



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.

Happy Holidays



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Holiday Program

Rotary 
Club of Tacoma #8
NO Club Meeting This Week

OFFICE CLOSED
Monday December 23rd
Working Remote
Tuesday December 24th
Through
Friday December 27th



Pictures by Barbara Wyatt

Business Expo Rotary
Club of Tacoma #8



Thursday January 9, 2025
11am - 1pm

Greater Tacoma Convention Center
1500 Commerce St | Tacoma, WA 98402

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ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

It's time now for you to nominate someone to be our 2025 Rotarian of the Year.

Each year, our club recognizes a Rotarian who has provided exemplary service to the club and to our community.

The selection committee, including Past Presidents, Past Rotarians of the Year and current and incoming Presidents will meet to review all of the nominations and select the next worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

The recipient of this year's Rotarian of the Year award will be honored at our meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025, where he or she will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship and tremendous adulation, followed by thundering applause, all in recognition of their outstanding service. That evening, they will also be treated to a dinner in the company of Past Rotarians of the Year.

Although many are deserving, only one can be honored as our Rotarian of the Year. Please take the time to nominate one of our club's most commendable Rotarians.

Nomination forms are due by Thursday, January 16, 2025.

[Click here to make a nomination](#)

Virtual streaming of Tacoma Rotary Club meetings can be viewed on





December Broadcasts


Thursday December 5th
Thursday December 19th

12 - 1pm

 [Click Here to Watch Now!](#)

December 19, 2024

Meeting Minutes



Story Writer – Barbara Wyatt
Program – Holiday

Next Week!



IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU



RUTHANN HOWELL

DEC 28TH

Through La Quinta's doors they poured, a festive Rotary 8 throng,
Their holiday greetings filled the air.
"Happy Hanukkah!" "Merry Christmas!" rang strong,
And "Kwanzaa blessings!" echoed everywhere.

President Chris began the program that included lunch,
Then **Dan Bogart**, **Miriam Barnett**, **Kirsten Willis** and **Stephen Deal**
shared reflections, introductions, and more with a one-two punch.
These fine Rotarians set the mood for all to enjoy this holiday meal.

Anniversaries were announced with cheer and delight:
Corey Hjalseth, **Don Hansen**, **Barry Benson**, **Alex Trettin**, and
Sarah Rumbaugh all well-known,
Jim Whitacre's 43 years brought much delight,
Rotarians rose and cheered for all like a touchdown in the endzone.

Petra Schell brought updates of Interacts deeds,
Then **Ruth Nassali** spoke of Uganda's magical Christmas cheer.
Emil Sommer shared Germany's festive seeds,
To Rotarians, these youth are brilliant, talented, and dear.

Cindy Grady provided a sponsorship with pride
Amy Wigstrom brought the Puget Sound Revels to the stage.
Their holidays tunes and sweet melodies left no one dry-eyed.
The audience chimed in with harmonies from every age.

Twelve from the crowd were pulled to the stage,
To leap, lay eggs, and dance with flair.
Even a French hen tail wagged as all turned the page,
Of course, **Gil Quante**'s top hat was beyond compare!

President Chris gave a final thanks to those who led the way,
Adding **Randy Kinnamon** and **Barbara Wyatt** to the volunteer crew.
With a twinkle in his eye, President Chris closed the meeting to say,
"May peace and joy fill all your season through!"