



RICHLAND

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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

May Speaker Schedule

9th – Jackie Stam, Law Day

16th – Lupe Mares, Community in Schools

23rd – Scholarship Luncheon

Preliminaries

President Dick gaveled the meeting to order, and Cynthia Vaughn and Julie Funfar led the club in the singing of “Make New Friends” with rounds sung by each side of the room.

Visitors & Guests

There are no visiting Rotarians today, but guests included Bruce Carlisle, guest of Gary Schofield, Nate Jo, guest of Pam Larsen, and Jordan Creighton, guest of Danielle Kleist.

Student of the Month

Nate Jo was introduced as our Rotary Student of the Month. Nate is a student at Hanford High School, active in Key Club, Choir and the Swim Team. He highlighted some of the

service projects undertaken by the students including fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Unicef, donating pints of blood to the Red

Cross and helping the group “Girls on the Run”, as well as kudos for the strong sports program, which is ranked 29th in the state.

He invited everyone to “South Pacific”, which is being put on by Hanford High School, with tickets available on line.

He inspired all of us talking about the connection between Key Club and Rotary, both of which emphasizes service and making a difference, which strengthens our communities and our world a better place.



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)

Barbara French (D)

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 (6S)

Hal Williamson (DD)(B)

(B) Benefactor

(D) Diamond PHF

(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF

(R) Ruby

(#R) Multiple Ruby

(S) Sapphire

(#S) Multiple Sapphires

Officers

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Club Service.....Pat Hollick

Community Service.....Roy Keck

International Service.Pete Rogalsky

New Generations.....Jan Jackson

Fellowship & Fund Raising.Cynthia Vaughn

Announcements

Jerry McGuire gave an update for the Community Service committee, a review of the projects funded in the past year. These included donations to the WSU Student Food Bank, Richland Firefighters Warm Coat project, Elijah Family Homes, VIP, a volunteer group working with the police department, who give out care baskets at the holidays for family in need, the program "Community in Schools" which focuses on keeping students in school, Mid-Columbia Mastersingers, for tickets to people to enable their attendance at a musical event, Project Warm-up, for a group that knits many hats, scarves, mittens to keep people warm in the winter, and sponsorship of 1 boy and 1 girl to attend Royal Family Kids Camp. They still have some funds left for the 2016-17 year, so if any member has an idea or suggestion, please contact Jerry or a member of the committee. The list of these organizations to whom we've donated will be posted on our Facebook page.

Jeanne Dillner acknowledged compassion in action as outlined by Nate Jo and Jerry, and said that Bob Nichols' wife is struggling a bit to get their home ready when Bob comes home, so she asked for a member or two to volunteer to give her a call and offer help.



Jim Bauer announced that spring highway clean-up was scheduled for this Saturday, May 6th. We'll meet at Spudnuts between 8:30-8:45, and leave by 9:00 and will have donuts, including one glazed donut for Jon Putz. Jim said he'll have some "grabbers", but if anyone has extras, please bring them along.

Jim also gave an update on the Rotary Multi-Club group project, as he is our representative. One of their first projects is a food drive for the Food Bank and the Arc, which will be held at Albertson's on Clearwater this Saturday beginning at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed to distribute a list of requested foods to incoming shoppers, and collect the food at check-out. The other project will be support to the Reach Museum's upcoming Solar System exhibit, and to Second Chance Center.

Jim also said that a group of Ukrainians were visiting Tri-Cities this week, and while last year's team focused on agriculture and business, this group was meeting with nonprofit organizations because these types of organizations and volunteer services do not exist much in the former Soviet bloc countries.

Last, Cynthia Vaughn thanked the club members who responded to her request for help at Lewis & Clark Elementary School. With the money that was donated and a buy 2, get 1 free sale at Walgreen's, she was able to buy 35 boxes of lice medication for the students.

50/50

Gary Schofield said that there was \$34 in our pot. Phil Lemley got the first number, and chose the \$10 consolation prize, and Jeanne Dillner got the second number, but didn't draw the white chip.

Judge Stan Jones

With this being the first meeting of the month, Judge Stan asked for birthdays in May, and Barbara French and Chris Smith made donations. Diahann Howard donated for an April anniversary, plus her son who recently participated in the Richland High School's Talent Show, playing in the Battle of the Bands. Mark Smith donated for a Rotary



anniversary in April. Mike Winegardner donated for his 35th wedding anniversary, Jim Bauer for Cynthia Vaughn's entertaining performance in Opera on Vine at Emerald of Siam. Judge Stan then asked for donations for the NFL picks from teams at Eastern Washington (2) and University of Washington (6), and Mark Smith had to put in for the 9 picks from Alabama's team! Last, a donation was made by Philip Koech, whose picture was featured in Tri City Herald a recent recognition of scientists at PNNL.

Program

Julie Funfar introduced Rick James, postmaster in Prosser, whose presentation focused on the branding of the United States Postal Services (USPS), and the new directions underway in the Postal Service.

Rick has been with the Postal Service for 22 years, and had started in Pasco, worked in Richland before going to Prosser, and more recently has also been temporarily covering as postmaster in Walla Walla. He said that USPS handles about 40% of the world's mail, about 67.3 billion pieces per year, with about 28.2 pieces of first class mail. USPS.com has about 40 million visits per year, and 100,000 visits per day. Tracking is a key feature for this mail service, and they are actively working with companies to make USPS their preferred method of shipping. For example, Amazon pays about \$6 billion to USPS for shipping of its packages. Internet sales are growing and costs for shipping are getting cheaper.

Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Art Kohler (2/87)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Dave Larkin (4/04)	James Watson (4/12)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Ken Williams (12/00)
James Bauer (1/09))	Bob Larson (6/90)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Bob Best (4/90)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	
Blaine Carr (12/09)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	
David Chevey-Reynaud (4/17)	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)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, General James
Mattis, Bob De Lorenzo &
Sam Volpentest

Number of Members
as of July 1, 2016

74

Current Members:

73

Gained:

Dewayne Halstad, Travis Clifton,
 Danielle Kleist & David Chevey-
 Reynaud

Lost:

Bill McCue, Tom Kirchner, Grant
 McCallum, Bing Manawadu &
 Jack Zinn



The postal service works with other countries, but tracking can be more difficult due to customs, regulations and the country’s postal system.

The postal service, which was chartered in 1775, even before the start of our country, has its own security system through the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. He also outlined the ease with which businesses or organizations can use mass mailings, for a minimum of 250 pieces, up to 5000 pieces, for just 17 cents per piece. Since 81% of mail recipients scan or read their mail every day, that brings a tremendous visibility for information or products to your audience.



Rick then answered a variety of questions, including the relocation of the mail sorting to Spokane. That move did reduce jobs here, but saved about \$110 million in costs over ten years, and the investment in equipment and staff allows that center to process thousands of pieces each day, with more capacity to handle the area’s growth. Since the Postal Service must operate with any governmental assistance, it is taking steps to be as efficient in its operations, and relevant in its services, to continue to offer postal delivery into the 21st century.

Hal's Humor

I bought the world’s worst thesaurus yesterday. Not only is it terrible, it’s terrible.

This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

My friend asked me to help him round up his 37 sheep. I said “40”

Guy walks into a bar and orders a fruit punch. Bartender says “Pal, if you want a punch you’ll have to stand in line” Guy looks around, but there is no punch line.

So what if I don’t know what Armageddon means? It’s not the end of the world.

How do you get two whales in a car? Start in England and drive west.

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