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- Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

March Speaker Schedule

19th – Multi-Club International Project, Kris Troyer

26th – Fourth Tuesday Fellowship

Preliminaries

President Bob Tibbatts brought the meeting to order today. In a nod to the snow we received this morning, Julie Funfar led us in singing Here Comes Santa Claus. Robert Rivera led the Pledge of Allegiance, Dave Larkin gave the invocation and finally we shook hands with folks at other tables.

New Member

Andrew Cook joined the Club today. Judy Addis introduced Andrew to the Club just four weeks ago and was personally impressed when he expressed interest in volunteering for various Club projects even before he was a member.

Andrew was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and earned his degree in Political Science

and Economics in 2014 from UC Berkley. After moving back to Michigan to spend time with his father before his passing, he and his wife Mimi moved to the Tri-Cities where he began working with the financial planning firm Pacific Crest in Kennewick January 2019.

Andrew thanked his wife Mimi, his business partner Kyle Blodgett and said that his goal of joining Rotary is to help make his community, and his country, a better place.

Dick Richter gave the charge. Dick talked about the



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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

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expectation that Andrew maintain the high moral standards expressed in Rotary's Four Way Test as well as in the Objects of Rotary (both of which can be found here <https://my.rotary.org/en/guiding-principles>). He also reminded us all of the commitment of the 33,000 Rotary Clubs around the world to the concept of Service above Self.

Bob presented Andrew with his Rotary pin, a framed copy of the Four-Way Test, a Rotary Medallion, a Club Photo Directory and a Red Badge.

Andrew - Welcome to the Club.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Terri LeBlanc hosted Rick Wilson. Judi Addis hosted Andrew Cook (inducted into the Club today), Mimi Cook (Andrew's wife) and Kyle Blodgett (Andrew's business partner). Bob Larson hosted Grant McCallum. We did not have any visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

The Richland Rotary Social and Music Jam at The Listening Room at Magnolia Music Studio will be held Tuesday March 26 from 6:30-8:00 PM. The Music Studio is located at 430 George Washington Way (Corner of George Washington Way and Bradley). This is going to be an evening of music so please bring your smart phones for lyrics and karaoke tracks, ready to sing along. Also feel free to bring your guitar, ukulele, or other instruments. Note: additional parking is available across the street at Windermere, Roasters, or Hampton Inn lower lot. Please don't arrive early, as private lessons are happening until 6:30pm.

Jim and Linda Bauer reminded us that the 2019 Joint District Conference (<https://www.cometogether2019.com/>) is taking place in Spokane, May 16-19, 2019. If you are unable to participate in the whole of the Conference, please know that you are welcome to only participate in the golf tournament on Thursday, May 16, 2019. For \$100 you get 18 holes, balls, a cart and lunch at the Kalispel Golf Club (<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>). This is a great way to play a well-established course and benefit Rotary.

On Saturday, April 06, 2019, the 5080 District Spring Training Assembly will take place in Spokane (<https://district5080.org/>). Attendance is expected to be around 700 Rotarians for the roughly 50 classes being offered. Our Club will reimburse the \$35 cost for each class. Please contact our own Linda Bauer, Assistant Governor for Area 10 (Richland), for more information.

The March 16, 2019 brew date for G.I.P.A at Bombing Range Brewing, hosted by the WSU Tri-Cities Veteran Students was announced (in absentia) by Chris Meiers. It should be noted that the arguably more important April 13 'drink date' of this IPA was illuminated by today's Judge, Ken Williams.

Larry announced two jackets – a lady's jacket and a men's Rotary jacket - in the Lost & Found. Please contact him if you have any information about them.

50/50

Gary Scofield ran today's 50/50 contest – pull the 1 white chip and avoid the 11 blue chips to win the \$86 pot. Linda drew ticket x809 which was Ken's number. Ken played it safe and took the \$10 before drawing x820 which was Terri LeBlanc's number. Unfortunately, Terri pulled a blue chip.

