

RICHLAND ROTARY REACTOR

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Speaker Schedule for May

19th – Scholarship Luncheon, Greg Warner
 26th – B-Reactor/National Park, Colleen French

Preliminaries

President Linda presided over a good-sized group in the lower level room. Darrel Johnsen led the group in "Take Me Out to the Ballpark" and Blaine did the prayer.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Our only visiting Rotarian was Mike Ritter from Columbia Center.

Announcements

President Linda talked a bit about the Ukrainian visitors that left last Friday. She had sincere thanks for the Dillners, Darringtons and Barbara French who acted as hosts.

Leslie Hawkins thanked the four Rotarians for participating in the Run for the Ribbons last

Saturday. She also took her dogs along for the walk. She wasn't sure if the total was final, but last she saw, our team had raised \$510 for Kadlec.

Mike Sinclair again mentioned the works project for Safe Harbor starts this Saturday (May 16) at Grant construction to do prep, then to the Safe Harbor property. They will finish Friday, May 22.

Greg Warner reminded the crowd that next week is the



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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

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Scholarship Luncheon and he could use some volunteers to help seat people.

Jeanne Dillner says she and one of the SIGN surgeons will be in Nepal May 30 to June 6. They are sending more packages to Nepal, and the need is even greater as there was another major quake this morning.

Linda added that June 30, the last meeting of her reign, is a 5th Tuesday. We are going to do a picnic lunch in Howard Amon Park.

In addition to announcements Linda had a couple of items left by the Ukrainian visitors. After some spirited bidding, Dick Richter won a bottle of Ukraine vodka for \$40. Leslie Hawkins scored a sweet win of a box of chocolates for a \$5.



50-50

Gary Troyer had our guest draw a ticket that belonged to Linda Gustafson. She took the \$10 and Dick Richter had the next ticket, but did not win the \$76 pot.

Judgment

Judge Diahann Howard was the “Cheermeister” for the day. She started off fining for not having a pin, then anyone who did not participate in the Ukraine activities. She also asked everyone to put in money for the Teacher walk out to support education. Along that line she asked who had graduates in the family? Diahann said her son is graduating high school. Pete Rogalski has a son graduating from Georgetown Medical School, and will be doing his surgical residency in Portland. Bob Larson has a granddaughter just graduated from Harvey Mudd and is working at Lincoln Laboratory on secret projects. Gordon has a grandson graduating high school and heading to the University of Minnesota.



Next Diahann asked if anyone wanted to talk about his or her mother or family traditions. She got no takers and thought warranted a general fine.

Judge Diahann then asked what the best thing you had happen this week? On this subject, Bob Tibbets put in for his vacation in Kentucky including attending a horse race... Ken Williams bought a Vespa scooter from Jeanne’s husband. Tom O’Brien put in for Tom Kirchner who forgot his wallet and had his wife bring it over to him. Tom bragged that she tracked him down to return it.

PROGRAM

Gordon Bopp introduced the speaker for the day. Jean Floten is the Chancellor of the Western Governors University campus in Washington. Chancellor Floten joined WGU Washington after leading Bellevue College for more than 20 years. Prior to Bellevue College, Floten was Executive Vice President at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, Washington, where she served previously as Dean of Student Services and Director of Student Programs. Floten serves on the National Community College Advisory Board of Educational Testing Service and has served as a member of

the Board of Directors of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and the Key Bank Advisory Board. She was accompanied by Dr. Rich Cummins, President of Columbia Basin College and Lee Keller, WGU Washington Public Relations.

