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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

May Speaker Schedule

21st – Dr. Rick Shulte – Richland Schools
28th – Last Tuesday Fellowship Event

Preliminaries

Bob Tibbatts opened the meeting by calling on Jim Bauer to lead us in the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Travis Clifton provided the invocation.

Announcements

Roy Keck recapped the highway cleanup party which kicked-off at 8:00 AM on May 11th at the Spudnut Shop at 228 Williams Avenue in Richland. The well caffeinated volunteer crew hauled out 37 bags of trash, but sadly found neither valuable treasure nor newsworthy items.

Mike Winegardner reminded us that for those in membership 3 years or fewer, a \$500 contribution will be matched with 500 club points for a total of \$1,000 which qualifies one for his

or her first Paul Harris Fellowship.

Chris Meiers announced a meeting of the Program Committee Tuesday, May 21st after our regular meeting to coordinate programs for the remainder of the year.



50/50

Gary Scofield noted that there was a grand total of \$44 in the pot today. The first number drawn was 062. Chris Smith had the number. He went for the pot, but came up with a blue chip. He drew number 069, which belonged to Ken Williams who took the \$10.

New Member

The Richland Rotary Club Board has approved

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (3S)(B)	Darrel Johnsen (3S)	Chris Senske (6S)
Steve Arneson (1R)	Roy Keck	Rick Schulte
Jeremy Asmus (2S)	Phillip Koech	Bill R. Siefken (1R)
Jim Bauer (4MD)(B)	Dave Larkin (D)	Mike Sinclair
Linda Bauer (4MD)(B)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Mark Smith (6S)(B)
Bob Best (2S)(B)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Bob Tibbatts (2S)
Tom Bock (1R)(B)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Cynthia Vaughn
Gordon Bopp (1S)	Tim Lewis (3S)	Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
Blaine Carr (6S)	Larry Lowry (3S)(B)	Tom Watkins (D)(B)
Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B)	Jerry J. McGuire (2S)(B)	Ken Williams (6S)
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Kathy Miller (5S)	Hal Williamson (4MD)(B)
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Greg Oberg (4S)(B)	(B) Benefactor
Barbara French (D)	Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)	(D) Diamond PHF
Julie Funfar	Jon M. Putz (6S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Cindy Reents (1S)	(R) Ruby
Jan Griffin (1S)	Dick Richter (2S)	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Diahann Howard	Robert Rivera	(S) Sapphire
Jan Jackson (2S)	Gary Scofield (4S)(B)	(MD) Major Donor
Larry D. Jecha	Anjan K. Sen (1S)	

Officers

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Claire Cox for club membership. Claire is the Marketing Manager for Gravis Law and would be classified as Marketing: Legal. Claire is sponsored by Bob Tibbatts and is transferring from the Ellensburg Downtown Rotary Club. Please provide written or emailed notification to Blaine Carr within the next 7 calendar days if you believe Claire Cox should not become a member of the Richland Rotary Club.

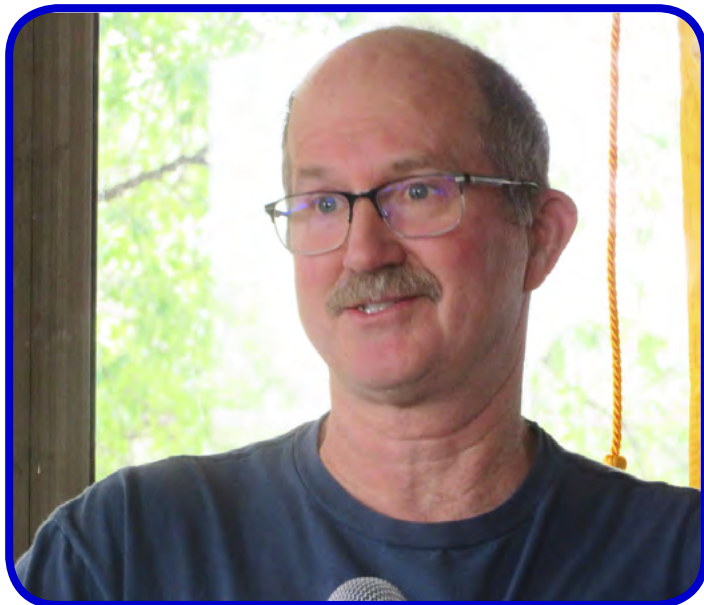
Judge Ken Williams

Judge Ken delighted us with the story of an RV refrigerator meeting the end of its useful existence and subsequent \$4k replacement cost.

Ken initiated taxation with a round of Brags and Confessions.

Dick Richter sung the praises of the old fashioned never-breaks-down ice box in his 1956 Terry Travel Trailer.

Jan Griffin bragged that her granddaughter was accepted into the prestigious University of California, Berkeley – Go Bears!



George Sanders spread the good news about the improving prognosis of his wife's cancer and successful hip replacement. He also bragged that their son George got into the also prestigious Columbia University – Go Lions! (any Tigers of any stripe in the Club to complete the trio?)

