

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 May

24th – Judge Spanner, Law Day
 31st – Greg Oberg, Exchange Student

Preliminaries

Prior to the start of the meeting there was a small four-legged visitor for Larry. Apparently Prez Larry was treated to a gift from the Send a Friend a Goat group. You can contact the group and they will deliver a baby goat to anyone at their home or business. To get rid of it, they have to pay to send it to someone else.

President Larry called the meeting to order and noted the passing last week of Ted Price a former Rotarian and past President of the club (86-87). Services will be Friday, May 20 at 4pm at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Julie Funfar led the group in a Rotary Song called “On a Day Like Today”, which is accompanied by various clapping, finger snaps and other motions. It was a pretty uncoordinated effort, but fun.

Visitors

We had two visiting spouses, Debi Lowry and Karen Cowen and special guests of Larry, Dick and Linda McLean. Phil Lemly recorded Tom Huntington as a guest for the last time. The visiting Rotarians were Don Roberts from Spokane South, Darryl Francis from Tri-City Sunrise and Stephen and Julie Wiley from Columbia Center.

New Member

The next order of business was to induct Richland Fire Chief Tom Huntington into the Club. Phil Lemley introduced him and Larry Lowry gave the charge. Larry talked about service, service above self, and participation. He noted Rotary participating and doing service around the world for health and education (just two cases



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 (5S) 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 (1S) Diahann Howard Jan Jackson (2S)	Larry D. Jecha Darrel Johnsen (2S) Roy Keck Scott Keller Shelley Kennedy Tom Kirchner (1R)(B) Phillip Koech 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 (1S) Grant McCallum (3S) Bill McCue (1S)	Jerry J. McGuire (B) Kathy Miller (5S) Robert D. Nichols Debbie Noguera Greg Oberg (4S) (B) Thomas M. O'Brien (2S) Jon M. Putz (5S) Cindy Reents (1S) Dick Richter (1S) 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)
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Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
 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

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

of polio reported this year, in Pakistan). He charged him to enjoy fellowship and participate in Rotary activities. Phil, noting that Tom wears a badge, charged Tom and the group to wear the Rotary Pin every day as our badge. Tom thanked the group and said how much he appreciated the warmth and welcome he has felt when visiting and looked forward to being an active member. Being a fireman he incorporates service to others into his life every day and would apply that to Rotary as well.

Announcements

As those making announcements came forward, Larry asked the crowd what was the significance of the date October 14, 1989. Some opined that it was the fall of the Berlin Wall, or the Loma Prieta earthquake in California. It was in fact, the date of the first Mid Columbia Duck Race. Despite doubts and various problems, there have been 26 Duck races. Larry says he has been proud of how our club has performed and come through to sell tickets and help with the race. He wanted today to recognize one special Rotarian who always sells many tickets and is there each October. He then called Jon Putz forward and presented him with a crystal duck and a plaque recognizing his efforts on behalf of Rotary in selling tickets and supporting the race.



Gordon Bopp reminded the group about the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) National Walk for the Mind of America. The funds the local group gets from these events help them put on training programs for local Police and other emergency responders for dealing with the mentally ill, and for family members of the mentally ill. He again passed around sign ups for donations.

Jim Bauer reminded us about the annual Highway clean up for May 21st. People will meet at the Red Lion about 8:45 and be out at the site on Highway 240 about 9 am. He currently has about 5 volunteers.

Jon Putz noted the Installation Dinner will be June 14 at 6 pm at the Sunset Memorial meeting facility.



Jan Jackson thanked the group for supporting last weeks Scholarship luncheon and particular thanks to Master of Ceremonies Rick Shulte. Other kudos go to the Scholarship Committee and to Ian Napier and staff at the Red Lion.

Darryl Francis came up to introduce Michelle Bodd, of the Mid Columbia Rotaract club. They have a fund raising dinner this Saturday, May 21 at 6 pm in downtown Kennewick along Kennewick Avenue. The cost is \$40 for all you can eat seafood and barbecue, live music and games. The proceeds benefit The Autism Help Group.

Larry returned briefly to note that Barbara French was planning a celebration of life for her mother on Saturday from 4 to 6 pm at her home.



50/50

There was \$52 in the pot today. Gordon Bopp got the first number, but not the white chip. Pam Larsen got the \$10 consolation prize.

Judge Jeanne

Jeanne started by asking Bill Siefkin about the new building recently finished by his company, Siefkin and Sons. He said he is no longer involved, but he has three sons and two grandsons working the business now. Tom Cowen was cited for his wife's a cell phone ring just as the meeting started. She says she took it outside the meeting room and killed it. Pam Larsen donated half of her prize and reported she was in Washington DC for an energy meeting and, unusual for her, arrived quite early. She was able to sit and talk to Senator Patty Murray, who also gave her passes to watch the Senate budget debate from the gallery.



Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	James Watson (4/12)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Ken Williams (12/00)
James Bauer (1/09))	Yosen Liu (1/91)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Bob Best (4/90)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Bing Manawadu (10/86)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	
Blaine Carr (12/09))	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Grant McCallum (9/91)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Bill McCue (3/94)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Chris Meiers (12/15)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Debbie Nogueras (8/15)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Jon Putz (5/81)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Tom Huntington (5/16)	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)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn &
General James Mattis

Number of Members
as of July 1, 2015

79

Current Members:
74

Gained:

Debbie Nogueras & Tom Huntington

Lost:

Kim Pietrok, John Darrington,
Greg Warner, Rick Jansons, Drew
Haninger, Madeleine Brown & Linda
Bauer



Be a gift to the world

Greg Oberg said he son took him to a Who concert in Seattle. He texted a friend about that he was waiting for the band to come on. The friends asked Who's on stage? No Who's waiting in the wings. Wrong, Wings is Paul McCartney's band... Shades of Abbott and Costello!!

Kathy Miller reported the Columbia Center Branch of Banner bank has a new machine that sorts money really fast.

Jacqui Wright spoke about the death of her Uncle in Thailand and how she was disappointed by the changes in Bangkok and the political corruption.

Jeanne closed saying that she and a colleague would be out of the country on SIGN work and she would see everyone after June 9th.

Program

Stan Jones introduced our speaker today, Dr. Steven Wylie, a Senior Scientist at PNNL. Dr. Wylie is a PhD in Biomedical Sciences and has been with PNNL since 2000. He is active with Rotary, and the Mid Columbia Music Theater.

Dr. Wylie was not here to talk about the Lab, however. He is on the Performing Arts Center Task Force and had an update on what was happening. The effort of the Performing Arts Center Task Force is working to create a home for the arts in the Tri-cities. It is a grass-roots organization that has been around for about 25 years. The Mid Columbia Symphony, Mid Columbia Musical Theater, MC Ballet and the MC Master Singers sponsor them. The focus is to make this the centerpiece of the redevelopment plan for the former Vista Field Airport in Kennewick.



They have been calling it the Vista Arts Center (he noted that for an appropriate donation, any of us could rename the center...). There is currently no real home for performing arts in the Tri-Cities. Groups have small spaces or use high school venues. An arts center would draw traveling troupes and provide more opportunities for medium size concerts.

After plans for a large 2000 seat venue were scrapped as being too expensive (\$85M!), a smaller scale plan was developed.

After looking at other communities and various options, an 800-seat center, with reception and event space totaling about 40,000 square feet seemed optimum. The group is still looking at designs, and plans to meet with the architects of the arts center in Skagit County (McIntyre Hall), whose size and design the members liked.

The building will also be made energy efficient.

The construction would be accomplished in a public private partnership and costs are estimated at \$18 to 22 million dollars. They are hoping to break ground in about 2 years and complete in five years. They hope it will be the start of an arts district in the Vista Field development and attract restaurants plus galleries and other arts aligned businesses. It will be close to the Convention Center, which is also planning an expansion to include more performance space. The main difference being

that this space will be part time use, doubling as exhibition space most of the time. This means it could not be a real home to the Arts, but could accommodate the larger performances like traveling Broadway shows.

The next step is to prepare a letter of intent to the Port of Kennewick for the purchase of the land. They are working on the timeline and overall concepts. Then come finalizing designs and more community outreach, fundraising, marketing plans and operational plans. Look for increased publicity in coming months.

Hal's Humor

A famous director was planning to film an emotional epilogue to his picture. The hero and heroine were to stand on a rocky promontory and, as they talked, the sun would rise slowly out of the ocean. Such a shot is not always made at the seashore. The sunrise is sometimes filmed separately and then thrown on a studio screen while the actors perform in front of it. So the director called in a camera crew and ordered his sunrise.

The following morning they came back to the studio and said they hadn't been able to get it. They pointed out that the sun does not rise off the coast of California, it sets. "All right," said the director, "get me a beautiful sunset. We'll simply reverse the film, run it through backward, and we'll have our beautiful sunrise."

The next day, all went according to plan. The hero and heroine took their places on the staged rocky promontory and the sun peeped over the waves behind them. Suddenly someone let out a yell. It was all very lovely, except for one thing. The sea gulls were flying backward and the waves were going away from the shore.