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# **ROTARY REACTOR**

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- Meetings every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m.  
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## **January Speaker Schedule**

15th – Alaskan Adventure, B. Larson & J. Jackson

22nd – Ben Majetich, West Richland Police Chief

29th – Richland Rotary Beach @ 4:00 p.m.

## **Preliminaries**

Happy New Year! President Bob Tibbatts called the meeting to order. In honor of today being our first meeting of the year (last week's meeting was cancelled due to it falling on January 01) Julie Funfar led us in singing the traditional New Year's Song, Auld Lang Syne. The song is based on a poem that Robert Burns recorded in 1788. Greg Oberg gave the invocation.

## **Visiting Guests and Rotarians**

We had three guests today including past Richland Rotarians Jim & Linda Bauer.

## **Announcements**

The 2019 Joint District Conference of Districts 5080 and 5030 will be held in Spokane from May

16 to May 19, 2019. For more information please visit <https://www.cometogether2019.com>. This conference will include Bill Gates as a speaker as well as a golf tournament.

Jim Bauer announced the Tri-Cities Rotary Challenge Blood Drive is underway! Please make your way to 447 Wellsian Way between January 7-18, 2019 to donate blood to the Red Cross. Be sure to donate on behalf of our Club and to invite your family and friends to this important event for our community.



Chris Meiers announced an entrepreneurial opportunity at WSU on January 09, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

## **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

Judy Addis (3S)(B)	Stan Jones	Anjan K. Sen (1S)
Steve Arneson (1R)	Roy Keck	Chris Senske (1S)
Jeremy Asmus (2S)	Scott Keller	Rick Schulte
Bob Best (2S)(B)	Phillip Koech	Bill R. Siefken (1R)
Tom Bock (1R)(B)	Dave Larkin (D)	Mike Sinclair
Gordon Bopp (1S)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Mark Smith (6S)(B)
Blaine Carr (6S)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Bob Tibbatts (2S)
Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Cynthia Vaughn
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Tim Lewis (3S)	Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Larry Lowry (3S)(B)	Tom Watkins (D)(B)
Barbara French (D)	Jerry J. McGuire (2S)(B)	Ken Williams (6S)
Julie Funfar	Kathy Miller (5S)	Hal Williamson (4MD)(B)
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Greg Oberg (4S)(B)	
Jan Griffin (1S)	Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)	(B) Benefactor
Pat Haggerty	Jon M. Putz (6S)	(D) Diamond PHF
Diahann Howard	Cindy Reents (1S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Jan Jackson (2S)	Dick Richter (2S)	(R) Ruby
Larry D. Jecha	Robert Rivera	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Darrel Johnsen (3S)	Gary Scofield (4S)(B)	(S) Sapphire
		(MD) Major Donor

## **Officers**

President .....Bob Tibbatts  
President Elect.....Julie Funfar  
Secretary.....Jeanne Dillner  
Treasurer.....Dick Richter  
Foundation Treasurer....Mike Winegardner  
Past President.....DiahannHoward

## **Directors**

Meeting Service.....Larry Lowry  
Community Service.....Roy Keck  
International Service....Phillip Koech  
New Generations....Tom Hunnington  
Fellowship & Fund Raising.DeWayne Halstad  
Public Relations.....Cynthia Vaughn

Mike Winegardner reported on a letter of thanks that was received for a scholarship that the Richland Rotary Club presented to a Hanford High school 2012 graduate (more on this below).

Cynthia announced Steve Arneson as this week's Rotarian of the week. Congratulations, Steve!

Robert Rivera (*owner of a Gibson Les Paul Gold Top*) was awarded his Paul Harris +1. Well done!

Eric Livesay ([eric@hecate.com](mailto:eric@hecate.com)) invited volunteers to work on the Rotary Reactor, the Club's newsletter. The newsletter is a recording of the on-going history of the club, founded in 1949, and is a great way to contribute to the Club.

### **50/50**

Larry ran today's 50/50. With \$22 in the pot, number 389 was called. Phil Lemley held that losing ticket. He pulled Robert's winning ticket #364.

### **Judge Terri Leblanc**

There were various birthdays and anniversaries including those of Cynthia Vaughn, she and her husband have been married for 43 years, as well as Judge Terri herself who is coming up on her 32nd anniversary.

George shared the success that his son has had at University.

Linda Bauer reported on the unexpected home-delivery of her grandson, Jackson.

Steve Arneson's son has gotten a job with Battelle.

Dick Richter had \$10 burning a hole in his pocket, a situation relieved by donating it to Rotary. Terri Leblanc ended this first (and well-run) judging session of the year by inviting folks to take a turn as a Judge at a future meeting. Contact Terri if you are interested in volunteering as a Judge at a future meeting.

A jacket has been found. Please contact Bob Tibbatts if it's yours.

Bill Taylor, a past Rotary member, who moved back to New Hampshire in 2011, sent the club a XXL Russell Hampton shirt with Richland Rotary embroidered on the front. Please contact Bob Tibbatts if you'd like to have this shirt.

### **Program: Business Meeting**

Today's presentation was an opportunity for the Club to hear from various committees. Specifically, it was a time for the committees to tell the Club how decisions are made regarding how money is spent, projects are selected, etc. and how Club members can be involved (or more involved) in these processes. It was also a time for Club members to ask questions of the chairs of those committees.