Judge Ken Williams

It snowed in the Tri-Cities this morning. This, following a record-breaking snow fall in February, led the honorable Judge Williams to begin his judging session with the cold white stuff. All of those tired of the snow got a \$1 penalty. Those of you not tired of the snow? \$2 penalty. From here we

moved on to more standard penalties (e.g., \$1 for a missing pin), Jim Bauer's offer to represent Kiona at the upcoming Rotary golf tournament and a quiz based on the great State of TEXAS, with a particular emphasis on San Antonio which is where Ken's grandson is headed to begin his service in the Air Force.

Table 1, populated only by our President, got a pass on questions. This was arguably a gesture to Rotary's 2nd rule – Is it FAIR to all concerned? – since it hardly seems fair for a Table of 1 to compete against more fully populated tables.

Table 2 was asked about the population of San Antonio, TEXAS, the 7th largest city in the United States by population. The correct

answer – approximately 1.5 million. Table 3 was asked about the population of Seattle which came in just under half of that at about 725,000 making it the 18th largest city in the United States. Table 4 correctly identified five cities in TEXAS – Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin –



Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Dave Larkin (4/04)
Eric Andrews (9/18)	Pam Larsen (2/95)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Bob Larson (6/90)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Teri LeBlanc (6/18)
Bob Best (4/90)	Phil Lemley (6/06)
David Billetdeaux (7/17)	Tim Lewis (10/03)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Eric Livesay (2/18)
Fred Brink (6/18)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)
Blaine Carr (12/09)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)
David Chevey-Reynaud (4/17)	Chris Meiers (12/15)
Travis Clifton (10/16)	Ian Napier (11/08)
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Greg Oberg (1/88)
Richard Evans (11/18)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)
Kristy Fargher (7/18)	Cynthia Reents (6/09)
Bob Ferguson (3/18)	Dick Richter (6/08)
Barbara French (11/98)	Robert Rivera (7/09)
Julie Funfar (7/13)	George Sanders (8/18)
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Rick Schulte (6/14)
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Gary Scofield (2/75)
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Anjan Sen (11/96)
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Chris Senske (1/80)
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)
Dewayne Halstad (8/16)	Chris Smith (8/10)
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Mark Smith (3/01)
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Rebecca Thornton (9/18)
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Stan Jones (10/07)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Roy Keck (10/04)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Scott Keller (7/02)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Danielle Kleist (3/17)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Phillip Koech (8/13)	Joan Wright (3/18)

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, & Tom Cowan

Current Members:

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which had larger populations than Seattle. There was some disagreement regarding the ownership of San Antonio prior to TEXAS becoming part of the United States (for the record, TEXAS was its own Republic from 1836 until 1845) – the basis of Table 5's first question – so they got another one. They correctly identified The Alamo as the most popular (Spanish) Mission in TEXAS. Table 6 was asked a question regarding the cities in 'The Texas Triangle', something that your author – a native Texan – had to research after the meeting - <https://www.dmagazine.com/publications/d-ceo/2018/may/dallas-place-in-the-texas-triangle/>).

The cities in the triangle are Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas. For those of you that were expecting 3 cities in the triangle – Austin sits (roughly) on the leg between San Antonio and Dallas. Finally, Table 7 was asked about Lackland Air Force Base which is now part of the larger Joint Base San Antonio.

Ken has many suggestions for what to see and during a trip to San Antonio including everything from seeing The Alamo, walking along the river walk to visiting Dave Larkin's 1st and second grade teacher, Mrs. Chalk. Mike Winegardner's son spent significant time at Lackland.

Jerry McGuire shared some news from his recent trip to see his sons in Alabama and Tennessee. He saw the devastation from the recent tornado – his children were not injured – that had winds up to 170 mph.

Linda and Jim Bauer's grandson made the varsity baseball team. He struck-out everyone that he pitched to (he can pitch an 87 mph ball) in his most recent game and then proceeded to hit a home run. All of this with only one eye.

Jeremy Asmus escaped the snow and played 108 holes of golf.

Program

Jim and Linda Bauer – ITHF and Santa Claus
Today, Jim and Linda, gave a presentation regarding their adventures around the world with the Rotary International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) and also shared with us Jim's unexpected journey on becoming...Santa Claus. Our original presenter for today, from The Ronald McDonald House, was unable to attend. ITHF.

