

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 March

29th – Marc Levanthal, Paddle Wheel Tour

Preliminaries

President Larry opened the meeting and called on song leader Cynthia Vaughan. Instead of our usual song, Cynthia asked that the club observe a moment of silence for the victims of the Brussels terrorist attacks.

Visitors

Mike Winegardner called on Jackie Wright who introduced her daughter, Joanne Wright, who is visiting. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

Debbie Nogueras announced that the club is looking for scholarship candidates. Time is about to expire.



Mark Smith announced that seats are available for the Tri-Citizen of the Year banquet on Thursday, April 21. Chris Smith is putting together a table. Please see him for reservations. Tickets are \$50.



Pete Rogalsky announced that the World Service Committee will be having a meeting. Lookout for an email announcement.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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| Judy Addis (2S)(B) | Larry D. Jecha | Jerry J. McGuire (B) | Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B) |
| Steve Arneson (1R) | Darrel Johnsen (2S) | Kathy Miller (5S) | Tom Watkins (D)(B) |
| Jeremy Asmus (2S) | Roy Keck | Robert D. Nichols | Ken Williams (5S) |
| Jim Bauer (4S) | 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 |
| Blaine Carr (5S) | Art D. Kohler (D)(B) | Cindy Reents (1S) | (DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF |
| Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B) | Dave Larkin (D) | Dick Richter (1S) | (R) Ruby |
| Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B) | Pamela Larsen (4S)(B) | Robert Rivera | (#R) Multiple Ruby |
| Jeanne Dillner (2S) | Bob D. Larson (4S)(B) | Pete Rogalsky (1S) | (S) Sapphire |
| Barbara French (D) | Phil Lemley (2S) | Gary Scofield (4S) (B) | (#S) Multiple Sapphires |
| Julie Funfar | Tim Lewis (2S) | Anjan K. Sen (1S) | |
| Linda Gilmore (2S) | Yosen Liu (1S) | Chris Senske (1S) | |
| Jan Griffin (1S) | Larry Lowry (1S)(B) | Rick Schulte | |
| Pat Haggerty | Bing Manawadu | Bill R. Siefken (1R) | |
| Leslie Hawkins (1S) | Mike McAndrew (1S) | Mike Sinclair | |
| Diahann Howard | Grant McCallum (3S) | Mark Smith (5S) (B) | |
| Jan Jackson (2S) | Bill McCue (1S) | Bob Tibbatts (1S) | |

Officers

PresidentLarry 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

Cynthia Vaughan reminded the club of our new Facebook page. She gave out the URL and asked everyone to get out their smart phone and type it in.

Prez Larry announced Linda Bauer has resigned from Richland Rotary and is joining Columbia Center Rotary. She was very active in our club and will be missed by all.

Student of the Month

Pam Larson introduced our student of the month, Amanda Landon. Amanda is a student at Richland High School, senior class president and a member of the national honor society. She will be attending BYU next year and majoring in nursing. She does tutoring for her community service. She also works part time at local nursing homes and feels that the experience will give her a jump start on her education.



Aloha Rotarian

Today was the last day to vote for the Aloha Rotarian. Jim Bauer led a spirited bidding war in which supporters of Diahann Howard made a valiant effort to overcome the dark forces supporting Ken Williams, but failed when's Diahann's friends rallied to save her by supporting Ken at a last burst of bidding. The money from all votes goes to the Rotary Foundation. The final tally was:

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| Ken Williams | 605 votes |
| Diahann Howard | 477 votes |
| Jim Bauer | 208 votes |
| Chris Smith | 135 votes |
| Blaine Carr | 85 votes |
| Jan Griffin | 75 votes |



Judge Ian Napier

Ian was criticized because his quiz questions were too easy last time, so this week, he went to Wikipedia and pulled out some obscure facts about Hanford for us to answer. The group was pretty tapped out after the Aloha Rotarian bidding, but some stray dollars found their way to the table. Kathy Miller announced that she had been selected as one of Banner Bank's "Best." Gordon Bopp announced that today was his 59th wedding anniversary. Jan Jackson discussed a recent trip to Othello by his Model A club, Diahann Howard announced that her son, Grant, has his driver's license and is out on the road. Look out! Darrell Johnson said that he had heard from his brother and sister-in-law in Brussels



that they are well and safe. Cynthia Vaughan announced that the Hanford High choirs are having evaluation event this evening at 7:00 pm. Jackie Wright said that her daughter was going to be here for a few weeks and would be willing to work for free during that time to gain experience. Finally, Julie Funfar talked about her recent trip to Carlsbad, California.

