



RICHLAND ROTARY REACTOR

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Red Lion Hotel (Hanford House)
• Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

Speaker Schedule for January

12th– Bob Hammond, Richland Electrical System
19th– Thomas Huntington, Richland Fire System
26th– Scott Keller, Port of Benton

Preliminaries

President Larry called our first meeting of 2016 to order. He welcomed Blaine Carr back to the club after a leave of absence. Cynthia Vaughn came to the podium, but before starting our song of the day, she talked for a moment about the Rotary theme for this year of 'be a gift to the world' and read a quote by Rotary International President K.R Ravindran:

"Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."

Cynthia noted several among our group for their gifts to the club and community and pointed out the small papers on each table. These are labeled #WeAreRichlandRotary and ask what the club and Rotary International means to each of us.

Cynthia, besides being our song leader, is also our facebook administrator, and wants to gather some quotes to put on our new facebook page: Richland Rotary Club of Tri-Cities, Washington. She will gather the papers today and next week. Then we had our song, an old Shaker tune called "Simple Gifts."

Visitors

We had two visiting Rotarians today, Bob Quay from Columbia Center and Darryl Francis from Tri-Cities Sunrise. Al Haggerty had a guest, Raquel Crowley from Yakima. Ms. Crowley is the Eastern Washington Director for Senator Patty Murray.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (2S)(B)	Jan Jackson (2S)	Bill McCue (1S)	Bob Tibbatts (1S)
Steve Arneson (1R)	Larry D. Jecha	Jerry J. McGuire (B)	Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
Jeremy Asmus (2S)	Darrel Johnsen (2S)	Kathy Miller (4S)	Tom Watkins (D)(B)
Jim Bauer (4S)	Roy Keck	Robert D. Nichols	Ken Williams (5S)
Linda Bauer (5S)	Scott Keller	Debbie Noguera	Hal Williamson (DD)(B)
Bob Best (2S)(B)	Shelley Kennedy	Greg Oberg (4S) (B)	Jack D. Zinn (4S)
Tom Bock (1R)(B)	Tom Kirchner (1R)(B)	Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)	(B) Benefactor
Gordon Bopp (1S)	Phillip Koech	Jon M. Putz (5S)	(D) Diamond PHF
Madeleine Brown	Art D. Kohler (D)(B)	Cindy Reents (1S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Blaine Carr (5S)	Dave Larkin (D)	Dick Richter (1S)	(R) Ruby
Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Robert Rivera	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Pete Rogalsky (1S)	(S) Sapphire
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Gary Scofield (4S) (B)	(#S) Multiple Sapphires
Barbara French (D)	Tim Lewis (2S)	Anjan K. Sen (1S)	
Julie Funfar	Yosen Liu (1S)	Chris Senske (1S)	
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Larry Lowry (1S)(B)	Rick Schulte	
Jan Griffin (1S)	Bing Manawadu	Bill R. Siefken (1R)	
Leslie Hawkins (1S)	Mike McAndrew (1S)	Mike Sinclair	
Diahann Howard	Grant McCallum (3S)	Mark Smith (5S) (B)	

Officers

PresidentLarry Lowry
President Elect.....Dick Richter
Secretary.....Bob Tibbatts
Treasurer.....Kathy Miller
Foundation Treasurer.Mike Winegardner
Past President.....Linda Bauer

Directors

Meeting Service.....Larry Jecha
Club Service.....Robert Rivera
Community Service...Pat Haggerty
International Service.Pete Rogalsky
New Generations.....Jan Jackson
Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

Announcements

Larry called Pam Larsen up to introduce the Student of the month for January, Zach Harper. He is a senior at Hanford High and hopes to attend George Fox or UPS next fall. He is vice president of the senior class but is most interested in theater. He was in a few productions and enjoyed acting, but when he was not selected for a role they asked him to help with the production. He ended up with costuming and loved it. He is the head of the costumes department for the school and has about 20 students and a few adults he works with.



They have a production of "The Little Mermaid" coming up January 29, and he noted how they had just received wheelies, shoes with wheels in the heel for those portraying fish to use so they look more like they are swimming.

