

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

19th — JD Tovey, Umatillas
26th — Lara Hastings, Hands in for Hands on

Preliminaries

President Larry called the meeting to order, and Julie Funfar was Song Leader, leading the club in a song celebrating the Polio Plus success to the tune of "Oh, My Darling Clementine".

Visitors & Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians today, but Phil Lemley had a guest, Tom Huntington, and we also hosted Beth Trost, and members of the Utah Dance Troupe. Beth said that "Dancing with the Tri-City Stars" event was being held this Friday, April 15th, featuring local celebrities, including former Richland Rotarian, Justin Raffa. They are working this week with



a professional dancer to present a 90 second dance routine, with the winner decided by the audience. Members of the Utah dance troupe had the club members on their feet, moving through a short "Meringue" dance routine, truly a sight to behold!

Announcements

Jon Putz announced that the Scholarship luncheon will be held on May 10th, but he and Jan Jackson are looking for some volunteers that could be up front at reception, as well as others to serve as escorts for students and guest. He will be passing around a sign-up sheet.



Larry Lowry announced the upcoming District Conference on May 6th and 7th, and for more information, see him or Mike Dilessi, District Governor.

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

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Community Service...Pat Haggerty
International Service.Pete Rogalsky
New Generations.....Jan Jackson
Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

50/50

Gary Schofield said there was \$108.00 in the pot. Barbara French got the first number, and she was a winner by drawing the white chip! The second number and \$10 consolation prize went to Bill Siefkin.

Judge Ian Napier

Judge Ian started by asking for donations from those members not wearing their badges or pins. He asked about any April birthdays or anniversaries that weren't recognized last week, and Bob Best said he had a celebration of three this month: this was the month he joined Rotary in 1990, he has his 65th birthday on the 9th, and his wedding anniversary on the 20th; congratulations to Bob!



Al Haggerty announced he had just signed a contract last week with a publisher for his first book, a murder mystery, due out in a year. Ian then asked Barbara as the lone English person in the audience (holding all those winnings from the 50/50 drawing!) to identify the winner of the Masters golf tournament, only the second Englishman in the history of the tournament (Answer: Dan Willett). He also noted the absolute collapse of Jordan Spieth whose lead collapsed on the final day. Patrick McBurney donated for the trip he took to Washington, D.C. last week, including the discovery of the "NS Savannah" (a decommissioned nuclear powered cargo ship), docked in Baltimore harbor. Jeanne Dillner donated for her trial camping weekend, taking out her Airstream and hiking to McNary Dam, and for Jim Bauer's recovery from surgery. Ken Williams said he was able to get a 1990 Ford Expedition in great condition, with only 90,000 miles, with a hitch and brake controls. Then he found a great deal on a Vibratory Tumbler machine in Pendleton, and took his new truck and a trailer to Pendleton to pick up the equipment. Judge Ian wrapped up his session with a quiz on drone facts, with varying successes by each table to get the correct answer, but we all learned a lot!

Program

Stan Jones introduced our very own Cindy Reents, City Manager of Richland, who presented an update on the City's Strategic Plan and projects underway in Richland. Cindy said the Strategic Plan, starting in 2008, identified areas of need, including Finance, Infrastructure, Economic Vitality, Investments, Natural Resources, Community amenities and Neighborhoods and Community safety. These have been updated to 2017, so the city will do another plan next year. She reminded the club that the city has a budget of \$214 million, with no increase to property taxes this year, and only one increase in recent years.



It is a challenge to continue to balance the budget with the significant growth in Richland in the past decade or so, but the council strives for stability, cautious spending, and sustainability. For example, every position vacancy, regardless of area, is evaluated before replacement hiring is initiated.

Another priority is getting information out to the public, and giving them a means of communicating concerns with the city. The city has updated its website for this purpose, and to navigate through different topics. Public records requests have become much more numerous, about 10 requests every two weeks, and time consuming and new software is being implemented to track this growing workload. They are always looking for the best value for the dollars spent, and do a citizen survey every other year, to monitor key concerns and issues for the city residents.

Current challenges include the growing population, which impacts solid waste disposal, MATRICS or dispatch costs, ACA costs for its employees, and jail costs paid to Benton County. Key projects are the Duportail Bridge, targeted for completion by Summer 2020. Changes in the Swift Corridor/ City Hall, which moves City Hall to one section of the Federal parking lot, freeing up land at Swift and George Washington Way for development, John Dam Plaza and recent completion of the HAPO stage, for more community events, and development in the Horn Rapids Industrial Park. Cindy spoke about the Visioning process for the waterfront area, which is a spin off of a visioning process that started with the Richland City Council in 2008, to draw people into the city, with demarcation of the entrance to downtown Richland on George Washington Way. This in turn would bring dollars into businesses through private development or private/public partnerships, for the highest and best use of this area of the city. She encouraged the club members, other residents and interested parties to give feedback to the city on their ideas for the city's future and its plans.

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



Be a gift to the world

Hals Humor

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time (weight lifters, longshoremen, etc.) but nobody could do it.

One day this scrawny little man came in, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny, squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet."

After the laughter had died down, the bartender said okay, grabbed a lemon and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man.

But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass.

As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight lifter, or what?"

The man replied, "I work for the IRS."

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