

# 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

21st – Gary Peterson, Hanford's Waste History  
 28th – Jeff Sperline, National Law Day

## Preliminaries

Larry Lowry was presiding over the meeting in Linda's absence, and called on Cynthia Vaughn to lead the song. In honor of Rotary International and Rotary's worldwide presence, Cynthia led the club in an African chant "O-Lay-Lay-La" with different rhythms.

Tim Lewis announced that Daryl Francis was visiting from Tri-Cities Sunrise Club. Today's Guests included Pedro Yniquez, guest of Roy Keck, Jason Mercier from the Washington Policy Center, who accompanied our speaker, Dr. Roger Stark, Debi Lowry, wife of Larry Lowry, Nan Bopp, wife of Gordon Bopp, and Mark Waller, guest of Ken Williams.

## Announcements

Norm McCarville, Assistant Governor, addressed the club briefly. He thanked the members for their service, and read a message from Rotary International that Richland Rotary Club was one of only 2500 clubs in the world which achieved EREY status for its members. Great job by our club in supporting RI!



Larry read a tribute to Dick McLean, on his many accomplishments in the club and the community, and



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (D)(B) Steve Arneson (5S) Jeremy Asmus (2S) Jim Bauer (5S) Linda Bauer (4S) Bob Best (2S)(B) Tom Bock (1R)(B) Gordon Bopp (1S) Herb Cahn (4S)(B) Blaine Carr (4S) Thomas A. Cowan (3S)(B) John Darrington Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B) Jeanne Dillner (2S) Hal J. Ellner (1R) Barbara French (D) Linda Gilmore (2S) Jan Griffin (1S) Leslie Hawkins (1S)	Diahann Howard Jan Jackson (2S) Rick Jansons (1S) Larry D. Jecha Darrel Johnsen (2S) Cindy Johnson (1S) Roy Keck Scott Keller Shelley Kennedy Tom Kirchner (1R)(B) Walt Kirkpatrick (2S)(B) 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 (1S)(B)	Bing Manawadu Mike McAndrew Grant McCallum (3S) Bill McCue (1S) Jerry J. McGuire (B) Kathy Miller (4S) Robert D. Nichols Greg Oberg (4S)(B) Marlene Oliver Thomas M. O'Brien (2S) Jon M. Putz (5S) Dick Richter Robert Rivera Gary Scofield (4S)(B) Anjan K. Sen (1S) Chris Senske (1S) Rick Schulte Bill R. Siefken (1R) Mike Sinclair
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Mark Smith (5S)(B)  
 Bob Tibbatts (1S)  
 Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)  
 Gregory T. Warner (2S)  
 Tom Watkins (D)(B)  
 Ken Williams (5S)  
 Hal Williamson (DD)(B)  
 Jack D. Zinn (4S)  
 (B) Benefactor  
 (D) Diamond PHF  
 (DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF  
 (R) Ruby  
 (#R) Multiple Ruby  
 (S) Sapphire  
 (#S) Multiple Sapphires

## Officers

President .....Linda Bauer  
 President Elect.....Larry Lowry  
 Secretary.....Bob Tibbatts  
 Treasurer.....Dick Richter  
 Foundation Treasurer..Mike Winegardner  
 Past President.....Jeremy Asmus

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Meeting Service.....Larry Jecha  
 Club Service.....Robert Rivera  
 Community Service.....Pat Haggerty  
 International Service.....Jim Bauer  
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 At Large Director....Blaine Carr

especially his leadership for the Duck Race. Adding to the awards that Dick received previously, he was presented with the Crystal Duck award, only the second person to receive this recognition after Jack Zinn. He was given a well deserved standing ovation by our club!

Larry Lowry said an envelope was being circulated for donations in memory of Lloyd Swain.



Upcoming events include the installation dinner in June at the Bauers, with more information to follow. He also asked members to complete the form with their choice of committee assignment(s), and turn those in to Jeremy.

