

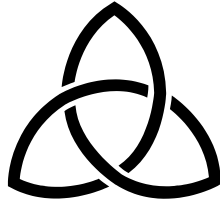


MOORING LINES



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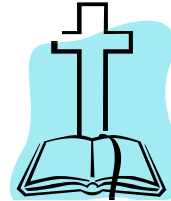
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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	70
NO. OF VISITS:	65
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY	440



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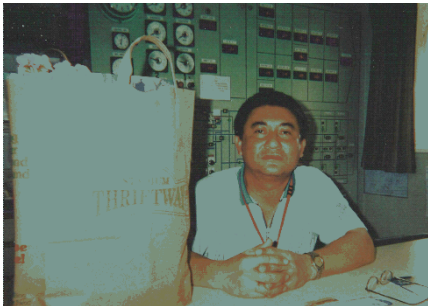
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Mission Statement

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center is organized to minister holistically, (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to seafarers who come to the Port of Tacoma. Our ministry emphasis is spreading the saving gospel of Jesus Christ world-wide to and through Seafarers.

BIG THANKS

I need to start this with a **BIG THANKS** to the ladies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. They gathered together items for us to give away to the seafarers such as nuts, chips, pepperoni sticks, and one of the biggest hits were flashlights. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and energy in make this happen.



I came aboard the *M/V Sea Epoch* at our grain dock loading corn and visited with the Chief Officer Anferie D. Derla. As you can see from this picture, we are now able to carry gifts that we donate to the crew by paper bags that have been generously donated by a local store. It makes it so much easier when making those long walks on the docks to carry our local newspaper, phone cards, magazines, and Christian literature in the bags. This sack in the picture also has some plants in it, which the crewmembers enjoy the most.

April has gone by very quickly. My wife and I were on vacation in Texas for two weeks visiting relatives. We had a wonderful time. This month we will be going to see my eldest daughter Mary in Arizona.

God bless you and thanks for your continued support to the Center.

Chaplain Lloyd L. Bovee

WELCOME TO MICHEL LINDSEY

My name is Michel Lindsey. I was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, July, 1968. I have always enjoyed helping others starting with the Girl Scouts, Key Club and joining the Tacoma Orthopedic Association (we help Mary Bridge Children's Hospital raise money and awareness) while in school. I am still involved with T.O.A. and am very active in helping raise funds for the Emergency Food Network of Pierce County.

I have been married to the most wonderful man, Ken, for ten years. We do not have any children of our own, but we enjoy hosting students from around the world.

I learned about the Center after Gene visited the Women's Fellowship at Hope Church and I felt that helping out at the Center would be a natural extension of our hosting students. I enjoy meeting new people and learning about new places.



I work full time, 40-45 hours a week, as Office Manager at Stadium Thriftway in Tacoma. When I am not working or volunteering, I like reading, scrap booking, crafts, watching TV and movies, traveling and spending time with family and friends. I very much enjoy my time here at the Center.

MENS CLOTHING DONATIONS

The Center is currently accepting donations of the following men's clothing items in sizes small, medium, large:

- Levi Jeans / Pants
- Casual / Dress Clothes
- Work Style Clothes

If you wish to donate any of these items, please give us a call.

Thank you to our supporters!



A BULGARIAN BIBLE FOR A BARON

(a special message from Christmas)

The *Hyundai Baron* had a Bulgarian Captain and his wife on board. On the way back to the ship after shopping, I asked them, "Are there many churches in Bulgaria?" In their home town there are 10 churches. I handed the Captain a Bulgarian Bible and asked him, "Can you read this?" He said, "Yes." "Then it's yours," I said. "Thank you."

His wife asked, "Where did you get a Bulgarian Bible?" We bought it from the Bible Society.

The Captain was grateful for the Christmas presents given to the crew of Turks, Ukrainians, Russians and Bulgarians. But, I believe he was even more blessed for the Bulgarian Bible. As he was leaving the van to go on board the ship, he said, "I have never read the Bible in Bulgarian language. Thank you for the Bible. I will read it."

Here is a man who is nearly 60 years old and never read the Bible in his own language.

To the supporters of Tacoma Seafarers' Center, thank you for your Christmas gifts for seafarers and your gifts to buy Bibles for seafarers in many languages.

Paul Peterson

HATSU ETHIC RETURNS KINDNESS !

The Captain of the *Hatsu Ethic*, an Evergreen America Corporation ship, as stated in an earlier email to me, said that he and his crew were so thankful for the things that we at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center have done for them, that they felt so comfortable as to call Tacoma their second "Home Port". He further stated that he wished to return the kindness by offering his service to our staff and volunteers an introduction to a soft Tai Chi martial arts exercise. You may recall the email as printed in an earlier *Mooring Lines* article.

In the pictures below, you will see a sampling of the experience we had the pleasure of being introduced to. As Capt. Lu stated, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and we are to make every effort to maintain our bodies to the glory of God the Father. As much fun as we had, I must say that it does take some effort to complete the series of exercises. God has created a wonderful body for us and it is our responsibility to keep fit. If we feel good physically, it helps us to feel good mentally as well. I pray that I will have the discipline to continue with the tools Capt. Lu has so generously shared with us. I know that all who were able to participate had a wonderful fellowship. They also expressed various levels of muscle awareness after our session was over.

To Capt. Lu and his assistant, we say thank you for your sharing, and may God watch over you and keep you as you travel the ocean highways.

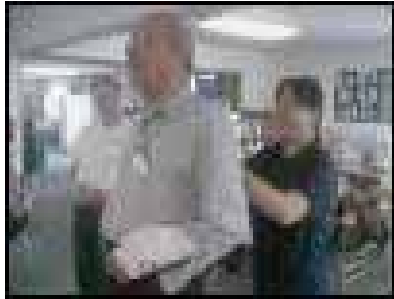
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The above picture is one of the many pictures of the Tai Chi Class. Capt. Lu is the one on the right. We had the pleasure of receiving instruction on the benefits of exercise being done properly.



Capt. Lu is loosening up the back muscles of volunteer Tom Harris.

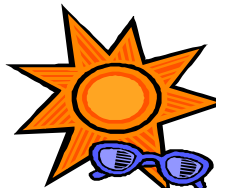


Volunteer George Stokes has his back muscles tended to by HATSU ETHIC's Chief Officer.

"We must show them we care, before they care what we know."
Rev. Ray Eckhoff



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NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – NO JUNE MEETING



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