

# **RICHLAND** **ROTARY REACTOR**

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

## Speaker Schedule for January

19th– Thomas Huntington, Richland Fire System  
26th– Scott Keller, Port of Benton

## Preliminaries

President Larry called the meeting to order clad in a cast on his right arm. He said it was a rotator cuff issue, and got worried when the doctor laughed when he looked at the X ray. Cynthia Vaughn came up front to lead us in the National Anthem. Chris Smith gave the invocation.

## Visitors

Michael Reuter from Columbia Center was our only visiting Rotarian today. Larry had his wife Debi as a visitor today, as she was his chauffeur.

## Announcements

Phil Lemley introduced his guests today: Jim Kelly, Alice Verstes, Richard Nordgren and Irene Johnson. They are all volunteers in VIPS,

Volunteers In Police Service.

The VIPS aid the Richland Police in various tasks, such as policing handicapped parking,

checking on empty houses while the owners are away and various clerical tasks to free officers for other work. Last years volunteer hours amounted to more than 3 full time staff.

The club donated \$500 to the group in December. Mr. Nordgren thanked us for the donation and told us they used our donation and other donations totaling over \$2,000 to support 13 needy families plus help those in the domestic violence shelter have some Christmas cheer.



## 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 Nogueras	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. Sieffen (1R)	
Leslie Hawkins (1S)	Mike McAndrew (1S)	Mike Sinclair	
Diahann Howard	Grant McCallum (3S)	Mark Smith (5S) (B)	

## Officers

President .....Larry 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

Next up was Mark Lee, Executive Director of the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers. We also gave a grant to help them provide free tickets to kids for performances and support the Boys Choir. He was very appreciative of our help to the group.

### 50/50

Tim Lewis announced there was \$12 in the pot today as it has been won the past two weeks! Mike Winegardner had the ticket and took safe \$10. Jeremy Asmus tried for the win but did not pull the white chip.



### Judicial

Judge Ian Napier took the podium. He said there was someone that needed to put some money in for telling him to speak English so he could be understood. Ian didn't name the culprit, but we assume it was C. Mark. Ian then asked for fans to put in something for the Seahawks win. When asked if there were any Vikings fans, Jeremy Asmus spoke up to say he would put in for his Dad, who attended the game with his brother (Jeremy's uncle), who is a Vikings fan with season tickets. C. Mark bragged about Alabama winning their 4th title in 7 years. Mike Winegardner put in half of his \$10 winnings.



Ian asked who had not yet put in comments to Cynthia Vaughn for the facebook page and demanded a dollar each. Cynthia added that the club facebook page had triple the 'Likes' this week than it had last week. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/RichlandRotaryClubWA>

Ian started his usual quiz. He asked what famous Scot was born December 25? It was Robert Frost. Next was what traditional dish might be found on Scottish tables at Christmas, and what is it made from? The answer here is Haggis, which is made from various organ meats and oats and cooked in a sheep's stomach. The crowd was hoping he would not try it as a Rotary lunch item. He then asked what District our club is in and got the correct answer of 5080. He also asked how many members we have (shown in each Reactor) with less success.

The question from last week's talk was how many students did Rich Schulte say were in the Richland District now (13,000), was answered correctly. In brags, Kathy Miller put in for her anniversary last month, but said her husband ended up in the hospital for a couple of days right after. Jacquie Wright noted that she has also had to seek medical care on her recent birthday. We all hope everyone is okay!

Bob Larson said he thanked the manager of the Richland Safeway for letting us sell Duck tickets there last year. The manager said next year they should set up inside. Pat Mc Burney put in as he is thinking of running for state office this year. Go Patrick! Pat Hollick reported having knee surgery.

Steve Arneson said that no member of his family had served in the military since WWII, but Steve proudly announced that has ended with a grandson joining the Marines. Semper Fi!

## Program

Steve Arneson was standing in for Stan today and introduced our speaker, Bob Hammond, the Energy Services Director for the City of Richland. Previously Hammond was the City Manager for Kennewick and held other positions in Kennewick managing utilities. He is a licensed Civil Engineer and came to this area originally to work at the Columbia generating station.

Hammond opened the talk with some information about the city and area. The electrical utility district was formed about 1959 with equipment inherited from the AEC. They still have some vintage equipment from 1948. There are currently about 23,500 electric customers. When they reach 25,000 there are some additional requirements that kick in for renewable energy and conservation measures. The system has 552 miles of primary line, eight electrical substations and 56.5 staff members. Residential use makes up 89.5% of the electrical use. Power is purchased from



## 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 Noguerras (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 Noguerras

**Lost:**

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



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the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under an agreement that will expire in 2028. Most of the power comes from the hydroelectric system.

The Energy Services office has separate accounting from the rest of the City. The fees charged are to cover the cost of the power purchased (67% of the budget), personnel, equipment and so on. They are guided by the Richland Utility Advisory Committee. The Committee includes several Richland Rotary members, Steve Arneson, Roy Keck, Dave Larkin and Ed Revelle. They help in policy and planning for Richland utilities.

Each year Energy Services does a Cost of Service analysis to see if the existing rates are adequate to cover the expected costs. They also did the first five-year projection in 2014. They had to do a rate increase in mid 2015 to help cover a three million deficit. The remaining deficit was covered by reserves. The next rate hike, about 9%, is tentatively set for July 2017, but could be reduced or put off as expenses are below predictions right now.

Hammond says the work can be challenging and includes a remarkable number of outages caused by squirrels. A couple of his photos included squirrel guards to keep them from off of the lines. He added they have a good technical staff and good planning and use of technology. The challenges ahead include recruiting and training workers to keep up with predicted retirement losses and improving project management. They are also working toward smart grid technology.

### **Hal's Humor**

A carpenter, a plumber and an electrician were on death row waiting to go in the electric chair. The carpenter was brought forward first. "Do you have anything you want to say?" asked the executioner, strapping him in. "No," replied the carpenter. The executioner flicked the switch and nothing happened.

Under this particular State's law, if an execution attempt fails, the prisoner is to be released, so the carpenter was released.

Then the plumber was brought forward. "Do you have anything you want to say?" "No, just get on with it." The executioner flicked the switch, and again nothing happened, so the plumber was released.

Then the electrician was brought forward. "Do you have anything you want to say?" asked the executioner. "Yes," he replied. "If you swap the red and the blue wires over, you might make this thing work."

### **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