Roy Keck said that Barbara French has agreed to become Ticketmaster for the Duck Race, for all five clubs, so we still need to fill that position for our club. He urged members to step up and develop new Duck Race leaders as some of our longtime members retire from their many years of service in the Duck Race. He also recognized Kathy Miller's part in securing Banner Bank as Lead Sponsor of the race, with a \$15,000 donation.



Leslie Hawkins announced that she had responded to Linda's request for a coordinator for a Rotary team to participate in the Run for Ribbons on May 9th, benefiting Tri-Cities Cancer Center. This can be a Walk or Run event, and she has set up a team for Richland Rotary Club on the website at [www.runforribbons.org](http://www.runforribbons.org), so those wishing to sign up can sign up as team participant under our club. More information will be sent out through Clubrunner.



### **50/50**

Tim Lewis said there was a whopping \$17.00 in the pot! Jan Griffin got the first number and elected to draw, but didn't get the white chip. Jack Zinn won the \$10.00 consolation prize.

### **Judge Ken Williams**

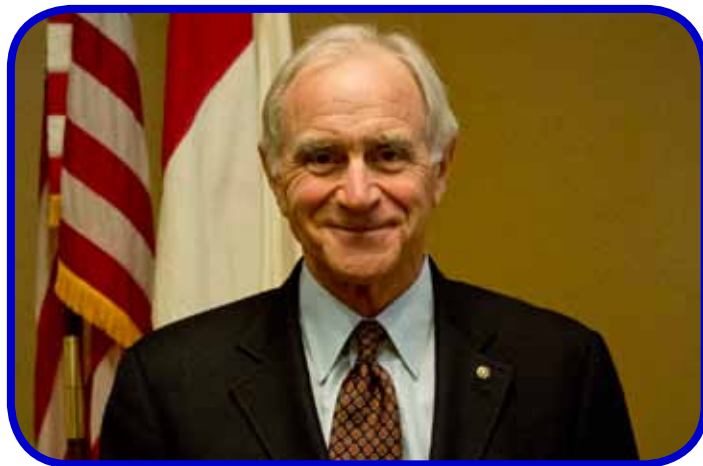
Ken pointed out the recent article in the Tri-City Herald on history of manufacturing in the Tri-Cities, which featured John Rector, Ken's grandfather, who was also a Richland Rotarian. A \$200.00 donation was made in honor of John Rector.

Ken urged purchase of the "Pardon Me" card for \$50.00, which gives you 6 months of "no fines" protection. He then auctioned off a wooden wine box, which was purchased by Larry Lowry for \$25.00. In Brags & Confessions, Jeanne Dillner announced that she had just returned from Haiti, where they had a great orthopedic surgery conference in that country, and that she had just short time in the Seattle airport on her return to say goodbye to her husband who in turn was headed overseas, sharing a farewell in Terminal A at SeaTac! Pam Larsen said she was very excited by the officials from the National Park Service who were visiting as part of the plans for the new park here and discussion on the site for the Visitor Center. She thanked the Port of Benton for their assistance in this process. Jerry McGuire announced that he and his wife had a new grandson, and now have 8 grandchildren under the age of 10. Bill Siefken announced that he and his wife are celebrating their 63rd anniversary!



## Program

Gordon Bopp introduced Dr. Roger Stark, a Health Care Analyst from the Washington Policy Center. The Center is a non partisan, not for profit organization that does research and reports on key areas for the state, including State Budget and Taxes, Transportation, Health Care, Environment, Education, and Business. Dr. Stark is a retired surgeon who practiced at Overlake Hospital, and has been with the Policy Center for the past 5 years, and testified before Congress in 2013 on the impact of health reform on the state of Washington. Dr. Stark's program was on the Affordable Care Act, which became law in 2010, and whose major provisions began to be effective in 2013 and 2014. While the subject of health care in the United States is very complicated and this law has generated significant controversy and change, the key issue facing the country is the cost of health care.