Western Governors University was conceived in 1995 at a bipartisan meeting of the Western Governors Association. Their aim was to address the pressing problems of rapid population growth with limited public funds for educational services. The governors decided to create their own university. They agreed that this new university would make maximum use of distance learning technologies, would be collaborative among the western member states, would use competencies rather than seat time as the measure of its outcomes and focus on the students. The University is fully accredited and



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Judy Addis (7/89)	Walt Kirkpatrick (9/70)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Phillip Koech (8/13)	Chris Smith (8/10)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Art Kohler (2/87)	Mark Smith (3/01)
James Bauer (1/09)	Dave Larkin (4/04)	Katie Swan (10/11)
Linda Bauer (1/09)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)
Bob Best (4/90)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Greg Tripp (6/11)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Madeleine Brown (3/13)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	Greg Warner (3/00)
Blaine Carr (12/09)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Bing Manawadu (10/86)	James Watson (4/12)
John Darrington (1/11)	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Barbara French (11/98)	Grant McCallum (9/91)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Bill McCue (3/94)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Chris Meiers (9/14)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Drew Haninger (4/15)	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)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)	Pete Rogalsky (7/05)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Tom Kirchner (3/81)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, & Jack Zinn
Number of Members
as of July 1, 2014

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Current Members:

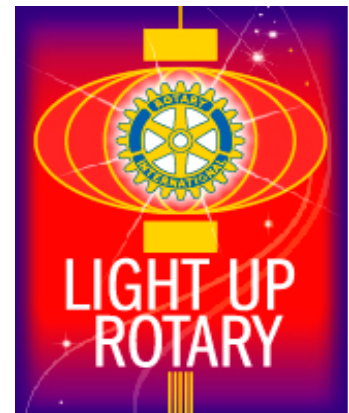
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Gained:

Chris Meiers, Cynthia Vaughn & Drew Haninger

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



non-profit. It now has about 57,000 students and operates in every state in the US. There are about 2,500 faculty and staff, with the headquarters located in Salt Lake City.

In 2011, the Washington State Legislature called for the establishment the first Washington nonprofit online university and created a partnership with Western Governors University to establish WGU Washington. WGU Washington has served about 8,000 students since the inception. They are offering Bachelor and Masters degrees in Business, Education, IT and Health Professions (nursing).

The school focuses on the mid-career adult learner. The classes are on-line and self paced. When a student finishes a unit he/she takes a competency test and with a passing grade, can move on to the next unit. An independent assessor, not the Professor, administers the competency test to ensure a fair evaluation. Since the testing is based on knowledge rather than hours in a classroom, it can reduce the time required to get a degree. The average time for a BA/BS degree is 23 months. For full time students, the tuition is set at \$6,000 per year for a Bachelors degree and \$6,500 for a Masters and you can take all the courses you want during the year. This price has not gone up in seven years.

Most the WGU Washington students are employed and many are working in their degree field. They benefit from the flexibility to do the coursework as students can log in from anywhere at any time. Along with giving credit for work experience, the University has a fast-track program to for science professionals to become teachers. This appeals to many who retire from a technical job and would like to teach. Nationally, WGU is the largest educator of math and science teachers. There are currently 140 WGU Washington students in the Tri-Cities.

The school is non-profit and does not take any tax revenue. It relies on tuition and support from organizations like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The University has a wide array of supporters and advisors in the business community in Seattle such as Microsoft and J.P.

Morgan/Chase. Microsoft provides the office space they use in Seattle. They get high marks from employers on the abilities and preparation of the students for real world work. The 2015 Commencement was two weeks ago and the Washington school awarded 1,700 degrees to students ranging in age from 19 to 66 years old including a married couple.

Hal's Humor

A customer at Stingray Fishmongers marveled at the owner's quick wit and intelligence. "Tell me, Simon, what makes you so smart?"

"I wouldn't share my secret with just anyone," Simon replies, lowering his voice so the other shoppers won't hear. "But since you're a good and faithful customer, I'll let you in on it. Fish heads. You eat enough of them, you'll be positively brilliant."

"You sell them here?" the customer asks.

"Only \$4 apiece," says Simon.

The customer buys three. A week later, he's back in the store complaining that the fish heads were disgusting and he isn't any smarter.

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

“You didn’t eat enough,” says Simon. The customer goes home with 20 more fish heads. Two weeks later, he’s back and this time he’s really angry.

“Hey, Simon,” he complains, “you’re selling me fish heads for \$4 apiece when I can buy the whole fish for \$2. You’re ripping me off!”

“You see?” says Simon, ‘you’re smarter already.”