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

Children of the Equinox
September Birthdays: Patrick McBurney, Meredith, Rampur, Ray, Tom Kirchner, Bill Battershell, Mike Weingardner, Kim Pietrok, Stan Jones.

Guests
Chris Smith (Bob Tibbatts – final time), Jessie French (Barbara)
Columbia Center Rotarian Steve Schwan

Mike O'Connell
A collection of heartfelt thoughts found expression in cards signed in memory of Mike O'Connell. He and Marge had been for years a venerated couple in our midst. Marge was long aware that ultimately she would walk alone.
Now that it is a fact, all who had known Mike are cognizant of a marked hiatus in our Rotary circle. Dick McLean offered an impromptu eulogy, as effective as any prepared tribute.

His history: He joined our club in December, 1979. He was sponsored by W.E. Johnson. Mike was then Director of Mid-Columbia Mental Health (now Carondelet). He resigned from the club in 1985 when he and Marge moved to California. When they returned to live in Kennewick, Mike joined the P/K Rotary and was their treasurer for many years.
Much more could be said of this amiable, gentle man. The fact that such sentiments exist within us constitutes eloquence in its finest form.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy L. Addis (2S)
Steve Arneson (2S)
Jeremy Asmus
Bill Battershell (5S)(B)
Jim Bauer
Linda Bauer
Bob Best (2S)(B)
Tom Bock (5S)(B)
Gordon Bopp (S)
Ernie Boston (D)(B)
Dee Burrie
Herb Cahn (4S)(B)
Blaine Carr
Thomas A. Cowan (2S)(B)
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)
Jeanne Dillner (S)
Hal J. Ellner (R)
Diane Fossum (2S)
Phill Fossum (3S)
Barbara French (R)
LeRoy Goff
Jan Griffin
Greg Holben (S)
Jan Jackson (S)
Larry D. Jecha
Darrel Johnsen
Cindy Johnson
Roy Keck
Scott Keller
Shelley Kennedy
Tom Kirchner (4S)(B)
Walt Kirkpatrick (2S)(B)
Art D. Kohler (3R)(B)
Dave Larkin (5S)
Bob D. Larson (3S)(B)
Pamela Larsen (3S)(B)
Dave Lemak (4S)
Phil Lemley (S)
Tim Lewis (S)
Yosen Liu (S)
Larry Lowry (S)
Mike McAndrew
Grant McCallum (S)
Bill McCue
Jerry J. McGuire (B)
Richard L. McLean (5S)
Bing Manawadu
Robert D. Nichols
Greg Oberg (2S) (B)
Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)
Marge O'Connell (DD)(B)
Joseph V. Parrish
Jon M. Putz (4S)
Ed Revell (3S(B))
Dick Richter
Robert Rivera
Ray K. Robinson (4S)
Ann Roseberry (S)
George Sanders (2S)(B)
Gary Scofield (3S) (B)
Anjan K. Sen (S)
Chris Senske (S)
Bill R. Siefken (R)
Mark Smith (3S) (B)
Mike Spellman (3S) (B)
Lloyd Swain (5S) (B)
Ruth Swain (4S)(B)
William Taylor
Bob Tibbatts
Russell Treat (B))
Rampur S. Viswanath (4S)
Sam R. Volpentest (R)(B)
Gregory T. Warner (S)
Ken Williams (4S)
Hal Williamson (DD)(B)
Keith Woods (S)(B)
Jack D. Zinn (3S)

(B) Benefactor
(D) Diamond PHF
(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
(R) Ruby
(#R) Multiple Ruby
(S) Sapphire
(#S) Multiple Sapphires

Officers

President .....Darrel Johnsen
President Elect..... Greg Holben
Secretary.....Diane Fossum
Treasurer.....Teri LeBlanc
Foundation Treasurer.....Kim Pietrok
Past President.....Grant McCallum

Directors

Club Service 'A'.....William Taylor
Club Service 'B'.....Tom O'Brien
Community Service.....Jan Griffin
Vocational Service...Jeremy Asmus
International Service...Phil Lemley

The Program

The speaker was Lori Mattson, President and CEO of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. She is also a Rotarian.
In that people do not, in general, know what a chamber is or does, she acquainted the assemblage in some detail regarding this. Significant facets of her presentation were:

- Businesses are voluntary paying members that pay dues to belong and expect to receive benefits.
- Chambers differ significantly, one from the other. One cannot generalize, having seen one. They vary with regard to economic development organization, visitors and conventions, and in other respects.
- The Tri-City Regional Chamber, with 1200 members, is weighted toward Kennewick, the site of most small businesses. It has 38 members on the Board of Directors.
- The budget, just under $1 million, is derived from member dues, non-dues revenue, and a little by government contract. Non-dues revenue sources are events, sponsorships, advertising, and fund raisers.
- The Chamber is not a department of the state, city, or county, nor is it a service group or charitable organization. It does not work for the cities which themselves are members.
- The Chamber meets in the Tri-Cities Business and Visitor Center.
- Reasons for chamber membership are opportunities for networking, marketing, advocacy, and resources.

Rampur's Conferrals

August having been a month devoted to new members, Rampur presented Pat Hollick with a pin bearing the year's RI President's motto, plus "The ABCs of Rotary," a book whose pages should be well thumbed. In a coals-to-Newcastle gesture, he presented Justin with the Rotary Songbook.