The tremendous rise in health care spending has its roots going back 60+ years. During World War II, there were wage freezes imposed, so employers were limited in how they could incentivize their staff. In 1943 the government decided that employers could offer benefits, particularly health insurance, as a deductible

## Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Phillip Koech (8/13)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Art Kohler (2/87)	Chris Smith (8/10)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Dave Larkin (4/04)	Mark Smith (3/01)
James Bauer (1/09)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Lloyd Swain (8/89)
Linda Bauer (1/09)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Katie Swan (10/11)
Bob Best (4/90)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Greg Tripp (6/11)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)
Madeleine Brown (3/13)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Blaine Carr (12/09))	Bing Manawadu (10/86)	Greg Warner (3/00)
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
John Darrington (1/11)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	James Watson (4/12)
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Grant McCallum (9/91)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Barbara French (11/98)	Bill McCue (3/94)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Chris Meiers (9/14)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Marlene Oliver (7/10)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Kim Pietrok (9/08)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Jon Putz (5/81)	
Rick Jansons (10/09)	Justin Raffa (12/09)	
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Ed Revell (6/08)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Pete Rogalsky (7/05)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Tom Kirchner (3/81)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Walt Kirkpatrick (9/70)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	

**Honorary Members**  
**Bob DeLorenzo, & Jack Zinn**

**Number of Members**  
**as of July 1, 2014**

**93**

**Current Members:**

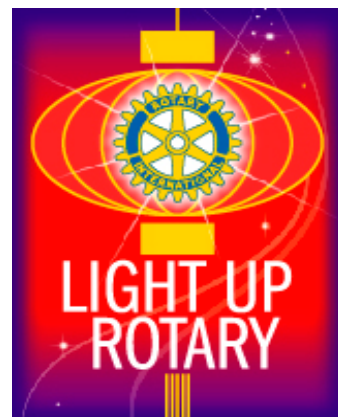
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**Gained:**

**Chris Meiers & Cynthia Vaughn**

**Lost:**

**Keith Woods, Dee Burrie,  
Herb Cahn, George Booth,  
Bill Friend, Don Frigaard,  
Tom Heidegger, Paula  
Duranceau, Connie  
Corcoran, Dick McLean,  
Terri LeBlanc, Kathy  
McMullen, Ed Revel & Lloyd  
Swain**





cost of their business, and health insurance became an expectation. This in turn drove much higher utilization of services, as many people now had access with limited out of pocket costs. In 1965, Medicare and Medicaid became the law, and people over 65 years of age, and those with limited incomes, became insured under these government programs. Utilization and costs continue to skyrocket, even as employer sponsored health plans became more of a shared expense between employer and employer, and people assumed more responsibility with high deductible plans. In 2010, in response to this cost escalation and the number of people with little or no insurance coverage, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) became law. Although there has been a great deal of debate over the law, and it was challenged before the Supreme Court, the escalations of costs continue to be a major problem for our country.

Dr. Stark shared the cost projections for the next 75+ years, and with the large increase in the numbers of people over age 65, and in life expectancy, the costs for Medicare will consume even a greater share of the federal budget. Currently 17.4% of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is devoted to health care, and in this century, if no changes are made, it would become 25-30% of the GDP, which is unsustainable for the economy. Even with the repeal of the ACA, which opponents would like to see, the impact of spending by the “legacy” plans, like Medicare, Medicaid and other federal health programs such as the VA, would outweigh all other types of spending, while the federal debt also grows. There are no easy solutions, but Dr. Stark there must be price transparency, and a move from employer based plans to individual plans. The large number of mandates should be removed, so individuals could buy the coverage they need, although high risk pools will be needed for those with pre-existing conditions, as that is a feature of the ACA that has given coverage to many who were not able to qualify previously. He feels that only by giving patients a choice of plans, taking personal responsibility, and moving away from a “one size fits all” system will we be able to better address the issues facing health care in our country.

**Hals Humor**  
Once upon a time, there was a policeman that saw a man sitting in a car with a tiger sitting next to him. The police officer said, “It’s against the law to have a tiger in your car. Take him to the zoo.”  
  
The next day the police officer saw the same man in the same car with the same tiger. The police officer said, “I thought I told you to take that tiger to the zoo.”  
  
The man replied, “I did. He liked it. Now we’re going to the beach.”

**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