

#### Speaker Schedule for February

9th – Rich Szymanski, Boy Scouts 16th – Lt. Col. Vail, Corps of Engineers 23rd – Entrepreneurial Awards, Port of Benton

#### **Preliminaries**

President Larry called the meeting to order, and Cynthia Vaughn had the club singing a song she put together herself (she said the only groundhog songs she found were awful) in honor of Groundhog Day, even getting the members to carry off a fairly respectable two part round of the song!

#### Visitors

Visiting Rotarians were Jeff Daniels of Columbia Center, Burritt Cook of Walla Walla and Stephen Brown of Shoreline Breakfast club.

#### Announcements

Debbie Nogueras said that the scholarship committee would meet briefly after the meeting at her table. Pam Larsen said that Madeleine Brown's family is planning a celebration of her life planned for 2/28. Her daughter could use help, so club members should stay tuned as to how they can assist. Pam also announced that



the National Park Service and Department of Energy were holding three public hearings this week in the 3 communities, and the hearing in Richland will be on Thursday, 2/4 at 5:30 pm at the Richland Public Library. There hasn't been

a lot of publicity, so please spread the word.

Barbara French said that the clipboard was again being circulated for



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (2S)(B) Steve Arneson (1R) Jeremy Asmus (2S) Jim Bauer (4S) Linda Bauer (5S) Bob Best (2S)(B) Tom Bock (1R)(B) Gordon Bopp (1S) Blaine Carr (5S) Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B) Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B) Jeanne Dillner (2S) Barbara French (D) Julie Funfar Linda Gilmore (2S) Jan Griffin (1S) Pat Haggerty Leslie Hawkins (1S) Diahann Howard

Jan Jackson (2S) Larry D. Jecha Darrel Johnsen (2S) Roy Keck Scott Keller Shelley Kennedy Tom Kirchner (1R)(B) Phillip Koech Art D. Kohler (D)(B) Dave Larkin (D) Pamela Larsen (4S)(B) Bob D. Larson (4S)(B) Phil Lemley (2S) Tim Lewis (2S) Yosen Liu (1S) Larry Lowry (1S)(B) Bing Manawadu Mike McAndrew (1S) Grant McCallum (3S)

Bill McCue (1S) Jerry J. McGuire (B) Kathy Miller (5S) Robert D. Nichols **Debbie Nogueras** Greg Oberg (4S) (B) Thomas M. O'Brien (2S) Jon M. Putz (5S) Cindy Reents (1S) Dick Richter (1S) Robert Rivera Pete Rogalsky (1S) Gary Scofield (4S) (B) Anian K. Sen (18) Chris Senske (15) **Rick Schulte** Bill R. Siefken (1R) Mike Sinclair Mark Smith (5S) (B)

Bob Tibbatts (1S)) Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B) Tom Watkins (D)(B) Ken Williams (5S) Hal Williamson (DD)(B)) Jack D. Zinn (4S) (B) Benefactor (D) Diamond PHF (D) Dib. Diamond PHF (R) Ruby (#R) Multiple Ruby (S) Sapphire (#S) Multiple Sapphires

## 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 volunteers to fill assignments for the Junior Achievement fund raiser at Atomic Bowl from 2/29 through 3/5. Rotarian volunteers from all over the Tri-Cities are essential to this event, so please sign up for a shift.

Larry said he's heard from Daryl Francis and of all the clubs in the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla, there are only 3 registrations for the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute in March in Richland. This is a great program and opportunity to learn more about Rotary, and meet some new Rotarians, so please see Larry or contact Daryl for more information.

Also, Larry said that if anyone knew of family members; grandchildren or their friends, who would be good candidates for RYLA this summer, to bring their names forward. Pam has the registration forms, and students must be

18 as of July 4th, and have a passport or enhanced Driver's License for travel to Canada. Larry called Debbie Nogueras to the podium and presented her with her blue badge; congratulations, Debbie!

## **50/50**

Dick Richter said there was \$62.00 in the pot. Larry Jecha got the first number, but drew the wrong chip. Barbara French won the \$10 consolation prize.

## **Judge Stan Jones**

Stan started the judging on this first meeting in February, for recognition of February birthdays, wedding anniversaries and Rotary anniversaries. Steve Arneson had a birthday, and the 2 Rotary anniversaries were Pam Larsen with 21 years and Gary Scofield with 41 years! Stan pointed out a large front page article in the newspaper today, and some TV time, which featured, among others, Scott Keller, Roy Keck and Bob Larson for the transfer of 759 acres of land from Hanford to the Port of Benton and City of Richland, opening up a lot of future opportunities. Pam Larsen pointed out that our Student of the Month in December, Zach Harper, had talked about the upcoming theater production of "The Little Mermaid" at Hanford High, and all of their shows sold out, and

they even added an additional show. One of their performances was visited by the 5th Street Theater group from Seattle, who visits school plays around the state, and they have asked for another performance to allow attendance by more of their group. Tickets go on sale at 3:00 pm today, and it's expected to sell out again, so get tickets early or see Chris Smith who has access to some tickets. Kathy Miller said she just got a new (to her) car, and Jerry McGuire boasted that his Irish ancestry could be traced back to St. Patrick, which is either blarney or St. Patrick had some children along the way! Shelly Kennedy spoke about the new film coming out about the Coast Guard, and felt it would be worthwhile to see. Barbara French then donated \$5 for her remembering to bring back her Rotary badge to the club.

