

January 15th
Luncheon

Washington State Legislative Agenda: Commentary by Peter Callaghan and Associates

It's January. It's CITY CLUB. The almanac says that when these two entities converge, it must be time to focus on that special seasonal coalescence to the south: the great migration of politicians to Olympia. Traditionally, the club begins its program year with an exploration of the upcoming legislative session—its anticipated challenges, our local agenda, and any potential for vitriol flying around the House and Senate.

Speaking of traditions...many of this year's legislative issues, while having every appearance of being urgently acute, are paradoxically developing the patina of tradition as they again confront legislators. The idea of a budget crisis precipitated by economic hard times and braced by a recent

taxpayer revolt at the polls, and the notion that the state transportation system is no better that it was before the last round of studies and elections both promise to top the list again this year. But maybe there will be some surprise issues this year. Maybe they will take action on a chronic problem. Maybe someone will have a way to break the inertia of political party parity. Maybe.

For a slight shift on tradition, our look at this year's legislative agenda will be at the luncheon meeting rather than the dinner program. The event is slated for noon, January 15 at the Sheraton..

Our chief guide for this crystal-ball gander at the 2003 session will be our old friend and pundit, Peter

Callaghan of *The News Tribune*. The program is titled "Peter Callaghan and Associates"—which is as much detail as we could muster, considering the fact that state politic and media coverage of state politics are exceptionally fluid. We know, certainly, that if it has to do with Mr. Callaghan and his associates, it will be witty, insightful, candid, and worth the listen.

Make plans to attend this lively and informative meeting.

JANUARY 15TH LUNCHEON
NOON, SHERATON BALLROOM
RESERVE BY JANUARY 10TH
CALL 253-272-9561 OR EMAIL
OFFICE@CITYCLUBTACOMA.ORG
\$13 FOR MEMBERS; \$17 GUESTS
PARKING IS \$2.00

January 29th
Breakfast

Planning for Crisis - Managing the Consequences

They've gone and done it again! Your Board of Directors, urged on by the intrepid Program Chair, Dawn, and the enthusiastically vocal Membership Chair, Jan, have decided to start the year by REALLY shaking thing up. We're having BREAKFAST! And not just any breakfast. We're going to have some serious discussion about homeland security with our sausage and eggs.

CITY CLUB, never afraid to tackle the meaty issues, will host Jerry Schneider as the guest speaker. Jerry is the Business Development Manager of New Directions, Inc, (NDI) a rapidly growing Department of Defense contractor headquartered here in the South Puget Sound.

NDI and its staff are working on applying technology to assist communities in responding to attacks resulting in mass destruction. They're developing an automated handbook, per se, that will cover as many contingencies as possible. Task forces whose responsibility it is to plan how to meet a crisis situation can use this model to best utilize their available resources. Those resources range from the obvious: fire department, police force, hospitals, and National Guard; to the not-so-obvious:

local construction companies, volunteer organizations, theater owners, and churches. Jerry will discuss some of the many things that need to be considered when planning to meet a crisis and how best to manage the consequences of the decisions made. Recently returned from a homeland security conference in our nation's capital, Jerry will have some insight to share with us.

This meeting, which includes a hot breakfast buffet prepared by Landmark's award winning culinary staff, builds on the discussion at the January 22nd Roundtable. Tom Valentine, Chairman of the Board, and Carrie Cirrito, Executive Director, of the Pierce County Red Cross will discuss what they learned at their recent crisis response conference in Washington, D.C. Plan on attending both of these important meetings.

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Letter from Lorie Green

To the Board of Directors, City Club of Tacoma:

Please accept my resignation as President of the Board of City Club of Tacoma. I have accepted a position with a bank in Scottsdale, Arizona and my husband and I will be leaving the 1st of January to move to the sun. We are excited about this chapter in our lives, however, I am sorry that I am unable to complete my obligation to City Club. I have enjoyed the organization immensely and thank all of you for your great support.

Jim Reardon is aware of my leaving and will step into the President's position, as outlined in the City Club bylaws.

Best of luck to you all, and happy holidays!

The **Tacoma Public Library** has been in the news lately. Budget discussions, the homeless, use of computers, and privacy concerns have caused citizens to focus narrowly on the issues one at a time rather than understand the Library as an institution in our community.