The 2018-2019 Annual Report was available to everyone in the Club.

### **Scholarship Committee - Jan Jackson and Joan Wright (co-chairs)**

The Scholarship committee gives awards in two categories; academics and nursing. In 2018 there were 5 applicants for 5 nursing awards – all applicants were given an award. The situation for the academic scholarships was different, 8 awardees were selected from 21 applicants.

As an example of the caliber of student that receives a scholarship, one of last year's awardees was ranked first in their class of 520, has a 4.0 grade-point average, scored 1,580 out of 1,600 on their SAT and was Harvard-bound. All of this was on top of actively volunteering in various ways in the community.

To illustrate the significant impact that these scholarships can have on members of the community,



### **Richland Rotary Members**

Judy Addis (7/89)	Danielle Kleist (3/17)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Eric Andrews (9/18)	Phillip Koech (8/13)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Dave Larkin (4/04)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Bob Best (4/90)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Joan Wright (3/18)
David Billetdeaux (7/17)	Teri LeBlanc (6/18)	
Tom Bock (3/76)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	
Fred Brink (6/18)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	
Blaine Carr (12/09)	Eric Livesay (2/18)	
David Chevey-Reynaud (4/17)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Travis Clifton (10/16)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Christian Diamond (3/18)	Chris Meiers (12/15)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Richard Evans (11/18)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Kristy Fargher (7/18)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Bob Ferguson (3/18)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Cynthia Reents (6/09)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	George Sanders (8/18)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Dewayne Halstad (8/16)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Rebecca Hanson (3/18)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Chris Smith (8/10)	
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Mark Smith (3/01)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Rebecca Thornton (9/18)	
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Greg Tripp (6/11)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Tom Watkins (9/11)	

**Honorary Members**  
**Bob DeLorenzo, General**  
**James Mattis & Tom Cowan**

**Current Members:**  
**73**



**BE THE INSPIRATION**



Joan read a thank-you letter from a previous awardee, Victoria Hilder. After graduating from Hanford High school in 2012, Victoria had only part of the funds necessary for her first year at the University of Washington. Coupled with her own funds, the money that she received from Richland Rotary allowed her to complete her first year. She graduated in 2016 with two Bachelor's degrees, no debt and the offer of a full-time position in Anacortes. In her thank-you letter she enclosed a donation of \$1,000.

***Community Funded Projects Committee – Jan Griffin and Jerry McGuire (co-chairs)***

The focus of this committee is to make the world a better place starting in the Tri-Cities by providing services for the most vulnerable people. To that end, this committee works with small agencies – the food bank, an agency that delivers coats to children at low-income public schools and many others.

They are also involved in projects that help keep kids in school. Staying in school is a big indicator of future success. A summer camp for foster children in Spokane has been a repeat-beneficiary of funds from this committee. This camp provides what so many of us take for granted, a safe place for children to play, learn and grow and enjoy some of the more special moments of life. Some foster children have never had a birthday party and the camp addresses this with a group birthday party for every child at the camp. Everyone in the club is encouraged to make suggestions of potential recipients of funds from this group, however please do not suggest that everyone that gives a presentation at Rotary is automatically to receive funds for their projects.



***Works Project Committee – Mike Sinclair and Pat Hollick (not present) (co-chairs)***

This committee focuses on getting Rotarians hands dirty on projects. They were in charge of last year's successful beach project in Richland (reminder – the whole Club is going to have a group picture at the beach at 4 PM on Tuesday, January 29) and have also been working in cooperation with the organization 'Rebuilding Mid-Columbia'.

Last year, the Club and Rebuilding Mid-Columbia worked together to build a ramp at the home of a man anticipating the long-term recovery from an upcoming liver transplant surgery.



***World Community Services Committee – Steven Arnason (Chair)***

Through this committee, our club has assisted with work in other countries, mostly in Africa and Southeast Asia. This is easier in some places than in others. For example, in Southeast Asia although many people live on less than \$1/day, a thin veneer of business owners, doctors, lawyers, etc. are in a very different economic situation. This, coupled with a strong interest in philanthropy, leads to a way to have a significant impact on community



projects.

In Africa this has not been the case, a situation which leads to its own set of challenges. Every project pursued by this committee must have a cost of at least \$30,000. Richland has been, and continues to be, a part of several international projects including one in Africa focused on clean water, one that addresses the needs of children with cancer in India and one that provides sanitary supplies for young women in Kenya.

### ***Final Reminders***

Don't miss next week's presentation when Bob Larson and Jan Jackson regale us with tales of an excellent fishing adventure in Alaska.

***Also, mark your calendars for a group photo at 4 PM at the Richland Rotary Beach in Richland on Tuesday 1/29, followed by a fellowship event at the Atomic Ale Brewpub.***

### ***ATTENDANCE, A ROTARY COMMITMENT***

#### ***Meeting Dates of Local Clubs***

Richland Riverside.....	Monday, Noon Anthony's Columbia Pt Richland
Richland.....	Tuesday, Noon: Richland Red Lion
Pasco/Kennewick.....	Wednesday, Noon: Clover Island Inn Kennewick
Columbia Valley Daybreak..	Thursday, 7 am: Tri-Tech Skills Ctr. Kennewick
Columbia Center.....	Thursday, Noon: Bingo Boulevard Kennewick
Tri-Cities Sunrise.....	Friday, 7 am: Red Lion Pasco