There are a wide variety of Rotary Fellowships that cover everything from 4x4 vehicles to whisk(e)y (see <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>) and today we heard about the experiences of two of our members with the ITHF. This Fellowship focuses on travel but is not an AirBnB nor is it a hotel association. Members pay \$50/year, receive a directory and arrange travel directly with other members.

The mission of the ITHF (<http://www.ithf.org/>)

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

Richland Riverside.....	Monday, Noon Anthony's Columbia Pt Richland
Richland.....	Tuesday, Noon: Richland Red Lion
Pasco/Kennewick.....	Wednesday, Noon: Clover Island Inn Kennewick
Columbia Valley Daybreak..	Thursday, 7 am: Tri-Tech Skills Ctr. Kennewick
Columbia Center.....	Thursday, Noon: Bingo Boulevard Kennewick
Tri-Cities Sunrise.....	Friday, 7 am: Red Lion Pasco

is "...to stimulate and facilitate connections and cultural sharing throughout the Rotary world by contact, hosting, visiting and travel.". Jim and Linda have been involved with the ITHF since their first trip to Tauranga, New Zealand in February, 2011. Since then they have stayed with Rotarians in a wide variety of locations and host visiting Rotarians in their home.

In the Southern part of the United States they've stayed on an 80-foot house boat in Kentucky; visited Slidell, Louisiana; photographed some of the roughly 400,000 bats emerging from a bat-cave, visited a nature preserve and eaten pizza in a junkyard in Gainesville, Florida; and spent time golfing in Alabama whilst in that neck of the woods for a Rotary Convention.



The level of involvement of the hosts varies. In some locations they were offered a glass of wine and given detailed information about local sites to visit. In others, they are given comfortable accommodations and were largely left to their own devices. In 2014 they petted a Koala bear and did geo-caching in Australia. In 2016 they visited The Netherlands. In 2017 they petted a kiwi bird and learned to long bowl while staying in the homes of 5 different Rotarians.

Regardless of where they've stayed, they've felt warmly welcomed and have embraced the opportunity to strengthen the worldwide connections between the members of the more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs – all dedicated to Service Above Self.

They had a variety of travel tips. Pack light. They each carry a 22" piece of luggage that can be taken onto the plane as a carry-on. They take 2 pairs of shoes and always take layers to accommodate changing weather. They strongly suggest training a pilot if at all possible - their son is a pilot which allows them to take very affordable trips.

There are other travel clubs that are unrelated to Rotary, including the affordable travel club (for people 40+ years old <https://www.affordabletravelclub.net/>) and the Evergreen club (for people over 50 years old <https://www.evergreenclub.com/>).

Santa Claus

Jim Bauer included in his presentation an illuminating question, "How many of you wanted to be Santa Claus when you grew up". Very few, if any, hands went up, including Jim's. His journey to becoming a Santa Claus that raised \$8,000 for charity in 2018 was more of a 'random walk' than the result of a focused effort.

Once upon a time, 23 years ago when Linda and Jim were dating, Linda's niece sent Jim a package, a Santa suit. This same niece, while staying with Linda and Jim, asked that Jim help carry on a tradition. The tradition required Santa Claus to be seen by children in the back yard around 8 PM, a sighting that would lead the excited children to dash off to bed. Not naturally an extrovert, this suited Jim fine. However, as friends found out about this fun tradition, Jim's services were requested at other houses but not all children realized that they were supposed to dash off to bed...and came out instead to talk to Santa and put in a plug for the year's toy-request!

When Jim retired, he decided to up the ante and grew out his own beard (kids check this, you see). Linda, seeing an opportunity, decided to enter Jim and his Santa services into a charity auction which worked much better than Jim expected (and which led to the aforementioned \$8,000 donated to charity last year).

Being Santa has reiterated to Jim the big impact that (apparently) small things can have on people. He remembered a child that was last into the room to see Santa. The child's parents had already shared with Jim the 'naughty' things that he had done that year – not brushing his teeth when asked, fighting with his sister, etc. – and asked Santa to bring it up with him. The child would have none of it, would commit to no changes whatsoever. However, the next year that same child was first in line, ready to talk about his good behaviors for the year. Every small thing that we do may have a tremendous impact so be mindful in your actions.