



RICHLAND

March 28, 2017

ROTARY REACTOR

Editor: Leslie Hawkins

Design: Jan Jackson

Editor Emeritus: Hal Ellner

Web Site: www.richlandrotaryclub.org

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/RichlandRotaryClubWA/>

• 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

April Speaker Schedule

4th — Dr. Richard Cummins, CBC

11th — Tom Collins, PhD, WSU Wine Science

18th — Lorna Garcia, WA Long Term Care Advocate

25th — Club Business Meeting

Preliminaries

President Dick gaveled the meeting to order, and turned it over to song leader Cynthia Vaughn, who said that the latest issue of the Rotarian magazine illustrated the importance of acquaintances, so the members sang “Make New Friends, but Keep the Old”, in two part round, struggling a bit, but evoking memories of these songs from childhood camp days.

Visitors & Guests

Larry Jecha announced that Visiting Rotarians included Jeff Daniels from Columbia Center, and Jody Driver from Pasco-Kennewick, and guests included Carol Larkin, wife of Dave Larkin.

Announcements

Jan Griffin said that Bob Nichols hadn't been seen in a while, and discovered he's had some tough health issues in recent months, so she circulated two get well cards for Bob, who is currently at Richland Rehab center.

Kathy Miller

reminded the club of the upcoming Tri-Citizen of the Year dinner on April 27th, and we have three tables available for our club. A sign up sheet is going around, and she said that next year our club would be in charge of the event, so she is looking for volunteers to help on this year's committee, and good attendance by our club.



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 (2S)

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 (1S)

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) Multiple Ruby

(S) Sapphire

(#S) Multiple Sapphires

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

Jim Bauer said that it's almost time for spring highway clean-up, and asked about a preferred date. Bill Siefkin requested that the group meet at the Spudnut shop, instead of Red Lion, and after some discussion, Jim announced that Saturday, May 6th would be the clean-up day, with the group meeting at Spudnuts at 8:45 am. Volunteers are needed, so get out your work gloves!

Cynthia Vaughan said that although our Facebook page is public, and it is viewed about 1000 times each month, there is a members only section so our members can leave messages, have a dialogue and other discussions, so don't forget about this opportunity to connect with the club members only.

Habitat for Humanity Fundraising Board

Bob Larson said that all the squares had been purchased, and the \$1000 raised will now be matched by Gesa Credit Union, giving us a \$2000 donation for a new Habitat for Humanity home in the TriCities. The white balls with numbers for the vertical columns and horizontal rows, and the two winners, each earning a Paul Harris were Ken Williams and Jeremy Asmus. (Initially, the winner in the second drawing was incorrectly read, like this year's Best Picture award at the Oscars, but the error was caught, and the correct winner of the square announced.) Thanks to the great support of our Rotary club, to help bring a home to a family in need!



50/50

Gary Schofield said there was \$215 in the pot, with only three chips left. Roy Keck got the first number, but drew out a blue chip, and Steve Arneson had the second number, receiving the \$10 consolation prize.

Judge Jon Putz

John filled in for Ken Williams (Thanks, Jon!), and said he had been asked about his dirty hat, but that was clarified, as the question related to his "ugly" hat, and he will donate for that, and then asked for donation from Scott Keller. For Brags and Confessions, Tim Lewis donated for his three weeks in Maui, and Jim Bauer for his 6 weeks in New Zealand, visiting both islands, and his Rotary anniversary this past month. Ian Napier donated for a new car he just bought in Utah, and Julie Funfar said she had attended the national conference of After School Professionals, and it was great to hear and share ideas from programs across the country. Diahann Howard announced a food drive from United Way with a focus on food for diabetics, so need for peanut butter, canned tuna, low sugar cereal, etc, and she will be accepting donations over the next few weeks. Dick Richter donated for his grandchild, as his son married an Australian woman, so the baby will sound like an Aussie once he gets his voice!



Jon Putz said that he and Larry Lowry, co-Head Ducks, will be looking for a lot of help for this year's race, and especially volunteers for ticket sales locations, including helping Linda Gilmore at the Farmers' Market, and other sales locations like Fred Meyer in Richland. Two sandwich boards will be purchased to highlight sales locations and promote ticket sales.

Program

Cindy Reents is under the weather today, so she's unable to be our speaker. However, Jon Amundson, Assistant City Manager for Richland, is here to give us an update on the plans and activities for the city this year.

He outlined the 2017 priorities, which are based on the seven keys of their long range plan: Financial Stability and Infrastructure and Facilities, Economic Vitality and Targeted Investments, Natural Resources, Community Amenities, and Neighborhoods and Community Safety.

Jon said the 2017 budget is \$258,714,831, a 20% increase over 2016, because of some large increases in capital expenses. He highlighted the ERP system, which is financial software that will replace many manual processes for the budget, Accounts Payable, and management. The increase in expenses is accompanied by an increase in bond revenues.

Other major projects include the Lamb Weston site in the Horn Rapids area, growth in the Queensgate area, and development of a roundabout for entry onto the highway at that site, improvements in the shoreline, at Badger Mountain Dog Park, Lacrosse and Volleyball courts, and trail lighting in Howard Amon Park. For equipment, the city will add another firetruck and ambulance.



Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Dave Larkin (4/04)	James Watson (4/12)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
James Bauer (1/09))	Phil Lemley (6/06)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Bob Best (4/90)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	
Blaine Carr (12/09))	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	
Travis Clifton (10/16)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Chris Meiers (12/15)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Debbie Noguerras (8/15)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Jon Putz (5/81)	
Dewayne Halstad (8/16)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Pete Rogalsky (7/05)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Chris Smith (8/10)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Mark Smith (3/01)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)	
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)	Greg Tripp (6/11)	
Danielle Kleist (3/17)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)	
Phillip Koech (8/13)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)	
Art Kohler (2/87)	Tom Watkins (9/11)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo & General
James Mattis

Number of Members
as of July 1, 2016
74

Current Members:
72

Gained:
Dewayne Halstad, Travis Clifton &
Danielle Kleist

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



2017 challenges included the multiple snow and ice storms and difficulty with snow removal and prioritization of roads. With 5 snowplows and one grader for the city, and 9 employees to plow, and the fairly continuous weather of snow and ice, made this a very challenging time. They used \$57,000 worth of materials for road treatment between January 1st and February 15th, which exceeded all of the annual budget, and there was \$62,000 of overtime paid in conjunction with these storms.

Other challenges this year include jail costs, as Richland contracts with Benton County for jail services, and there have been increases associated with medical clearance before incarceration, excessive public records requests, which keep growing each year, and transportation issues with decreasing state funding.

Recently Richland City Council approved the formation of a Transportation District, which will allow a \$20 tab fee for each vehicle registration. \$8 of that \$20 goes to the Duportail Bridge and \$12 goes to other road projects.

Construction on the new city hall will begin this summer, and should be completed by 2019. The Rachel Road Alignment study for a road system in that area is underway, along with updating of the city's Comprehensive Plan, which must be updated by state law every 10 years, and there will be public open sessions to solicit feedback.

In summary, Jon said that the city is always looking to ways to better communicate with its residents, and to receive comments and concerns, and there is a website, plus Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts available. For more information, contact him at jonamundson@ci.richland.wa.us

Hal's Humor

A mother and her daughter were looking through an old photo album when the mother pointed out an old picture of herself and a very handsome, muscular young man with curly auburn hair.

"Who's that?" The little girl asked.

"That's your father." The mother answered proudly.

"Oh...then who's that fat bald guy who lives with us?"

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