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• Meetings every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m.

Red Lion Hotel (Hanford House)

• Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

April Speaker Schedule

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. He said there would be no song today as we had some sad news. Steve Arneson came to the podium to tell us that the husband of Pam Bieren, who is our cashier, was killed in an ATV accident last Friday. The only thing she asked was for our prayers. Jan Griffin said she had two cards and would send them around the room.

Visitors & Guests

Larry Jecha announced that visiting Rotarians included Jeff Daniels from Columbia Center, and Charles LoPresti from Richland Riverside. David Chavey-Reynaud and Diane Chavy were guests of Mark Smith and Linda Godwin was Jon Putz's guest.

New Member

Diahann Howard came forward with David Chevey-Reynaud to

introduce him as the newest member of our club. His

fiancé, Diane, accompanied him. David is a Business Recruitment Specialist for TRIDEC. He is originally from Twisp, Washington and has a degree in Music Education from Central Washington University and MBA from Seattle University. He has been a teacher, a firefighter and a business consultant. Dick Richter handed David his pin and Leslie Hawkins presented his certificates. C. Mark Smith, his sponsor, gave the charge. David said he was excited and grateful to join our club. He loves the feeling of community he has experienced at our meetings. Welcome to David!



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

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New Generations.....Jan Jackson

Fellowship & Fund Raising.Cynthia Vaughn

Announcements

Mike Winegardner came forward and President Dick asked Lisa Godwin to come up. Lisa is the Executive Director for the local Habitat for Humanity office. The Paul Harris raffle board that was completed last week was to benefit Habitat for Humanity so Mike presented Lisa with a check for \$1,000 and GESA Credit Union will match it for another \$1,000. Lisa noted this would be very useful in their current campaign and the 24 homes in a community in Pasco in progress.



Dick called attention to the sandwich board sign at the front of the room. This is a new item that can be used at various events, including duck race sales. He also noted the signup for the Tri-Citizen of the Year awards. The club is sponsoring three tables so there is no charge for the dinner if you sign up. It is a great event with a speaker from Glassy Baby, a Seattle non-profit. The dinner is Thursday, April 27.

50/50

Gary Schofield said there was quite a boost in sales today \$110, making the pot worth \$260. With only two chips in the bucket, Kathy Miller was excited that she had the number, but it was short lived when she drew out the blue chip. Jeremy Asmus received the \$10 consolation prize. Next week, there will only be a white chip, guaranteeing a win of the pot. It should be a big one!

Judge Stan Jones

Stan started off putting down his own money for a very brief TV appearance last week. He did not elaborate. He had those who rooted for Gonzaga in the NCAA Championship last night put in a dollar. Then on with the usual beginning of the month items: No one admitted to an April birthday, but Bill Siefken has a wedding anniversary this month celebrating 65 years. Al and Pat Haggerty and Linda Gilmore have 5 year Rotary Anniversaries this month.



In brags and confessions, Pam Larsen contributed for spending the week in Palm Desert with her 91-year-old Mom. They have been doing it for 27 years. Ken Williams mentioned a niece rooting for Gonzaga but attending NC Tarheels. Jan Griffin praised the City of Richland for the streets, saying you could break your suspension on the roads in Spokane. Pete Rogalski was willing to accept the accolade for the City staff. Stan added more money to his contribution for having his son, with his wife and kids staying for the past week. He said it was interesting having a five and a two year olds in the house again! With that, Judicial was closed.

Program

Julie Funfar introduced our speaker for the day Rich Cummins. Dr. Cummins has just left as the President of Columbia Basin College (CBC), a position he has held since 2008. He joined Columbia Basin College in 1990 as an English instructor. He has held many other positions including Vice President in his tenure there. He left to be Chancellor at Western Governors University (WGU) in Seattle. He noted he had been in the local Kiwanis Club for many years, but as it isn't very active in Seattle, he was joining a Rotary Club there on advice from a friend. A comment was heard that he was too young for Kiwanis!

Dr. Cummins came today to talk about CBC, WGU and post-high school education. He showed a graph that revealed that for the first time, the middle class of the US (defined as those earning 2/3 to 2 times the median income) is below 50% of the population. In 1971 61% of households were middle class and it has been declining. One reason for this is the need for greater level of education in the modern economy.

Another graph showed that for workers with a college degree there was no recession, but for those with just a high school education, there was, and also there has been no recovery. Of the 11.5 Million jobs created since 2008, 99% went to those with an education level above high school. Only one percent went to lower education levels.



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 Nogueras (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



The obvious thing is to grow middle skills jobs. Those jobs requiring more than a high school diploma, but less than a college degree. CBC is helping fill this need with many certificate programs for their students and local high school students. CBC is partnered with the school districts of Pasco, Richland and Kennewick on different programs with this aim. Nuevo Horizons in Pasco works with the alternative high school to be sure students can graduate not only with a diploma, but some certificate as well. The Health Sciences Academy and Wortman Center in Richland focus on health care education opportunities in concert with Kadlec. The newest effort is with Kennewick where they are breaking ground for a Culinary Arts education center.

CBC is forecast to grow at about 10% per year for the next several years and double in size in the next 20 years. It currently has 74 program areas offering degrees or credentials.

Dr. Cummins' new venture is the Western Governors University Washington. He will be Chancellor. WGU is an on-line university with programs from Bachelor to PhD in Teaching, Business, Health and Information Technology. It is focused on developing competencies and self-paced learning. Exams are used to evaluate and guide students to what they need to work on to gain the required competencies before they move on to the next course. When a student has passed a course, it is truly because he has mastered the subject matter.

The average time to achieve a degree at WGU is 2 ½ years instead of 4 to 5. Most students are adults (average age is 37) seeking to finish degrees who may be able to get through basic courses quickly to move on faster. There is a big need for schools to help adults with some college credits to get their degree or certifications without taking as much time.

As the program ended Pam Larsen spoke saying how much she appreciated his contributions to the community here and that he would be missed. President Dick came to the front and talked about how much our club appreciated those contributions within the community, as well as the time he had put in to aid us in setting up our nursing scholarships at CBC. In thank you, Dr. Cummins was presented with a Paul Harris Award from the club. Dr. Cummins seemed quite moved. He said he knew what a Paul Harris was and what it represented and was very grateful for the honor.

Hals Humor

The Cleveland Symphony Orchestra was rehearsing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. There is an extensive section where the bass players don't play for twenty minutes of so. One of them decided that, rather than stand around on stage looking bored and stupid, they'd all just file offstage during their tacit-time and hang out backstage, then return when they were about to play. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

On the night of the performance, the bass players filed off as planned. The last one had barely left the stage when the leader suggested, "Hey we've got twenty minutes, let's run across the street to the bar for a few!"

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

This idea was met with great approval, so off they went, tuxedos and all, to loosen up. Fifteen minutes and a few rounds later, one of the bass players said, "Shouldn't we be heading back? It's almost time."

But the leader announced, "Oh don't worry, we'll have some extra time - I played a little joke on the conductor. Before the performance started, I tied string around each page of his score so that he'd have to untie each page to turn it. The piece will drag on a bit. We've got time for another round!"

So another round they did, and finally - sloshed and staggering - they made their way back across the street to finish Ludwig's 9th.

Upon entering the stage, they immediately noticed the conductor's haggard, drawn and livid expression. "Gee," one player queried, "Why do you suppose he looks so tense?"

"You'd be tense, too," laughed the leader. "It's the bottom of the ninth, the score is tied and the bashes are loaded."