

RICHLAND ROTARY REACTOR

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 • Meetings every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m.
 Red Lion Hotel (Hanford House)
 • Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

Speaker Schedule for May

31st – Greg Oberg, Exchange Student

Preliminaries

President Larry called the meeting to order and asked Julie Funfar to lead the song. Our regular song Leader, Cynthia Vaughn, is currently in Colorado Springs for a stage production of Mary Poppins. Julie led the group in a harmonious rendition of "My Country Tis of Thee."

Visitors & Guests

Larry Jecha announced Pete Rogalsky's visitor Paul Cross. The visiting Rotarians were Jeff Daniels, Budd Knore and Teresa McCord all from Columbia Center.

Larry Lowry looked out in surprise noting he thought he was late starting the meeting because Ken Williams was already there....

Announcements

Future Pez, Dick Richter, pointed out the pieces of paper on each table. These are to RSVP for the Installation Dinner being held Tuesday June 14 (in place of our regular meeting). We will meet at 6 pm at the Event Center at Sunset Gardens (Cemetery Road off bypass highway 240 near Swift Blvd). The menu is to include grilled burger and asked if we would like to add hot dogs or chicken. The vote went to chicken. Be sure to RSVP to Dick!! By the way the meal is totally catered, with adult beverages available!



50/50

Shelley Kennedy told us there was \$68 in the pot today. Pat Mc Burney got the first number, but not the white chip. After no one admitted having the ticket for the \$10, Shelley found out it was hers!

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (2S)(B)	Larry D. Jecha	Jerry J. McGuire (B)	Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
Steve Arneson (1R)	Darrel Johnsen (2S)	Kathy Miller (5S)	Tom Watkins (D)(B)
Jeremy Asmus (2S)	Roy Keck	Robert D. Nichols	Ken Williams (5S)
Jim Bauer (4S)	Scott Keller	Debbie Noguera	Hal Williamson (DD)(B)
Bob Best (2S)(B)	Shelley Kennedy	Greg Oberg (4S) (B)	Jack D. Zinn (4S)
Tom Bock (1R)(B)	Tom Kirchner (1R)(B)	Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)	(B) Benefactor
Gordon Bopp (1S)	Phillip Koech	Jon M. Putz (5S)	(D) Diamond PHF
Blaine Carr (5S)	Art D. Kohler (D)(B)	Cindy Reents (1S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B)	Dave Larkin (D)	Dick Richter (1S)	(R) Ruby
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Robert Rivera	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Pete Rogalsky (1S)	(S) Sapphire
Barbara French (D)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Gary Scofield (4S) (B)	(#S) Multiple Sapphires
Julie Funfar	Tim Lewis (2S)	Anjan K. Sen (1S)	
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Yosen Liu (1S)	Chris Senske (1S)	
Jan Griffin (1S)	Larry Lowry (1S)(B)	Rick Schulte	
Pat Haggerty	Bing Manawadu	Bill R. Siefken (1R)	
Leslie Hawkins (1S)	Mike McAndrew (1S)	Mike Sinclair	
Diahann Howard	Grant McCallum (3S)	Mark Smith (5S) (B)	
Jan Jackson (2S)	Bill McCue (1S)	Bob Tibbatts (1S)	

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 New Generations.....Jan Jackson
 Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

Student of the Month

Pam Larsen introduced our last Student of the Month for this Rotary Year, Alexis Newman. Alexis is a senior at Richland High School, where she is Key Club President, and part of the "Bomb Squad," the school Pep Band that supports Bomber Basketball games. She is also involved with the Elite Math Club and the Yearbook, as well as numerous service projects, while maintaining a 3.986 GPA. Next year she will be attending University of Washington to study Business. She has also applied to attend RYLA, and we will be sponsoring her. Alexis was very grateful for the honor and chance to come to our meeting.



Judge Diahann Howard

Diahann was disappointed in the lackluster greetings from the crowd today and used her Cheermeister skills to rev things up. She noted it was a birthday today for someone in the room. Turns out it was Roy Keck, turning 65. Chris Smith admitted he will be 60 later this week. Patrick McBurney and Pete Rogalsky have anniversaries this week. Roy admitted the birthday and said he was grateful for this club. He pointed out Kathy Miller who got Banner Bank to donate \$15,000 for the Duck Race and Jacqui Wright who is sponsoring tickets with a coupon for her restaurant. He also thanked Linda Gilmore for doing the legwork to set up the prizes for the race.