Mike Winegarden came forward and thanked everyone for the participation in the Paul Harris board last month to raise money for Polio Plus. We collected \$1000 for the board and the club is matching it for another \$1000. The donation qualifies for a 2 for 1 match by the Gates Foundation, so our \$1000 becomes \$6000 to help end polio. A great way to end the year! He noted that the winners of the two Paul Harris awards were Pat Haggerty and Kathy Miller, congratulations!



Chris Smith came forward and said we should all go see **The Little Mermaid** as it has a great set which he helped build. Chris also thanked everyone who came to the ½ birthday celebration Sunday for Madeleine Brown. There were about 70 people who came and it really lifted her spirits. *(Special thanks to Pam Brown for providing the photo.)*



Larry noted that Madeleine was his hero for her attitude and courage facing her health issues.

Larry then asked for a volunteer to represent our club in the Tri-Citizen of the Year selection. He also noted that we are looking for young people to participate in RYLA, which is July 2 through 9 in Castlegar, BC. Passports are required. Larry then called Blaine Carr forward to receive his Paul Harris with 5 sapphires! Way to go Blaine!



50/50

Tim Lewis announced there was \$18 in the pot today. Roy Keck had the right ticket and took the sure thing of \$10. Jan Jackson had the next draw and he pulled the winning chip to win the pot!

Judicial

Judge Stan Jones took the podium. He asked about birthdays and anniversaries for January. Phillip Koech turns 42 this month. Ian is having his 13th wedding anniversary and Jan Jackson, his 46th.

Stan asked to members to pay up for the Cougars performance. He got no takers for University of Oregon, but Gordon Bopp put in \$5 for Stanford and C. Mark put in \$5 for Alabama. Stan suggested we all put in a dollar for each sunny day we would like to see after two weeks of gloom. In brags, Ian contributed for getting his FAA license for his drone company. He still has to register the drone itself, which will take a little more time. Barbara French told us the independent film company she has been associated with for the last few years just licensed the worldwide distribution rights to Random Media out of LA. Their first full-length narrative film should be available around March. It is quite an achievement for a first time director, and has already received awards from film festivals, including one for cinematography.

Jim Bauer was grateful his son finally got a start date for his job at Delta Airlines. Blaine contributed for his son's 5th grade basketball team winning a local tournament. Jan Jackson reported being near the Richland airport with his wife and seeing a man running after a car, which was rolling toward the airport. Jan was able to get close to the car and his wife, Mara, jumped out and was able to get the car stopped, but not before it hit a gate in the cyclone fence and was heading for the hangars. After saving the Port of Benton and airport from a multitude of law suits, he suggested the Port of Benton should recognize his wife's effort in protecting their property and throw some money in the pot: but Scott Keller suggested that Mara was trespassing.

Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	James Watson (4/12)
James Bauer (1/09)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Linda Bauer (1/09)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Bob Best (4/90)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Bing Manawadu (10/86)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	
Madeleine Brown (3/13)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Blaine Carr (12/09)	Grant McCallum (9/91)	
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Bill McCue (3/94)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Chris Meiers (12/15)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Debbie Nogueras (8/15)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Jon Putz (5/81)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Pete Rogalsky (7/05)	
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)	
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)	Chris Smith (8/10)	
Tom Kirchner (3/81)	Mark Smith (3/01)	
Phillip Koech (8/13)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)	
Art Kohler (2/87)	Greg Tripp (6/11)	
Dave Larkin (4/04)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn & General James Mattis

**Number of Members
as of July 1, 2015**

79

Current Members:

75

Gained:

Debbie Nogueras

Lost:

Kim Pietrok, John Darrington,
Greg Warner, Rick Jansons & Drew
Haninger



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Program

Stan introduced our own Dr. Rick Schulte, who filled in with little notice when the regular speaker could not make it. Rick, the Richland School District Superintendent, spoke off the cuff about the Richland Schools and the effects of recent State and Federal Legislation. He started off mentioning the schools levy coming up February 9. This is the renewal of the school budget that has to be done every two years, and covers the 2017 and 2018 budgets. Please vote to support the levy.

