

RICHLAND ROTARY REACTOR

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 Red Lion Hotel (Hanford House)
 • Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

Speaker Schedule for August

30th – Kim Shugart, TC Chamber of Commerce

Preliminaries

The meeting was gaveled to order by President Dick, who then asked Kathy Miller to lead the club in song, and we did a respectable job of “My Country Tis of Thee”.

Visitors & Guests

Larry Jecha announced the Visiting Rotarians: Janine Hales and Davin Diaz from Columbia Center, and Eric Smith from Tri-Cities Sunrise. Guests included Kyle Blodgett, guest of Judy Addis, Kari Skinner, guest of Cindy Reents, and Dewayne Howard, guest of Larry Lowry. Dewayne, who is commander of the Salvation Army here, said they just had a donation of two pigs, and if anyone wanted to buy all that pork, and donate the money to a good cause, please let him know!

Announcements

Larry Lowry gave an update on Duck Race ticket sales. Team #1 and Team #7 are tied, with top sales figures led by Jon Putz (700+), with Bob Larson on his heels with more than 600 tickets sold. Larry said he had two more packets left, which he was giving to Jacqui Wright, and that means all 10,000 tickets have been distributed, so keep on selling! Linda Gilmore said that several members would be at the Benton Franklin Fair starting this afternoon, and there were a few slots available, if someone wants to sell tickets there this week. Also, there are opportunities at the grocery stores; see her if you have questions.



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 (6S)	(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 (3S)(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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 Fellowship & Fund Raising.Cynthia Vaughn

50/50

Gary Schofield then brought the basket to our guest, Kari Skinner, and she drew the first number, which belonged to C. Mark Smith, who didn't draw the white chip to win the \$80.00 pot. He then drew Bob Larson's number, who got the \$10 consolation prize.

Judge Diahann Howard

President Dick announced that Ken Williams, scheduled judge for today, had a flood at his home, so we were glad to have Diahann fill in at the last minute. She commented on the progress so far with ticket sales, and urged continued efforts for vigorous sales results.

The club members were asked to comment on their favorite Olympic sports and what we watched in the past 2 weeks, and donate in appreciation of the athletes' award winning results and wonderful representation of our country. Diahann gave accolades and asked for donations in honor of the great work being done by firefighters and police for the response to

the fires and emergency situations around our state in past few weeks. She said that Jon Putz had plenty of Pardon Me cards on hand, to make your donation that much easier! Last, she reminded everyone of the excitement this Thursday, with Foreigner playing their concert at the Fair and the Seahawks playing the Cowboys, giving us more reason to donate.

Diahann offered apologies to Phil Lemley, for missing his birthday last week, and had C. Mark Smith donating again for his memorable 80th birthday bash. Tom Cowan added to the birthday related donations, as he just turned 70 years young, but the partying is tougher than at 69!

Diahann called out Larry Lowry for not having Cindy's new name on the Duck Race team rosters at the tables, which means a donation, while Jon Putz donated for his son, whose farm was close to a fire, and Jacqui Wright donated for a long overdue new car that has both heat and air conditioning. Cynthia Vaughn gave a donation for the 2 more "likes" that just got added to the club Facebook page, and Jan Griffin for time away in the next month in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. Today's session was then closed out by our Judge taking a selfie of her and club members on the left side of the room, now posted to our Facebook page!

Program

Stan Jones introduced Kyle Cox, the Executive Director of Mid-Columbia Libraries, who has served in several leadership roles at Mid Columbia Libraries since 2005. He has his Bachelor degree from WSU in political science and communication, and masters degrees in public administration from University of Idaho and in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University, and serves on several boards of local and statewide organizations. Kyle said that his father was a member of the Richland Rotary club in the 1990s.



Kyle then outlined the organizational models for library services, noting in our area there is both a city library (Richland) and a library district, which is the model for Mid-Columbia Libraries. The latter serves the cities and towns of Kennewick, Pasco, West Richland, Benton City, Prosser, and uses mobile services to bring services to Othello. There is tremendous participation in the libraries in these communities, and if you put all the books circulated during the year in a tower, it would reach over 18,000 feet, or the height of several Empire State buildings. This does not include the digital services, as eBooks and Audiobooks have grown significantly in recent years (over 730%). Our area's use of digital materials is the greatest in the state outside Seattle.

There were about 2.3 million items in circulation in 2015, up from 2 million in 2014, with much of that growth in digital books. With the growth of electronic readers, the demand for these books is increasing, but the library also grows its "hard" book resources. Over 200 magazines are also available in electronic format. Kyle said he was most proud that Mid-Columbia Libraries was a 2015 Finalist for the National Medal in Museum and Library Services nationally, and the only library in the Northwest to be recognized! This award is given to the top 15 libraries across the country, and includes all types of libraries, from school, academic, special and city categories in the competition. He is also very proud of the Net Promoter score, which is the level of satisfaction expressed by users of the library, which is higher than well known organizations like Amazon, NetFlix and Walt Disney. The Mid-Columbia Libraries are either annexed or contracted, but are generally supported by a

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, 2016

74

Current Members:

74

Gained:

Lost:



portion of the tax levy from the particular city or town's tax rate. This has become very challenging to West Richland, who has been with Mid-Columbia Libraries for 48 years. The money for the West Richland library was set up to come from a tax on phone lines and utility usage, and as the number of land lines has shrunk and more energy efficient homes and usage has decreased electrical bills, the tax monies to support the library has dwindled and can no longer support the current operating costs. The West Richland City Council has proposed a new levy lid, which will go to the voters in December, which would average \$7.50/month or about \$90.00/year on a \$200,000 home. This levy would be dedicated to the library operation, and allowed for continued services in West Richland. That branch in particular has the heaviest use of digital material, about 3 to 1, compared to Pasco's 1 to 1 and Kennewick's 2 to 1. The 20 year old West Richland building is in good shape, and able to be renovated in the future. Kyle closed his presentation with a quote from Thomas Jefferson who said, "I cannot live without books", a sentiment with which most of us would agree!

Hal's Humor

One day the Library was lonely with no one in it for the librarian to help. These two chickens came through the door screeching "bouk bouk." The librarian quickly got up and gave them each 5 books. The two chickens left satisfied.

Just a few minutes later the same two chickens come through the door with no books screeching "bouk bouk." The librarian once again jumps up and gives each chicken 15 books this time. The chickens leave satisfied once again.

Then again for the third time the chicken return screeching "bouk bouk" But this time being suspicious the librarian gives each chicken only one book because they have still have not returned the other books. As the chickens leave the librarian slowly follows behind to see where all the books are going. The chickens come to a stop and start throwing the books into a pond where some frogs grab the books and throw them behind their back croaking "read-it read-it"