Scott Keller announced the Port of Benton won an award for best in Job Creation among the 75 Port Districts in the State. Tim Lewis was fined double triple for his phone going off twice earlier in the meeting.

Judge Diahann went on to a quiz the group on Memorial Day. What was the original name for the holiday? Flag Day. Where was it started? Waterloo, New York. It marks the start of what season? Summer. And why is it the most dangerous holiday? Traffic accidents. With that she saluted the Veterans of our group and reminded people that Freedom isn't Free!

Program

Stan Jones introduced our speakers, who were here to spread the word about Law Day. He noted that this was the REAL judge, the honorable Judge Bruce Spanner. Spanner, a graduate of Richland High School, is a WSU graduate with a degree in Chemical Engineering. After a few years, he returned to school for a law degree and graduated from Gonzaga Law School. After 14 years in private practice, he joined the Superior Court in 2008.

Eric Esinger, accompanied Judge Spanner. Esinger is currently a practicing attorney in Richland, and also spent six years as a prosecuting attorney. He is also a graduate of Washington State and the University of Idaho College of law. He is currently the President-Elect of the Benton Franklin Bar Association.

Judge Spanner said he became interested in the history of the court after being asked if he

knew where to find it. The pair tag teamed on presenting the history. Franklin County was established on November 28, 1883 out of Whitman County. It was named in honor of Benjamin Franklin. Originally, the county seat was the town of Ainsworth. Pasco became the county seat in 1887.

Benton County was established on March 8, 1905 out of Yakima and Kittitas Counties. It was named for Thomas Hart Benton, lawyer, newspaper editor, and Missouri congressman who brawled with Andrew Jackson, injuring the latter. When Benton County was established it joined the judicial district that included Yakima, Franklin, Kittitas and Benton Counties. In 1907 Benton, Franklin and Adams Counties were formed into a new judicial district.

The district remained unchanged until 1951 when Benton and Franklin Counties judicial district was formed. It has not changed since then.



Richland Rotary Members

<i>Judy Addis (7/89)</i>	<i>Bob Larson (6/90)</i>	<i>Tom Watkins (9/11)</i>
<i>Steve Arneson (3/02)</i>	<i>Phil Lemley (6/06)</i>	<i>James Watson (4/12)</i>
<i>Jeremy Asmus (10/07)</i>	<i>Tim Lewis (10/03)</i>	<i>Ken Williams (12/00)</i>
<i>James Bauer (1/09))</i>	<i>Yosen Liu (1/91)</i>	<i>Hal Williamson (4/88)</i>
<i>Bob Best (4/90)</i>	<i>Larry Lowry (10/05)</i>	<i>Mike Winegardner (11/09)</i>
<i>Tom Bock (3/76)</i>	<i>Bing Manawadu (10/86)</i>	<i>Jacqui Wright (12/13)</i>
<i>Gordon Bopp (5/04)</i>	<i>Mike McAndrew (2/07)</i>	
<i>Blaine Carr (12/09))</i>	<i>Patrick McBurney (6/09)</i>	
<i>Tom Cowan (4/80)</i>	<i>Grant McCallum (9/91)</i>	
<i>Jeanne Dillner (8/01)</i>	<i>Bill McCue (3/94)</i>	
<i>Barbara French (11/98)</i>	<i>Jerry McGuire (3/95)</i>	
<i>Julie Funfar (7/13)</i>	<i>Chris Meiers (12/15)</i>	
<i>Linda Gilmore (4/12)</i>	<i>Kathy Miller (6/12)</i>	
<i>Jan Griffin (9/00)</i>	<i>Ian Napier (11/08)</i>	
<i>Linda Gustafson (3/08)</i>	<i>Bob Nichols (8/97)</i>	
<i>Al Haggerty (4/12)</i>	<i>Debbie Nogueras (8/15)</i>	
<i>Patricia Haggerty (4/12)</i>	<i>Greg Oberg (1/88)</i>	
<i>Leslie Hawkins (11/12)</i>	<i>Tom O'Brien (11/98)</i>	
<i>Pat Hollick (8/10)</i>	<i>Jon Putz (5/81)</i>	
<i>Diahann Howard (4/08)</i>	<i>Dick Richter (6/08)</i>	
<i>Tom Huntington (5/16)</i>	<i>Robert Rivera (7/09)</i>	
<i>Jan Jackson (6/00)</i>	<i>Pete Rogalsky (7/05)</i>	
<i>Larry Jecha (8/97)</i>	<i>Gary Scofield (2/75)</i>	
<i>Darrel Johnsen (8/97)</i>	<i>Rick Schulte (6/14)</i>	
<i>Cynthia Johnson (6/09)</i>	<i>Anjan Sen (11/96)</i>	
<i>Stan Jones (10/07)</i>	<i>Chris Senske (1/80)</i>	
<i>Roy Keck (10/04)</i>	<i>Bill Siefken (4/87)</i>	
<i>Scott Keller (7/02)</i>	<i>Mike Sinclair (1/11)</i>	
<i>Shelley Kennedy (9/02)</i>	<i>Chris Smith (8/10)</i>	
<i>Tom Kirchner (3/81)</i>	<i>Mark Smith (3/01)</i>	
<i>Phillip Koech (8/13)</i>	<i>Bob Tibbatts (6/03)</i>	
<i>Art Kohler (2/87)</i>	<i>Greg Tripp (6/11)</i>	
<i>Dave Larkin (4/04)</i>	<i>Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)</i>	
<i>Pam Larsen (2/95)</i>	<i>Sam Volpentest (1/95)</i>	