## Program

Stan Jones introduced Paul Shelp, Director of the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) of the TriCities, who then gave his own background. He grew up in update New York, lived in Maine for a while, attended college in Massachusetts, and then the seminary, after which he had a career as a





pastor for 25 years. In the past 8 years he's been director of the Dispute Resolution Center here, which offers mediation and conflict resolution services. There are 21 centers across Washington, which were established to relieve the courts of cases that could be settled through mediation. While a lot of the pressure was felt in Family Court in its handling of divorces and parenting plans and decisions, they also handle disputes involving neighbors, landlord/tenants, business and workplace, consumers and organizations.

Anyone in conflict can benefit from this model of mediation, which is provided on an affordable basis, with a sliding scale for those with limited



income. Their funding comes from a surcharge on the court filing fees, and fees paid by the individuals and groups involved in the process, which ranges from \$50 to \$150 for a three hour session, much less expensive than attorneys and private mediators.

# **Richland Rotary Members**

Judy Addis (7/89) Steve Arneson (3/02) Jeremy Asmus (10/07) James Bauer (1/09) Linda Bauer (1/09) Bob Best (4/90) Tom Bock (3/76) Gordon Bopp (5/04) Blaine Carr (12/09)) Tom Cowan (4/80) Jeanne Dillner (8/01) Barbara French (11/98) Julie Funfar (7/13) Linda Gilmore (4/12) Jan Griffin (9/00) Linda Gustafson (3/08) Al Haggerty (4/12) Patricia Haggerty (4/12) Leslie Hawkins (11/12) Pat Hollick (8/10) Diahann Howard (4/08) Jan Jackson (6/00) Larry Jecha (8/97) Darrel Johnsen (8/97) Cynthia Johnson (6/09) Stan Jones (10/07) Roy Keck (10/04) Scott Keller (7/02) Shelley Kennedy (9/02) Tom Kirchner (3/81) Phillip Koech (8/13) Art Kohler (2/87) Dave Larkin (4/04) Pam Larsen (2/95)

Bob Larson (6/90) Phil Lemley (6/06) *Tim Lewis (10/03)* Yosen Liu (1/91) Larry Lowry (10/05) Bing Manawadu (10/86) Mike McAndrew (2/07) Patrick McBurney (6/09) Grant McCallum (9/91) Bill McCue (3/94) Jerry McGuire (3/95) Chris Meiers (12/15) Kathy Miller (6/12) Ian Napier (11/08) Bob Nichols (8/97) Debbie Nogueras (8/15) Greg Oberg (1/88) Tom O'Brien (11/98) Jon Putz (5/81) Dick Richter (6/08) Robert Rivera (7/09) Pete Rogalsky (7/05) Gary Scofield (2/75) Rick Schulte (6/14) Anjan Sen (11/96) Chris Senske (1/80) Bill Siefken (4/87) Mike Sinclair (1/11) Chris Smith (8/10) Mark Smith (3/01) Bob Tibbatts (6/03) Greg Tripp (6/11) Cynthia Vaughn (12/14 Sam Volpentest (1/95)

Tom Watkins (9/11) James Watson (4/12) Ken Williams (12/00) Hal Williamson (4/88) Mike Winegardner (11/09) Jacqui Wright (12/13)

#### Honorary Members Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn & General James Mattis

Number of Members as of July 1, 2015 **79** Current Members: **74** 

Gained:

Debbie Nogueras

# Lost:

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



The mediation process is a formal process, which identifies specific issues, and helps people talk and negotiate for resolution. It's a voluntary, confidential process, and most conflicts are resolved in 1-2 sessions. This is also enforceable by law, as agreements are legal and binding. DRC mediators are volunteers who go through a 40 hour training course, with an additional 20 hours for those handling family law disputes, followed by an oral and written exam, and continuing education to keep their certification. They are supervised in their initial sessions, then co-mediate sessions, before becoming certified. Volunteers come from all types of backgrounds, and are asked to mediate at least 4 cases per year as part of their commitment. The DRC does a lot of facilitation work with groups and businesses who are struggling with conflict or looking to work more collaboratively or improve their communication, for better problem solving and planning. They also do classes for parents and teens, the Conflict & You program, and PASS (Positive Alternatives to Shoplifting and Stealing) classes, with the Juvenile Justice Center, to give youth better coping skills and alternatives to anger and conflict. Over 90% of participants in mediation rank the process as good to excellent, and 94% would refer others to such programs. For more information, contact Paul at the Dispute Resolution Center in Kennewick, 783-3325.

# Hals Humor

### Dear Abby,

I have never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs, phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up.

Also my wife has been going out with 'the girls' a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, 'just some friends from work, you don't know them.' I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her.

Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with 'the girls'. It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the club head.

Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the golf shop where I bought it? Thanks Jim

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