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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

August Speaker Schedule

22nd – Classification Talks

29th – Fellowship Event

Preliminaries

President Diahann Howard called the meeting to order down in the basement room again. Cynthia Vaughn showed the lyrics to help us through a rendition

of the very appropriate song, Blue Skies.

Diahann called up Cynthia Vaughn, to present her with a Paul Harris award! Yea Cynthia!



Visiting Guests and Rotarians

The only visiting Rotarian was Joan Wright of the Wenatchee chapter. Guests were Wally Williams, from the Port of Benton, guest of Scott Keller and Jan Jackson (who is away fishing). Wally is taking pictures today in Jan's absence. Linda Gilmore brought Pam Lohrasbi, who she met at the farmers market last week while selling Duck Race tickets.

Announcements

Larry Lowry came forward in place of the ailing Jon Putz. Jon has been in the hospital, but is doing well and coming home Wednesday. Larry reported on Duck tickets and asked Bob Larson to take a bow, he sold 300 tickets to A&B Concrete, Co. Sales at the Farmers market are ranging from 25 to 50 tickets for the morning. Dick Richter came up and asked who might have paid for their dues and lunch using a credit card at the breakfast meeting August 1st. The card receipt didn't have a name on it.

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)
Stan Jones
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)
Tim Lewis (3S)
Yosen Liu (1S)
Larry Lowry (3S)(B)
Mike McAndrew (1S)
Jerry J. McGuire (2S)(B)
Kathy Miller (6S)
Robert D. Nichols (1S)

Debbie Noguerras
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 Senseke (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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50/50

Gary Scofield conducted the drawing. Since there was a win last week, and slow sales today there was only \$5 in the pot. Ian Napier had the first ticket and wisely took the \$10 consolation prize. Dick Richter had the second ticket but no win.

Judge Ken Williams

Ken started out by telling the group he had been to the dermatologist Tuesday morning and had ten spots frozen off, so he was not in a great mood. He suggested that everybody put in \$2 or he would tell us in great detail about each spot he had removed. Ken asked who had a good ticket sale story to tell, besides Bob Larson and Linda Gilmore? Jan Griffin said she took her tickets out and pasted a mailing label on each and bought them all to get done with sales early. Ken noted that Jan has a quince bush and was wondering what to do with them. Let her know if you have any recipes.



Diahann started brags saying they had celebrated her parents 50th wedding anniversary over the weekend. Scott Keller became a grandfather last week when his daughter adopted a baby girl. Blaine Carr had an anniversary in July and recently returned from Hawaii. Tom Watson reported his son has been waiting for a liver donor and was matched and had a successful surgery yesterday in Alaska. Bob Larson suggested that members try going to Safeway to sell tickets. It is pretty good in the afternoons. He said when people walk by not looking at him he will call out and ask "what happened to your car?" That always stops them and he tells them they could win a new one. It works quite often! Cynthia Vaughn said she and three others will be singing "Opera on the Vine" at the Emerald of Siam again on Sunday. Mike Winegardner said he had a spot on his head frozen off last week when it was over 100 degrees and it felt good! Ken suggested we put in another dollar for the poor guys working outdoors in the recent heat.

Program

Today's speaker was introduced by Diahann. Wendy Higgins of the Lodge at Columbia Point. Ms. Higgins has been associated with the parent company of the Lodge, Escape Lodging, and the CEO, Tom Drumheller for nearly 20 years. Prior to coming here about a year ago she was with Escape for 14 years at a property in Cannon Beach, Oregon. She is here with her husband, a cabinet maker, and they have three children and three grandchildren. Wendy said that Tom had been working on putting a lodge in this area for twelve years. He is from Walla Walla originally and thought the area was ready for something more luxurious and personal than the hotel chains in the area.

Escape Lodging specializes in special properties, where they build or restore small to medium size



hotels, inns, lodges, townhome developments, restaurants and clubs in the Pacific Northwest. They are known for a sense of whimsy and fun in the developments. Wendy said it is a company with a heart that values their employees and is a great place to work.

The Lodge at Columbia Point has been open for about six weeks. It has a wine country theme. It was supposed to open late last year, January at the latest. The bad winter weather put the final construction and finish work way behind schedule. She talked about the weather delays, where a truckload of carpet had to go back to Spokane because it couldn't get into the storage area to unload. They did unload some furniture in the icy weather at her husband's shop, by sliding the boxes down the ice-covered driveway slope.