Program

Stan Jones introduced Dr. Patrick Jones, the executive director of the Institute for public Policy and Economic Analysis at Eastern Washington University. Dr. Jones has a longtime history of corporate and public service in the Spokane Area. He currently serves as the chair of the Spokane Mayor's Economic Advisory Board and is a second generation Rotarian. He directs the program that produces the Benton-Franklin Trends website and newsletter that weekly updates 175 data points about the Tri-Cities economy.

The "Trends" project began in 2006 in Spokane and has grown to include Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Northeast Washington, Grant County, Kootenai County, and now, Fresno, California.

The Tri-Cities website went live 9 months ago. There is a local advisory committee, on which Diahann Howard serves, and is supported by financial contributions from



Richland Rotary Members

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| Judy Addis (7/89) | Phil Lemley (6/06) | James Watson (4/12) |
| Steve Arneson (3/02) | Tim Lewis (10/03) | Ken Williams (12/00) |
| Jeremy Asmus (10/07) | Yosen Liu (1/91) | Hal Williamson (4/88) |
| James Bauer (1/09)) | Larry Lowry (10/05) | Mike Winegardner (11/09) |
| Bob Best (4/90) | Bing Manawadu (10/86) | Jacqui Wright (12/13) |
| Tom Bock (3/76) | Mike McAndrew (2/07) | |
| Gordon Bopp (5/04) | 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 Nogueras (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) | |
| Pam Larsen (2/95) | Sam Volpentest (1/95) | |
| Bob Larson (6/90) | Tom Watkins (9/11) | |

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 & Linda
Bauer



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local agencies, including the Port of Benton, and by a federal grant. It tracks 175 measures of date in 10 categories.

Dr. Jones proceeded to review some of the more important data with the group, including: The region now has 175,000 people. It has been growing very fast over the past decade. Richland’s growth rate is about equal to the two-county average. The population has grown from 39,000 to 55,000 in 15 years. The median age of Richland’s population is older by nearly 4.5 years. The non-white population of the Tri-Cities has been growing dramatically – by more than 38 percent over the past 10 years. That is not true for Richland. Richland’s median family income is nearly \$70,000, more than anywhere else in eastern Washington. Richland has a much lower number of people living under the poverty line which in 2014 was \$24,000. Rick Schulte talked with Dr. Jones about this, noting that approximately 40 percent of kids in Richland schools were from families living under the poverty line. Many are moving into central Richland because of affordable housing and good schools from other Tri-Cities communities). Richland receives more than \$1 billion a year from taxable sales. Lots of information here for Richland leaders to consider. Click here to view the web site: <<http://www.bentonfranklintrends.ewu.edu>>

Hal’s Humor

A Sunday school teacher was asking her six-year-olds about the meaning of Easter. “Children,” she said, “Do you know why we celebrate Easter?”
A little girl raised her hand.
“Yes Jenny,” said the teacher.
Jenny said, “Is Easter when we put on costumes and go trick-or-treating?”
“No, Jenny. That’s Halloween. Does any one else know?”
A little boy yelled, “It’s when we set off fireworks!”
“No Jimmy, that’s Independence Day. Anybody else?”
A shy little girl in the back said, “Easter is when Jesus died.”
The teacher replied, “That’s right, Shauna. And what happened to Jesus that makes Easter special?”
“Well, he died and got buried. And every Easter he comes out. And if he sees his shadow there’s 6 more weeks of winter.”

| ATTENDANCE, A ROTARY COMMITMENT | |
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| 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 |