

RICHLAND **ROTARY REACTOR**

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• PO Box 37 • Richland, WA 99352
• Meetings every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m.
Red Lion Hotel (Hanford House)
• Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

Speaker Schedule for January

26th– Scott Keller, Port of Benton

Preliminaries

President Larry Lowery started the meeting by bringing Jan Griffin up. We learned Madeleine Brown lost her battle and passed Monday. Jan lead us in prayer and asked us to keep Madeleine's husband, Lyle, and daughter, Rose, in our thoughts and prayers. Jan says there will be a Quaker service next month, and sent cards around the room to sign. She applauded Madeleine's spirit and example to teach us how to live, not just how to die. Jan added she had a nice picture of the Rotarians that attended Madeleine's 1/2 birthday, and Larry added, you can find it on our Facebook page.



Julie Funfar lead the song, "You are My Sunshine," to try and brighten the day.

Visitors

Jeff Daniels from Columbia Center was our only visiting Rotarian to sign, Darryl Francis forgot to do that. Roy Keck had Jonas Richter, our exchange student, as his guest. Jim Bauer hosted Karen Brockman from Safe Harbor.

Announcements

Mike Winegardner came forward with Karen Brockman to present Safe Harbor with a check for \$520 to support Safe Harbor's My



Friends Place. We have long been a supporter of the organization. Our donation this year will help expand the security system and add another camera. It seems that some kids have attempted

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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

Officers

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

going over the rear fence of My Friends Place so this will help keep an eye on things. Larry relayed that the Scholarship Committee would be meeting February 2, right after the regular Rotary meeting. Larry also relayed on behalf of Ian and the Red Lion that the meal prices are going up \$1.00.

Darryl Francis came forward to introduce Suysan Fillafer, Regional Director of the Junior Achievement. Ms. Fillafer said they are working on their big fund raiser for the year, the annual American Bowl, February 29 to March 5. They are looking for volunteers from the local Rotary Clubs to man the effort. Rotary has traditionally filled most the needed spots. Barbara French will coordinate our club effort. There will be sign up sheets at the next few meetings for 2-hour shifts. Junior Achievement aids students with programs aimed at helping them understand and succeed in work and business. They use volunteers to teach classes and hands-on learning opportunities. In addition to helping with the bowling, they are looking for more volunteers to teach classes and help students with projects. See their website for more information.



Larry brought Greg Oberg up to present him with a Paul Harris plus 5! Well done, Greg!

50/50

Tim Lewis cheerily announced the pot had crossed the \$20 threshold, \$26 in fact! Pat Haggerty had the right ticket, but the wrong chip. She then drew Phil Lemley's ticket number for the \$10 prize.

Judicial

Judge/Cheermeister Diahann Howard took the podium today. She started off giving Ian and C. Mark fines for being Smarty Pants. She also hit Tim Lewis for being too cheerful and dramatic over \$26 in 50/50. She asked who had been in the sun lately, and picked on Roy Keck, who recently returned from the big island of Hawaii. She scolded Darryl Francis for not signing in as a guest. Jim Bauer answered Diahann's question of "what are you grateful for today." He said he and Linda had sent out emails to club members asking for help on two items and got the help they needed. In fact, it was Pam Larsen that helped him get his old tractor running. Also, they are headed to Hawaii this week for a month. Chris Smith talked about his grandmother in Vancouver, who is 101. He doesn't get to see her as much as he likes so he is making a point of helping neighbors and others around him in her name and asked all of us to reach out and help others. Jeanne Dillner said she and her husband were accepting a friend's invitation to visit them in Cabo San Lucas. Dianann asked a few questions about Martin Luther King, Jr., who's birth was celebrated yesterday. What was his original first name? Answer: Michael. What other careers did he consider? Answer: Medicine and Law, as he was not certain about being a minister (he did not long to be a truck driver as C. Mark and Ian suggested). He was the youngest recipient of what prize? Answer: The Nobel Peace Prize (most



everyone knew this one). What is his connection to Nichelle Nicols of Star Trek? He urged her to remain on the program to provide a positive role model. C. Mark was acting up again and Diahann asked for more money, but he said she already got all he had. She said he would be her target next time.

Program

Steve Arneson filled in again for the missing Stan Jones. He introduced Tom Huntington, Chief of the Richland Fire Department. Mr. Huntington took over as Fire Chief last February, previously serving as a Battalion Chief. He has a degree in Fire Safety. He did not know until yesterday he was supposed to speak today and apologized for not having a presentation.

The Richland Fire and Emergency Services Department has four fire stations on GW Way, Jadwin Avenue, Keene Road at Gage, and the newest station on Duportail Road at Queensgate. When he started at Station 2, he said there were few calls, they played board games and made big meals. Things have changed and the Duportail station is on track to do 1100 to 1200 calls in its first year. In all, the four stations responded to 6300 calls in 2015, and that could increase by about 1000 per year in the future. This includes fire, rescue, HAZMAT and water rescue. They are working on a two-prong approach to the expanding needs for services by the community. They are doing the traditional fire and rescue services and doing outreach and education to reduce calls to 911 that could be handled in other ways. This included fire prevention, fall prevention and ways to reduce medical calls better handled elsewhere. One of the department challenges is that in the past 2-1/2 years they have had

Richland Rotary Members

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| 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



Be a gift to the world

2/3 of the firemen retire or transfer and 1/2 of the senior staff has also retired. This is a tremendous change in personnel and loss of experience. They are trying to do more in succession planning for future waves of retirements. On the plus side there are some new ideas and new energy in the current staff. New staff requires 12 to 13 weeks of training to be state certified and another two weeks in their stations before they are able to join a crew. Station 4, at Duportail Road, was commissioned last July. The city won a national award for the design. This contrast to Station 2 on Jadwin, that they keep fixing up (Huntington referred to it as the pig in lipstick), but it is too small, too old and worst, in the wrong place.



In future plans, the department is working on building an organization that is community driven and outcome oriented. They are looking at alternatives to being gunded only from the city general fund, where they compete with roads, schools and other priorities. One big plus for the area is the level of cooperation and coordination with other jurisdictions. They have agreements with the other cities and with Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties. In fact, an FAA inspector looking over response planning for the Tri-Cities airport, said this area had the best coordination of resources he had ever seen. They also coordinate with the DOE crews at the site. When asked, he said the response to a house fire would include five trucks, a command vehicle and an ambulance. A fire in a business would include more.

Ian Napier complimented the fire department for the response to a small fire at the hotel a couple of years ago. He said they acted quickly and prevented a big problem from developing.

Hal's Humor

A fire started on some grassland near a farm in Indiana. The fire department from a nearby town was called to put the fire out. The fire proved to be more than the small town fire department could handle, so someone suggested that a rural volunteer fire department be called. Though there was doubt they would be of any assistance, the call was made.

The volunteer fire department arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They drove straight towards the fire and stopped in the middle of the flames. The volunteer firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily controllable parts.

The farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and so grateful his farm had been spared, that he presented the volunteer fire department with a check for \$1000.

A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds. "That should be obvious," he responded. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on that stupid fire truck."

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