They did a soft opening and now have the 82 guest rooms, wine bar (guests only for now) and pool open, but waiting for final approvals for the spa. Each of the rooms is named for a local winery and those wineries have been asked to do tastings at the lodge. They have gotten rave reviews. They have a Lodge puppy, a yellow Lab named Marilyn Merlot. So far they have hosted many groups, taking 15 to 30 rooms at a time. Wendy said she has had more groups here in 6 weeks than would get in a year at her Cannon Beach property. They have also hosted various events such as wedding receptions in their Boardroom. Look for them on Facebook.

Richland Rotary Members

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| Judy Addis (7/89) | Danielle Kleist (3/17) | Sam Volpentest (1/95) |
| Steve Arneson (3/02) | Phillip Koech (8/13) | Tom Watkins (9/11) |
| Jeremy Asmus (10/07) | Art Kohler (2/87) | James Watson (4/12) |
| James Bauer (1/09)) | Dave Larkin (4/04) | Ken Williams (12/00) |
| Bob Best (4/90) | Pam Larsen (2/95) | Hal Williamson (4/88) |
| David Billetdeaux (7/17) | Bob Larson (6/90) | Mike Winegardner (11/09) |
| Tom Bock (3/76) | Phil Lemley (6/06) | Jacqui Wright (12/13) |
| Gordon Bopp (5/04) | Tim Lewis (10/03) | |
| Bruce Carlisle (5/17) | 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) | |
| Jordan Creighton (6/17) | Chris Meiers (12/15) | |
| Jeanne Dillner (8/01) | Kathy Miller (6/12) | |
| Barbara French (11/98) | Ian Napier (11/08) | |
| Julie Funfar (7/13) | Bob Nichols (8/97) | |
| Linda Gilmore (4/12) | Debbie Nogueras (8/15) | |
| Jan Griffin (9/00) | Greg Oberg (1/88) | |
| Linda Gustafson (3/08) | Tom O'Brien (11/98) | |
| Al Haggerty (4/12) | Jon Putz (5/81) | |
| Patricia Haggerty (4/12) | Dick Richter (6/08) | |
| Dewayne Halstad (8/16) | Robert Rivera (7/09) | |
| Pat Hollick (8/10) | Gary Scofield (2/75) | |
| Diahann Howard (4/08) | Rick Schulte (6/14) | |
| Tom Huntington (5/16) | Anjan Sen (11/96) | |
| Jan Jackson (6/00) | Chris Senske (1/80) | |
| Larry Jecha (8/97) | Bill Siefken (4/87) | |
| Darrel Johnsen (8/97) | Mike Sinclair (1/11) | |
| Cynthia Johnson (6/09) | Chris Smith (8/10) | |
| Stan Jones (10/07) | Mark Smith (3/01) | |
| Roy Keck (10/04) | Bob Tibbatts (6/03) | |
| Scott Keller (7/02) | Greg Tripp (6/11) | |
| Shelley Kennedy (9/02) | Cynthia Vaughn (12/14) | |

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo & General
James Mattis

Number of Members
as of July 1, 2017

75

Current Members:

76

Gained:

David Billetdeaux

Lost:



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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Wendy said she will be happy to welcome us to the Lodge on the 29th for our fellowship event.

Reminders: Next week's meeting (8/22/17) will be a regular lunch meeting at the Red Lion. The subject is classification talks. On 8/29 we will meet from 4 to 6 pm at the Lodge at Columbia Point for a wine and cheese fellowship event. The other area clubs have been invited to join in!

Hal's Humor

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and my flawless dance moves.

It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full. There's clearly room for more wine.

What did the grape say when it was crushed? Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

I've trained my dog to bring me a glass of red wine. It's a Bordeaux collie.

I'm a wine enthusiast. The more wine I drink, the more enthusiastic I get.

ATTENDANCE, A ROTARY COMMITMENT

Meeting Dates of Local Clubs

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| 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: CG Public House Kennewick |
| Columbia Center..... | Thursday, Noon: Bingo Boulevard Kennewick |
| Tri-Cities Sunrise..... | Friday, 7 am: Red Lion Pasco |