Linda Bauer bragged about the completion of Jim's putting green and their petanque court. She sent an email invitation to the Club for a Chip and Sip, Pitch and Putt event at the Bauer residence on Sunday, May 19th from 6:13 to 7:13, which is the last time available for them until next September due to their work on the upcoming MasterSingers concert and travel to Germany and other globe-trotting adventures.

Larry Jecha bragged about a cruise in Tulsa. Bob Tibbatts let us know that his wife Judy was up and moving around after her recent hip replacement surgery. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Jim Bauer announced that on June 21st Rebuilding Mid-Columbia will be working on a project to clean-up homes in West Richland. The fundraiser for this effort would be from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, May 18th at the old M Hotel. He said there would be both a silent and live auction, and plenty of food and drinks. Jim implored the group to help fill two tables at the event with Club members. He noted that this effort is an offshoot of Habitat for Humanity's A Brush with Kindness, which helps low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability, and family circumstances who struggle to maintain the exterior of their houses to reclaim their homes with pride and dignity.

C. Mark Smith told us about a visit with Bob Ferguson who is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Tim Lewis let us know that he and his wife are soon off to Germany. Gute Reisen! Travis Clifton bragged about his family's scuba diving trip to Baha.

Program

The theme of today's Program was Law Day. Attorney Bill Davis and Judge Shea Brown were our guest speakers representing the Benton Franklin Counties Bar Association. Bill graduated from Gonzaga University with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1968, and with a J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1972. Judge Jackie Shea Brown earned a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Washington in 1987, and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1992. Their presentation was entitled "The Opioid Epidemic in the United States"

Every year in the United States more people die from drug overdoses (over 70,000) than American's who died during the entire Vietnam War (58,200). In 2017, 47,000 of those overdose deaths are attributable to opioid overdoses. More than 40% of those opioid overdose deaths involved a prescription opioid. This alarmingly high mortality rate represents a dramatic increase in opioid related deaths over the past several decades, a rate that has been accelerating each year.

There have been two key drivers to the rise of the opioid crisis in the U.S.: 1) A pharmaceutical industry initiative beginning in the late 1990s to influence healthcare provider behavior in the prescription of opioids in order to increase sales, and 2) The massive influx of a cheap illicitly manufactured synthetic opioid called fentanyl.

Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Bob Larson (6/90)
Eric Andrews (9/18)	Teri LeBlanc (6/18)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Phil Lemley (6/06)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Tim Lewis (10/03)
Jim Bauer (3/19)	Eric Livesay (2/18)
Linda Bauer (3/19)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)
Bob Best (4/90)	Grant McCallum (4/19)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)
Fred Brink (6/18)	Chris Meiers (12/15)
Blaine Carr (12/09)	Ian Napier (11/08)
David Chevey-Reynaud (4/17)	Greg Oberg (1/88)
Travis Clifton (10/16)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)
Andrew Cook (3/19)	Cynthia Reents (6/09)
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Dick Richter (6/08)
Richard Evans (11/18)	Robert Rivera (7/09)
Kristy Fargher (7/18)	George Sanders (8/18)
Bob Ferguson (3/18)	Rick Schulte (6/14)
Barbara French (11/98)	Gary Scofield (2/75)
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Anjan Sen (11/96)
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Chris Senske (1/80)
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Chris Smith (8/10)
Dewayne Halstad (8/16)	Mark Smith (3/01)
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Rebecca Thornton (9/18)
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Roy Keck (10/04)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Danielle Kleist (3/17)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Phillip Koech (8/13)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Dave Larkin (4/04)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Pam Larsen (2/95)	Joan Wright (3/18)

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, Tom Cowan &
General James Mattis

Current Members:
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BE THE INSPIRATION

In 2016, health care providers across the US wrote more than 214 million prescriptions for opioid pain medication—a rate of 66.5 prescriptions per 100 people. This startlingly high rate of opioid prescriptions is the end result of a decades long effort by pharmaceutical companies to create a false narrative in the medical community that pain relief was a primary healthcare provider goal, and that opioids were not only the most effective answer, but also a very safe one. For example, Purdue Pharma, maker of OxyContin – a brand of the powerful opioid oxycodone (essentially time-release morphine), promoted the baseless statistic that the risk of addiction to its opioid products was less than 1% of patient consumers. In reality those patients with as small as a 10-day prescription have a 20% chance of becoming addicted to opioids within 1 year. The longer the prescription period, the higher that chance of addiction becomes.



In one part of the response to this crisis, a number of U.S. state attorneys general, including the AG for Washington state, have engaged in a coordinated effort to take legal action against Purdue Pharma for deceptively pushing the prescription of their powerful and highly addictive painkillers, while completely misrepresenting their safety as their product helped spark the opioid crisis.

Aside from efforts to curb the malfeasance of pharmaceutical manufacturers and reshape physicians' mindset around proper pain treatment, Judge Shea Brown detailed the work of the legal system to help addicts. For example, the Adult Drug Court of Benton Franklin Counties Superior court is a problem-solving body which takes a public health approach in dealing with opioid addicts who have run afoul of the law. In this court's specialized model, the judiciary, prosecution, defense, probation, law enforcement, mental health, social service, and treatment communities work together to help addicted offenders move successfully through long-term recovery and out of the criminal justice system.

Hal's Humor

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and was fitted with a set of hearing aids.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

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