

# **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 April**

5th — Randy Hayden, Port of Pasco  
12th — Cindy Reents, State of the City  
19th — JD Tovey, Umatillas  
26th — Lara Hastings, Hands in for Hands on

## **Preliminaries**

President Larry called the meeting to order, and asked Cynthia to lead the song. In honor of our day's program, she chose Proud Mary and had the group join in on the chorus, adding rolling motions for effect. Greg Oberg led the prayer.

## **Visitors**

Visiting Rotarians were Josh Chittenden from the PK club and Steve Brown of Shoreline Breakfast, who has visited us several times recently. Visitors included Larry Christensen, a former Rotarian, and Ken Williams guest, Josh Deluca, who is considering membership! A conversation with visitor Steve Brown discovered he has recently moved to Tri-cities and is considering transferring to our club.

## **Announcements**

Larry began by calling up Ken Williams, to present him with the grass skirt, coconut bra and the traveling Aloha Trophy in honor of him being voted the Aloha Rotarian last week. He thanked the club insincerely for their support in gaining this honor. The date of his Hula is yet to be scheduled. Larry also displayed a bright yellow tool kit labeled "Duck Race." Larry said he had been gathering tools for it, as they always seem to come up a little short when putting the Duck Race course together.



Larry Christensen came up to ask club support for the Kids Dig Rigs event coming up May 21 and 22. This is the event where fire trucks, large agricultural and earth moving equipment are

## **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

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 Noguera	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**

President .....Larry Lowry  
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Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

brought in for kids to see up close. There will also be a car crusher. Our club has been supplying volunteers to direct parking at the event the past two years. Last year there were over 5,000 visitors to the event so they have expanded it to 2 days this year.

Chris Smith reminded the group about the Tri-Citizen of the Year banquet coming up next month. Join Chris at his table! Debra Nogueras noted there was a scholarship committee meeting immediately after our meeting to decide on scholarship recipients, and to discuss the plans for the luncheon.



### **50/50**

Tim Lewis said there was \$72 in the pot. Mike Winegardner had the right ticket, but wrong chip. Dave Larkin got the \$10 prize.

### **Judge Jeanne Dillner**

Jeanne started off giving three cheers for the Kadlec hospital staff. She had back surgery just 2 weeks ago and was very happy with her care and progress. She asked what good things were happening for us? Diahann Howard said her niece just had a lovely, big baby girl. I guess this means Diahann is not just a good aunt, but now a Great Aunt! Jan Griffin put in for her alma mater Syracuse making it in the NCAA Final Four. Dick Richter (who's company is the builder) put in for comments from Red Lion that the test of the new stage across the street rattled the hotel windows. He said to prepare, as the grand opening on April 9 will really shake things. Pete Rogalski added something for his NCAA team, Gonzaga, who was eliminated but fought hard.



Jim Bauer was happy about selling several items at his place, including a goat, but still has a motor home for sale. Linda Gilmore was happy all three of her kids were home for Easter! Chris Smith talked about a 100 mile run and also talked about how rewarding it was to be involved with Junior Achievement. Visitor Josh Chittenden also works with Junior Achievement and said their recent bowling fund raiser brought in \$310,000. Several of our Rotarians volunteered time at the bowl a thon. Larry Christensen and his wife are going on a 15-day cruise.

### **Program**

Stan introduced the speaker, our own C. Mark Smith. He was the stand in for someone from the American Queen Steamboat Company, which runs the paddle wheel cruises up the Columbia River. Mark knows them well, as he has been a volunteer docent for the Richland area stops by the cruise ship American Empress. This is the largest river cruise ship in the northwest and can carry over 200 passengers and about 80 crew members. The American Steamboat Company also runs another ship, the American Queen, on the Mississippi River. There are two other companies with Columbia River cruises and three other ships that make stops in the area.



The Empress accommodations are very luxurious, with premium staterooms, dining rooms and facilities. The trip includes all meals with drinks, and on-board talks on history, geology and other features of the trip plus evening shows. The food is locally sourced and rated highly. Former cruise ship host Ian Napier got a tour of the American Empress last year and said he was very impressed. All of this care and premium facilities come at a premium cost. Mark says the staterooms start at \$3200 per person and go up to over \$6,000. Discounts on these prices can be found, especially early or late in the cruise season.

The cruises typically start in Portland, going down river first to Astoria, then turn upriver to Stevenson, The Dalles, Richland, and on to Clarkson, Idaho in 7 to 9 days. Other ships may make different stops. Each stop includes various tours. When the American Empress stops here, it is at the Amon Park dock. There are 12 volunteer docents that help with the local tours. The passengers can take local hop-on hop-off tours that make round trips to the Reach Center, Sacajawea Park and the Franklin County Historical Society Museum. There is also a self-guided walking tour of the Parkway in Richland. In addition, there are premium tours the passengers may take. These include a Red Mountain wine tour and one to Pendleton. They are adding a B Reactor tour to the list.

The economic impact of the tours, including the other riverboat tour companies, exceeded \$485,000 in 2015. There were more than 10,500 passengers visiting and spending time and money in the area.

## **Richland Rotary Members**

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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In response to a question, C. Mark suggested anyone wanting to become a Docent could contact him.

*Hal's Humor*

A magician on a cruise ship had a wonderful act making things disappear. The problem was that the captain's parrot began watching his act, and soon learned how each trick was performed, and the parrot would give the trick away. The magician would make some fire and some smoke, and make something disappear, but then the parrot would yell out, "It's in his other hand", or "It's under the table", much to the chagrin and frustration of the magician.

The magician began changing the things that he made disappear, even though he had a new audience every week, just to confound the parrot, but the parrot kept figuring out the trick and giving it away. The magician soon began to hate the parrot, but he could do nothing to him, because it was the captain's parrot.

Then one day, just as the magician was starting his act, the ship struck a submerged object. There was some fire and some smoke, and then the ship sank. The magician struggled up through the water to the surface, gasping for air, and managed to grab onto the end of a wooden plank that was floating in the debris.

He looked up, and to his total dismay, he saw the parrot, feathers all wet and bedraggled, standing on the other end of his wooden plank. For hours they drifted, staring at each other, neither one saying a word. Then finally, the parrot spoke, "All right, I give up. Where's the ship?"

**ATTENDANCE, A ROTARY COMMITMENT**  
**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