaria Partners International (MPI). That woman was our Stacey Ogle of Rotary #8. Something in the way she spoke ignited my hidden wish to experience more of Rotary.

I signed up for a MPI adventure to Zimbabwe.

I have never visited Africa, nor can I say it existed on a bucket list. Instead, Stacey's presentation arose a key question in life: How does one wake up one morning, and say, "I think we should eradicate a disease from the world. I'll put that on today's to-do list."

For MPI, it began fourteen years ago, when Nancy Osborne, President of Rotary Seattle #4 interviewed her members asking, "What else can we do?" Rotarian Bill Gates Sr. suggested eradicating malaria. Why? Through its work in eradicating polio, Rotary discovered the key elements needed to be effective in working international projects: 1) Passionate host country Rotarians and volunteers, 2) friendly government to provide leadership and guidance to secure approvals, and 3) a Rotary club with engaged membership. Zambia had them all. The first year, Rotary Seattle #4 raised thousands of dollars for mosquito nets, the second-year additional funds provided nets and anti-malaria medication. Each year, medical research advanced, and donations grew. In January 2024, Zimbabwe Rotarians wanted in.

In my first week of travel, leaving Seattle August 26th, I have learned the basics of current malaria treatments, spent 23 hours in flight, 15 hours waiting at airports, fed two giraffes, patted and fed two rhinos, witnessed zebras demonstrate "survival of the fittest" with their powerful back leg kicks, and saw the most poached mammal in the world now nearing extinction (the pangolin). I am discovering the vast backgrounds of my fellow travelers: nurses, mediation attorneys, lobbyists, IT consultants, and our own Stacey Ogle, who launched further into her international humanitarian work after selling Cole Graphic Solutions. We are bounding together to work with Zimbabwean Rotarians.

Stay turned, my friends. This is an adventure.

Barbara Wyatt

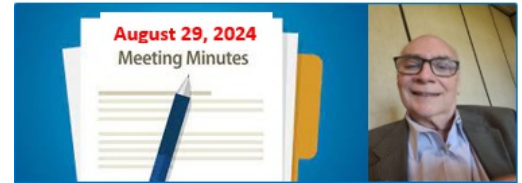
Rotary #8 Board member

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Next Broadcast:

Thursday, September 5th

12 – 1pm



Storey Writer - Jim Henderson
Program - Comprehensive Life Resources

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

THURSDAYS AT FIVE



eliseo foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation organized exclusively for the benefit **eliseo**.

Governed by a volunteer board, the foundation was established in 1986 for the purpose of raising funds for the **eliseo** community and its residents. For more than 30 years, the foundation has been instrumental in securing gifts for the development and expansion of facilities, the purchase of new equipment, and support for valuable programs and services, all with the intent to make life better for residents. Since **eliseo** first opened its doors in 1938, the pursuit to offer quality health care and life plan options has remained at the forefront for the Board of Trustees and **eliseo** leadership team.

The **eliseo** foundation supports the mission of **eliseo** to make life better for our residents.

We are a senior community where residents find kinship, fun, and belonging. We are the only nonprofit campus in Pierce County that participates in Medicare and Medicaid while still offering a full spectrum of quality care and services at an affordable price.

Over 50% of our Health Care Center residents have outlived their savings and rely on **eliseo** and Medicaid for their daily needs. With the decline in government reimbursements, we must write off over \$1 million in uncompensated care each year.

We maintain the mission we were founded upon 80 years ago to serve "any and all in need."



President Chris Surface called the August 29th, 2024, meeting of the Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 to order at 12 Noon. The weekly meeting was held at the LaQuinta Inn in Tacoma Washington and was live on the Club's Facebook page. President Chris led everyone in reciting the Four Way Test. Kirsten Willis came forward for the Reflection where she recited a poem with the theme of things we are thankful for.

IPP Greg Rolsma took the roving microphone around to members who had guests: PP Carolyn Weyrick, and our two inbound Exchange Students, Ruth from Uganda and Emil from Germany.

The following Rotary Service Anniversaries were recognized: PP Kathy Martin 35 years; Rick Oldenburg 22 years; Joe Missel 18 years Elliot Stockstad 17 years; and Diane Tilstra at 12 years.

PP Mark Anderson, and Tacoma Rotary Foundation Board president came forward to give a report on the TRF. The 2024-2025 Rotary year saw an ending balance in the Corpus of slightly over two million dollars from 100 individual donors. TRF board members Jeff Albers and PP Kathy Martin retired from the board, and club members elected to the board, PP Steve Smith and PP Carolyn Weyrick. The sponsor of today's meeting is Financial Insights and Amanda Burrows came forward to talk about the Inaugural Tacoma Business Golf Cup.

Diane Tilstra came forward to introduce today's program, Comprehensive Life Resources, and Julie Bradley, Executive Director of Outpatient Services. The organization was founded in



Saturday Sept 7, 2024
10:00am – 1:00pm
 4009 South 56th Street
 Tacoma, WA 98409

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Friday Sept 13, 2024
11:00am – 2:00pm
 425 South Tacoma Way
 Tacoma, WA 98402



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Saturday Sept 14, 2024
12:00pm – 2:30pm
 3318 92nd Street South
 Lakewood, WA 98402

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JOSEPH GORDON	55 YEARS
DONA PONEPINTO	10 YEARS
MICHAEL THOMPSON	9 YEARS
SHARON BENSON	6 YEARS



C.W HERCHOLD	SEPTEMBER 5TH
JOHN SCHNEIDER	SEPTEMBER 7TH

Services. The organization was founded in 1971, and Julie has been with the organization for 18 years. It is the first and oldest Mental Health Center. They serve the homeless and individuals who are disenfranchised.

They offer integrated services and pride themselves on being innovative with Mental Health services and substance abuse help. They have a large outreach program, residential treatment. They go out to people in the community and receive referrals from the police and fire departments. They gave programs for youth struggling at home and how families can stay together. They also support housing and employment, and pride themselves on being a well-connected member of the area service community. They serve over 5 000 clients per year with a staff of over 300. It is a Behavioral health agency.

President Chris called on PGG Committee member Andrew Sisolak to give an update on this year's Project Greater Good Campaign. Current pledge totals are at over \$63,000. Andrew is prepared to walk one mile with a heavy backpack on, for every \$1,000 pledged.

President Chris then called Club Finance Manager Jena Anderson forward and announced she will be retiring from the position at the end of August. Chris thanked Jena for her hard work and dedication to the club and said at this time Jena will not be replaced. Some of her work will be outsourced to CPA firm Dwyer Pemberton and Coulson.

Everyone was reminded of upcoming Community Service Projects: Sept 7 at St. Vincent dePaul, Sept 13 at Tacoma Rescue Mission and Sept 14 at Emergency Food Network. Then everyone spent a short amount of time for table talk on what is a good book for kids before going back to school.

There was some time for True Confessions. Rick Oldenburg celebrating 22 years as a member and his 51st Wedding Anniversary, PP Mark Anderson thanking retiring TRF board members Jeff Albers and PP Kathy Martin, thanks to PP Mike Dunbar for 40 Art Wickens fellowships.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

