

### March Speaker Schedule

March 21st — Pat Lacey, Kadlec Neurological Resourse Center March 28th — Cindy Reents, City of Richland

### **Preliminaries**

Members entered past the Paul Harris Board today. There are not many squares left to pick, and only \$10 each! The drawing will be made when all squares are sold and the proceeds got to Habitat for Humanity!

Past President Larry Lowry brought the meeting to order, telling us that Prez Dick was working and Diahann Howard was enjoying the spring

weather in Washington DC (actually on the midst of a big snow and ice storm).

### **Guests & Visitors**

We had one guest today, hosted by C. Mark Smith, David Chavey-Reynaud, of TRIDEC. He has submitted an application for membership.

#### Announcements

Bob Tibbets was "Down-Under" and attended a couple of Rotary meetings while traveling. He brought back a banner from the Wellington, New Zealand club.

Jon Putz reminded us that Duck season will be on us soon. He wants people to be prepared to sign up so we can have a good year like last year. We will have a tent most weeks at the Market at the Parkway again, and we need people to help out as Linda Gilmore can't do it all. He is also working with local stores like Safeway to arrange for ticket tables. We need to get out to sell. The race is October 7 this year.

Cynthia Vaughn came forward and led us in' Tura Lura Lural,' the Irish Iullaby.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (2S)(B) Steve Arneson (1R) Jeremy Asmus (2S) Jim Bauer (4S) Bob Best (2S)(B) Tom Bock (1R)(B) Gordon Bopp (1S) Blaine Carr (6S) Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B) Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B) Jeanne Dillner (2S) Barbara French (D) Julie Funfar Linda Gilmore (28) Jan Griffin (1S) Pat Haggerty Leslie Hawkins (2S) Diahann Howard Jan Jackson (2S)

Larry D. Jecha Darrel Johnsen (2S) Roy Keck Scott Keller Shelley Kennedy 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 (3S)(B) Mike McAndrew (1S) Jerry J. McGuire (2S)(B) Kathy Miller (5S) Robert D. Nichols (1S) **Debbie Nogueras** 

Greg Oberg (4S) (B) Thomas M. O'Brien (2S) Jon M. Putz (6S) Cindy Reents (1S) Dick Richter (2S) Robert Rivera Pete Rogalsky (1S) Gary Scofield (4S)(B) Anjan K. Sen (1S) 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))

(B) Benefactor (D) Diamond PHF (DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF (R) Ruby (R) Nultiple Ruby (S) Sapphire (#S) Multiple Sapphires

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Secretary	Linda Gilmore
Treasurer	Steve Arneson
Foundation Treasur	er.Mike Winegardner
Past President	Larry Lowry

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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

## **Election of Officers**

Larry returned to the podium to ask again if there were any nominations for the 2017-18 Board of Directors. With none, he read the names again, Bob Tibbatts, Julie Funfar, Tom Huntington and Dewayne Halstead. The vote was made and was unanimous for all of the candidates.

## 50/50

Larry Jecha said he had \$166 in the pot and only five chips in the bucket. It turns out the draw was his own number, but he didn't get the prize. Jan Griffin got the \$10.

## Judge Tom O'Brian

Tom started off asking if there were any birthdays or anniversaries missed last week and Pat Haggerty announced her birthday had been last Monday. Going on to Brags, Al Haggerty stood up and said that wife Pat had gotten a new Honda for her birthday and additionally, his first book was coming out Friday the 17th on Amazon as an eBook, after 22 years of writing, rewriting and marketing. There will be a paperback version in a couple of weeks. The book is called the Failover File, a mystery.

Cynthia Vaughn recounted her weekend at the third part of Rotary Leadership Training. She said



it was wonderful and applied equally well to her business as to Rotary. She encouraged anyone to go, especially since the club will pay for it. Shelly Kennedy donated for vacation time in the Virgin Islands. Steve Arneson bragged about his son Jim is now a Senior Vice President at Community First Bank in Kennewick. Mike Winegarden noted that if you go to Amazon for Al's book, or anything else, Richland Rotary is a choice for the Amazon Smile Program. This gives a percentage of what you spend at Amazon to go to our club or another charity of your choice.