Rick tells us that Richland is a growing district. They added 500 students in the past year, for a total of over 13,000 students. They have recently added 35 new classrooms and 13 new teachers and all day kindergarten. The new Orchard Elementary School is already filled and they are rebuilding to expand Marcus Whitman (Jefferson is next). It won't be long before they need a third comprehensive high school, and the district is looking at possible locations where they can get 50 to 60 acres of land for a school.

The legislative item that is changing the schools in Washington is the McCleary Decision. In January 2012, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the State of Washington is violating the constitutional rights of children by failing to live up to its "paramount duty" to amply fund the education of all K-12 students. The Court ordered the Legislature to make steady, real and measurable progress each year and to fully fund K-12 public education by 2018. The McCleary decision says the state should be paying for basic education expenses and forces them to provide more funding. This can be used to hire teachers to reduce class size and support all day kindergarten across the State. Richland has used some of these extra funds to hire the teachers noted previously. Soon the local levy, currently used for basic education, will be available for enhancements instead. Basic education is determined by a complex formula and involves computation of numbers of teachers, classrooms, counselors, etc that a district requires.

This also affects teacher pay and will result in raises for most teachers, especially the newer ones. The state is in the process of overhauling the way teachers are rated for pay increases. The new system will not just measure education credits and longevity, but have alternative measures of accomplishment.

Last year the US Congress voted in a new program to replace No Child Left Behind. It is called Every Student Succeeds. There is still



ATTENDANCE, A ROTARY COMMITMENT **Meeting Dates of Local Clubs**

- Richland Riverside**.....Monday, Noon
Anthony's Home Port Restaurant
Columbia Point Drive, Richland
- Richland**.....Tuesday, 12:10 P.M.
Red Lion Hotel/Hanford House
802 George Washington Way, Richland
- Pasco-Kennewick**.....Wednesday, Noon
Clover Island Inn
435 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick
- Columbia Valley Daybreak**...Thursday, 7:00 A.M.
Tri-Tech Skills Center
5929 W. Metaline, Kennewick
- Columbia Center**.....Thursday, Noon
Bingo Boulevard
6222 W. John Day Ave., Kennewick
- Tri-Cities Sunrise**.....Friday, 7:00 A.M.
Red Lion Hotel Pasco, 2525 N. 20th, Pasco
- Mid-Columbia Rotaract**.....Every other Monday, 4:30 P.M.
Fire & Brimstone, 1022 N. Columbia Center Blvd, Kennewick

mandatory testing of students, but it is not as extensive and the States get to decide what tests to use. The States also decide on additional measures for accomplishment besides test scores to use to demonstrate a well rounded education. Under the previous system, if any students didn't make the measures, the whole school was listed as failing, so virtually every school in the country was failing. Rick sees this as an improvement over the older system, and noted Washington Senator Patty Murray was one of those primarily responsible for the passage.

In other news, the District has a laptop purchase program for about 1000 computers per year. They are buying computers without internal memory, instead it is all cloud-based, so they only cost about \$300 each. They have different programs now for textbooks as rapid changes mean you have to replace them more often, so they used much more computer based instructional materials.

Hals Humor

A somewhat advanced society has figured how to package basic knowledge in pill form. A student, needing some learning, goes to the pharmacy and asks what kind of knowledge pills are available.

The pharmacist says, "Here's a pill for English literature." The student takes the pill and swallows it and has new knowledge about English literature! "What else do you have?" asks the student. "Well, I have pills for art history, biology, and world history," replies the pharmacist.

The student asks for these, and swallows them and has new knowledge about those subjects. Then the student asks, "Do you have a pill for math?" The pharmacist says "Wait just a moment", and goes back into the storeroom and brings back a whopper of a pill and plunks it on the counter. "I have to take that huge pill for math?" inquires the student.

The pharmacist replied, "Well, you know math always was a little hard to swallow."