

RICHLAND **ROTARY REACTOR**

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• Meetings every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m.
Red Lion Hotel (Hanford House)
• Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

February Speaker Schedule

February 14th – Brad Fischer, Gary Peterson
& Doc Hastings, Columbia
River Shoreline

February 21st – Anna King, Kennewick Man

February 28th – Entrepreneurial Awards

Preliminaries

Vice President Diahann Howard filled in for President Dick Richter on a day when the Tri-Cities record for snowfall was going to be extended by one more (or more) days(s). At least, a warm room welcomed the hearty Rotarians who braved the elements to attend. She announced a surprise song led by a surprise song leader. Turned out to be Jeanne Dillner who led us in God Bless America.

Visiting Guests and Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians included Pete and Irene Keller of the Glendale (CA) Sunrise club. Guests included Jamie Nettles, a guest of Bob Tibbatts, and Toni Halstad, wife of DeWayne Halstad.

Announcements

Diahann announced that an email had been sent out to the membership and asked for our feedback. We will be discussing the opportunities for a club project at our next meeting.



Mark Smith announced an upcoming vacancy in the ranks of the Rotary Reactor scribes. Leslie is going to be moving to Arizona after she retires so please step up.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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

Officers

PresidentDick Richter
President Elect.....Diahann Howard
Secretary.....Linda Gilmore
Treasurer.....Steve Arneson
Foundation Treasurer.Mike Winegardner
Past President.....Larry Lowry

Directors

Meeting Service.....Phillip Koech
Club Service.....Pat Hollick
Community Service.....Roy Keck
International Service.Pete Rogalsky
New Generations.....Jan Jackson
Fellowship & Fund Raising.Cynthia Vaughn

Pete Keller reminded the club that he had spoken to us four years ago about his Aid Africa project. Funds raised at that time have been bundled together and set to Rotary International with expectations that we will end up with \$70,000 for various programs in Africa. He explained some of need met by our Rotary projects. We are pairing with a club in Uganda. Keller and his wife were with us today for thank us for our prior help and note that he will be leading an upcoming trip to Africa if anyone is interested. Contact Pete Rogalsky or more information.



Cameron announced the upcoming Junior Achievement bowling event. Ours is the largest in the U.S. and will be held February 27 to March 4. There will be another event on March 9. She's looking for 300 volunteers and she's looking to us to provide some "bankers," (probably not a good match for some of our members).



Phil Lemley introduced Richard Nordgren and three others who came to thank us for contributing to the Richland Police Department VIPS program. They raised \$2,100 this year and helped 21 families. Thanks to all who helped out.



50/50

Gary Scofield conducted the drawing. There were 8 blue chips and 1 white and \$118. Jeanne Dillner held the winning number but not the winning chip. Bob Tibbatts won the \$10 consolation prize.

Judge Stanley

Gooooood afternoon. . . Tim Lewis was late. He paid. If you were proud of the Patriots (1), you paid. If you were proud of the Falcons (several), you paid. Steve Arneson is 84. He paid. Pam Larsen has been in Rotary 22 years. She paid. Ditto for Gary Scofield who has been in Rotary for 42 years. Everyone thanked Pete Rogalsky's crew to clear the streets for the past two months. Bob Larson, Roy Keck, and Scott Keller went to Hawaii. They paid twice. Diahann's son, Grant, is in a garage band and they have their first gig in Spokane. She's been paying for years. Julie Funfar paid for something I couldn't hear. So did Jacqui Wright. Larry Lowry paid for a crew from the Benton County jail who cleared his driveway.



Program

Today's program consisted of three classification talks by recent Richland Rotary members.

The first was DeWayne Halstad who is the officer in charge of the local branch of the Salvation Army. DeWayne has been a Rotarian for 11 years and has been posted to La Grande, Oregon; Butte, Montana, and Centralia, Washington. He and his wife moved to Richland last year.

The Salvation Army is one of America's foremost leaders in social services. They help hundreds of thousands each year by helping them with seasonal assistance, monthly food boxes, utility and rental assistance payments so that people can stay in their homes. Each year, they help people with alcohol and drug abuse at their adult rehabilitation centers throughout the U.S. They offer youth programs for kids 6 to 16 years old. The Salvation Army is also well-known for its work in disaster relief. They've been in Richland since 1983 and in Pasco for more than 100 years. DeWayne and his wife are delighted to be here and a member of our community.

Next was Tom Huntington, Richland's Fire Chief, who put a carefully crafted Power Point presentation together but, unfortunately, we didn't have a computer today. Unfazed, Tom provided us with a great verbal presentation without notes. Tom and his wife met at Eastern Washington University and they have lived in Richland since 1994 – 23 years. He has two teenage daughters, one is a taxidermist and another is at Delta pursuing a career in cybersecurity.



Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
James Bauer (1/09))	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Bob Best (4/90)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	
Tom Bock (3/76)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	
Blaine Carr (12/09))	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Travis Clifton (10/16)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Chris Meiers (12/15)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Debbie Noguerras (8/15)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Jon Putz (5/81)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Dewayne Halstad (8/16)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Pete Rogalsky (7/05)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)	
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)	Chris Smith (8/10)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Mark Smith (3/01)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Greg Tripp (6/11)	
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)	
Phillip Koech (8/13)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)	
Art Kohler (2/87)	Tom Watkins (9/11)	
Dave Larkin (4/04)	James Watson (4/12)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo & General James Mattis

**Number of Members
as of July 1, 2016**

74

Current Members:
71

Gained:

Dewayne Halstad & Travis Clifton

Lost:

Bill McCue, Tom Kirchner, Grant McCallum, Bing Manawadu & Jack Zinn



Tom is an ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church. In his off-time, he works with young adults on career counselling and other needs. Tom believes that Richland is the best fire department in the Western U.S. In 2016 they have 54 firefighters and handled 6,500 calls. They were able to do that because of technology and cooperation with other emergency services. They provide fire response, emergency medical, and hazardous materials response. Tom is preparing his department for the next ten years. He has asked his department to be “community-driven, customer-focused, and competition ready.”

Finally, we heard from Chris Meyers, the vice chancellor for student affairs at WSU Tri-Cities who began with, “I don’t know how you follow up after a fireman and a church leader!” Chris said that Richland Rotary has been a wonderful source of help for their campus. He spoke about his job. “Nobody grows up wanting to be a vice chancellor for student affairs.” Chris attended Fort Hayes State University in Kansas where he was a pre-med student. He became a graduate assistant in the office of student affairs and went on to make it his career. They make sure that their students are as successful at whatever they do. They are also an advocate for their students. Chris provided a background of the genesis of student affairs profession since the mid-1950s. Common activities include the Registrar’s office, financial aid, student life and activities, and wrap-around support services for students, like personal and mental health counselling. Today, their primary focus is to support and advocate for their students. He said that you get to see individual’s lives change.



WSU Tri-Cities has a record enrollment for the fourth year in a row. They serve a lot of first generation students. He said that it was a privilege and honor both to be associated with a school like WSU Tri-Cities but also our community.

Three great members of Richland Rotary and our community!

Hal's Humor

One evening, two Alabama State Trooper patrol cars were in hot pursuit of a Chevy Camaro going east on I-20 toward Georgia. When the suspect crossed the Georgia line the first Trooper pulled over quickly.

The rookie Trooper pulled over right behind him and asked, “Hey Sarge, why did you stop?”

The Sarge replied, “You stupid rookie, that guy’s in Georgia now. They’re an hour ahead of us, so we’ll never catch him.”