The Library as a topic for a Community Study was quite popular in our poll last year, and **this is the call for interested participants**. We will consider the Library's origins and history, its current mission and values, and its vision for the future and make recommendations to enable it to be the library that Tacoma needs for the future.

Please join this study by contacting **Peter Baker** at osetra@hotmail.com.

CALENDAR

January 8th Roundtable, noon, The Vault, 2nd Floor Meeting Room: Tacoma’s School of the Arts, the highly successful innovation in education, will be discussed at this noon meeting, coordinated by Michael McGavok.

January 15th, Luncheon, noon, The Sheraton, Ballroom (Parking \$2): They’re back! Peter Callaghan and Associates will give us an update on the legislative agenda and related political (and comical) topics.

January 22nd Roundtable, noon, The Vault, 2nd Floor Meeting Room: Carrie Cirrito, Executive Director of the American Red Cross of Tacoma-Pierce County, and Tom Valentine, Chairman of its Board of Directors, will speak about their role in homeland security.

January 29th Breakfast, 7:30 am, The Landmark Convention Center, (Parking free): Jerry Schneider, Business Development Manager for New Definitions, Inc, will give a presentation about planning for crisis and managing the consequences of decisions made in the midst of responding to a disaster.

February 5th Dinner Program, 6 pm, UPS Wheelock Student Center (formerly known as Student Union) Rotunda (parking free but limited - accessible from Alder Street): Put more TAC in SEATAC! Juli Wilkerson will speak about her efforts to develop and expand Tacoma’s presence at the airport its citizens helped to build.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CITY CLUB cannot continue to grow and to fulfill its mission without the assistance of its members. Won’t you consider joining one of the committees listed at the right? Call Linda at the office for more information or see our website, www.cityclubtacoma.org for contact information.

Advance reservations required for lunch and dinner programs, but not for roundtables. Call 253-272-9561, fax 253-272-5437, or email City Club’s administrator, Linda Pearn at office@cityclubtacoma.org.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am until 4 pm

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Felix Flannigan, Matin Luther King Housing
Olivann Hokold, Hokold Development
Jeff Jagosh, Insignia Kidder Mathews
Edward T. Leech
Malcolm Russell, GATEWAYS for Youth and Families
Jane Taylor, Northwest Kinetics
Bob Williams, Washington Department of Corrections

Thank you to **Oscar Hokold, Jan Karroll, Dawn Lucien, Dwight Orr, and Doris and Leonard Soucek**, for bringing new members into City Club of Tacoma.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, chaired by **Dawn Lucien**, plans the twice monthly programs and the Roundtable discussions. The committee will meet next at noon, Monday, January 6th, at the Tacoma Public Library.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, chaired by **Gina Crocetti**, oversees a program that solicits applications for and awards several Emerging Leaders each year. The committee members then help nurture winners through continued participation in CITY CLUB and leadership activities. The committee will meet on Friday, January 10th, 8 am, at 1501 Pacific Avenue, Ste 205.

MEMBERSHIP, chaired by **Jan Karroll**, and **PUBLIC RELATIONS**, chaired by **Mike Wark**, share their meetings, the next scheduled for Monday, January 13th, noon, at The Vault. These committees publicize the programs and events of the club and develop strategies for attracting and orienting new members along with retaining current members.

COMMUNITY STUDIES, chaired by **El Vandeberg**, proposes issues for study and oversees small groups working on community research projects. Findings are presented in the form of written reports which are presented at meetings and published on CITY CLUB’s website. The committee will next meet on Thursday, January 16th, at noon, at El Vandeberg’s office, 1201 Pacific, Ste 1900.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, chaired by **Barb Hiatt**, is a newly formed committee, focusing on improving the website and newsletter. Please contact Barb at bhiatt@rotary8.org if you are interested in joining. First meeting is tentatively planned for Monday, January 27th, 7:15 am, at the Tacoma Club.

20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA COMMITTEE, chaired by **Margi Legowik**, will meet on Monday, January 20th, at 4 pm, in the Piper Jaffray conference room, 1145 Broadway, Suite 100.

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