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

The pair also highlighted the background of several of the past Judges like Richard Patrick an Idaho native who served in the Navy in WWII then got a law degree and served 17 years on the bench. Albert Yencopal, the son of Czech immigrants who worked first in the Federal Housing office and oversaw the transfer of government housing to the private sector before becoming a judge. He was known for inventive sentencing like having a youth wash police cars as penalty for deflating tires of the police. Judge Spanner says that court reforms in the 1980's give judges much less discretion in such penalties now.

Judge John Upton was a Mason. He sponsored Masonic club for blacks in 1897, but was rebuffed by the Masonic organization. He ordered that his headstone never have the Masonic symbol on it unless they started admitting blacks. He died in 1906 and the Masonic symbol was finally added in 1991. Also mentioned was Judge James Lawless, who was killed by a letter bomb in 1974 in his chambers at the Pasco courthouse, and Judge Carolyn Brown, the first woman on the Court (1988). More information about the history of the court and its judges go to the website at: www.benton-franklinsuperiorcourt.com/history-of-the-bench

The pair then talked about the advantages of having the Bi-County Judicial Court. There are several of these in the State, but generally each County has it's own. There are many cost savings and efficiencies with shared staff and facilities. Court officers can work throughout the area, allowing for the balancing of staff based on immediate needs. It makes things easier for attorneys to not have to go back and forth between different courts in the same day, which results in savings for the clients. Perhaps most important is the consistency of justice across the area. Particularly in Juvenile proceedings, the kids don't fall through the cracks because they moved across the river. Follow-up and monitoring can continue uninterrupted. After the funding that comes from the State, the remaining costs are shared, split between the Counties, either by household numbers, or by case load numbers. Both of these match up pretty well at around 70% for Benton County and 30% for Franklin County (Franklin County's share for Juvenile services is a bit higher).

There is a move afoot in the County Commissioners offices to separate the services. This seems to stem from friction between those boards and perceived inequities in cost sharing (by Benton County). To separate, Benton County would have to buy out Franklin County's ownership share of the Justice Center in Kennewick and incur costs for improvements. Staff would have to be split, including judges. Franklin County would have to buy rent or build a new center and replace lost staff. This has been proposed twice before and a study found it would be more expensive and inefficient for each County to have their own court. The State Legislature would have to do the separation.

Hal's Humor

A farmer walks into a lawyer's office wanting to file for divorce. The attorney asks, "May I help you?" The farmer said, "Yeah, I want to get one of them thar divorces." The attorney said, "Well do you have any grounds?" The farmer said, "Yeah, I got me about 140 acres." The attorney says, "No, you don't understand. Do you have a case?" The farmer says, "No, I don't have a Case, I have a John Deere." The attorney says, "No, you don't understand. I mean do you have a grudge?" The farmer says, "Yeah, I got me a grudge, that's where I parks me John Deere." The attorney says, "No sir, I mean do you have a suit?" The farmer says, "Yes sir, I got me a suit. I wear it to church on Sundays." The exasperated attorney says, "Well sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?" The farmer says, "Oh no sir. We both get up about the same time, around 4:30."

Finally, the attorney says, "Okay, let me put it to you this way. "Why do YOU want a divorce from your wife?" To which the farmer replies, "Well," says the farmer, "I can never have me a meaningful conversation with her."