Tom asked about college basketball fans, as March Madness has started. He noted Cougar and Husky fans were a bit disappointed. Gonzaga is doing well. Jan Griffin asked about her alma mater Syracuse, but they didn't make the "dance." Tom then started a quiz about St Patrick's Day coming up on Friday. He asked what Irish City is the City of Tribes (Galway), what do you get if you kiss the Blarney Stone (the gift of gab), what did St. Patrick chase out of Ireland (snakes), the Irish actor that played Lawrence of Arabia (Peter O'Toole) among others.

## Program

Larry returned to the podium once more to introduce our speaker Sara Schwan, Executive Director of the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid Columbia. Ms. Schwan is originally from Juneau, Alaska and graduated from the University of Oregon. She has worked as a campaign staffer and is a member of Pasco Kennewick Rotary Club. She lives locally with her husband and two kids.

The Children's Reading Foundation first supported students in Benton and Franklin Counties in Washington to support attaining the high standards required by the state's Educational Reform Act of 1993. The foundation later expanded to become The Children's Reading Foundation national office and the Mid-Columbia Chapter, both headquartered in Kennewick, Washington. They just celebrated 21 years!

The basic premise is that children should be read to, ideally 20 minutes per day, from birth through at least age five. A child's experiences from birth to age 5 create the necessary brain connections essential for all future learning. This learning journey begins long before a child enters the schoolhouse doors. It starts at home! Parents and caregivers are children's first and most influential teachers. Reading, talking and purposeful play with a child beginning at birth provides the necessary experiences to help their minds grow strong and bright, shaping language, literacy, math, and social and emotional skills. Continuing reading after age five also aids development of older children.



She showed a graphic illustrating that how well a child is prepared for kindergarten, is a big indicator for finishing high school. A child that is read to daily may be as much as two years ahead of his peers in brain development and that group has only a 6% dropout rate. Kids who are ill prepared say two years behind; have a 55% chance of being a dropout. Also successful students are more apt to be successful workers. Other studies have shown that every dollar put into early childhood

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Tom Watkins (9/11)

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



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Honorary Members

education and development pays back \$6.60 in reduced costs for remedial education and discipline. Well prepared students are also more likely to be higher paid adult workers. About 70% of the adult prison population reads at the level of a fourth grader, showing again the importance of early learning.

The Foundation reaches out to parents and caregivers to provide resources for reading and learning. Even everyday things like a trip to the store can be an opportunity for learning by having the child search the shelves for certain letters, colors or images. This kind of learning strengthens all areas of development from motor skills, emotional development and intellectual development. The greater the time and variety of early experiences, the more the child will be capable of learning. Books can be made interactive by asking the child questions like "how would you feel it that happened to you" "What colors are the flowers" or "what page comes next. "

To help parents and caregivers, the Foundation has a number of programs. In cooperation with the Kennewick School district they have the Ready for Kindergarten and Play with a Purpose workshops and give parents books to read to their kids, and give books to kids.

They give away a lot of books, over 14,000 last year. They have partners like the Pasco Kennewick and Columbia Center Rotary clubs, Mission Support Alliance and Bechtel. They have a summer program with Union Gospel Church to give away books every Thursday morning, and reading programs at local McDonalds. They have a webpage and a facebook page if anyone wants to get involved.

## Hal's Humor

To commemorate his first visit to our library, the Librarian gave a six-year-old boy a bookmark. More familiar with electronic gadgets than old-school tools, he had no clue how it worked.

She demonstrated by placing the bookmark between two pages, then closed the book. "When you start reading again, voilà!" she said, opening the book to her bookmarked page.

"Wow!" he said. "That's cool!"

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

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