Chris Smith, Rotarian

Chris, with Oregon origins, is an entrepreneur with a considerable innovative flair. His record in voluntary service, qualifies him as a natural for Rotary. This has included Habitat for Humanity, church work, and a method of cleansing water for world consumption. Several creative tools have emanated from his company, Intelligration. According to Chris, his father, a Lions Club member, suggested Rotary as an activity for him. He obviously took this wise advice seriously. His sponsor, Ken Williams, rendered a singular charge. It made use of visual aids, including at least one of Chris's devices. The message was that all should work to make the world a better place.

Pro Bono Rotario

From Ed: He thanked the volunteers who worked all those Elephant Ear shifts. The proceeds from these labors will be bestowed next week.
From Linda (and later by internet): She acknowledged all the work at the fair in ticket sales. This week's count was 722 duck ducats. Forthcoming events—

- Parade in Prosser, Monday, 9/8. All participants should be there at 9AM, via duck car or van. If these vehicles cannot be found, call Kris, 551-5189. Further instructions are contained in Linda's e-mail message. Remember, ticket sales cannot come from parade participants, but can occur outside of the parade.

• Opening Night of the hockey season is on 9/25. It will also be Rotary Night. Rotarians will occupy a special section. Tickets are $10 apiece, with $3 returning to the club. Signups are in progress. Duck impedimenta and tickets are salable at this event.

From PrezzDarrel:

- Registration for the fall Membership and Foundation Seminar is now open.
- Rotary Leadership Institute conference training, Phase 2, will occur in Spokane in September.
- The Friendship Exchange with Australia is coming up. Hosts for the inbound Australians are sought. Should anyone wish to be part of the outbound Friendship Team, 10/4-10/15, contact Darrel. He will refer you to Sheila, who is in charge of this.
- Nominations for District Governor in Rotary Year 2013-2014 are now open.

Judge Tom K.

Proclamations from the bench: (1) New members are advised that it is acceptable to brag. It helps us all to become acquainted as we learn about doings, family, etc. (2) A judicial caucus was held, resulting in a goal of $7000, meaning some $140 per meeting. Remember that all fines are funneled into local projects.

Otherwise---Meredith laudatory about Bill's high-achieving kids...anniversaries # 39, 36, and 44 were duly reported…Barbara's experience with granddaughter indicated a tendency of the latter toward a career in law-enforcement…Diahann's disparate reports concerned the first day of school and a visit to China….The spectacle of Laura in the duck costume was enjoyed by some, missed by many…Darrel got daughter off to school, was seen among his motorcycle buddies…Dick's tablemates amerced for his presence, his lyrics...

Ken could not go uncharged for his charge.

Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)
Steve Arneson (3/02)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)
Bill Battershell (3/56)
Scott Barlow (5/10)
James Bauer (1/09)
Linda Bauer (1/09)
Bob Best (4/90)
Tom Bock (3/76)
George Booth (11/06)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)
Ernie Boston (2/65)
Dee Burrie (7/92)
Herb Cahn (6/55)
Blaine Carr (12/09)
Tom Cowan (4/80)
Bob De Lorenzo (3/88)
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)
Todd Dixon (8/08)
Hal Ellner (8/83)
Bill Farris (4/10)
Meredith Farris (2/10)
Diane Fossum (8/07)
Phill Fossum (11/03)
Barbara French (11/98)
Bill Friend (3/09)
LeRoy Goff (8/08)
Jan Griffin (9/00)
Linda Gustafson (3/08)
Tom Heidegger (1/09)
Greg Holben (4/06)
Pat Hollick (8/10)
Shelley Horton (3/09)
Diahann Howard (4/08)
Jan Jackson (6/00)
Rick Jansons (10/09)
Larry Jecha (8/97)
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)
Stan Jones (10/07)
Roy Keck (10/04)
Scott Keller (7/02)
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)
Tom Kirchner (3/81)
Walt Kirkpatrick (9/70)
Art Kohler (287)
Dave Larkin (4/04)
Pam Larsen (2/95)
Bob Larson (6/90)
Dan LeBlanc (2/09)
Terri LeBlanc (5/08)
Dave Lemak (1/01)
Phil Lemley (6/06)
Tim Lewis (10/03)
Yosen Liu (1/91)
Larry Lowry (10/05)
Bing Manawadu (10/86)
Mike McAndrew (2/07)
Patrick McBurney (6/09)
Grant McCallum (9/91)
Greg McCann (1/10)
Bill McCue (3/94)
Jerry McGuire (3/95)
Dick McLean (10/85)
Dwight Montgomery (3/10)
Ian Napier (11/08)
Bob Nichols (8/97)
Greg Oberg (1/88)
Tom O'Brien (11/98)
Marge O'Connell (10/03)
Marlene Oliver (7/10)
Vic Parrish (12/97)
Kim Pietrok (9/08)
Jon Putz (5/81)
Justin Raffa (12/09)
Ed Revell (6/08)
Dick Richter (6/08)
Robert Rivera (7/09)
Ray Robinson (2/87)
Pete Rogalsky (7/05)
Ann Roseberry (1/10)
George Sanders (10/06)
Gary Scofield (2/75)
Don Segna (12/05)
Anjan Sen (11/96)
Chris Senske (1/80)
Bill Siefken (4/87)
Dan Skorski (1/10)
Chris Smith (8/10)
Mark Smith (3/01)
Mike Spellman (4/81)
Lloyd Swain (8/89)
Ruth Swain (9/88)
Bill Taylor (7/07)
Bob Tibbatts (6/03)
Russ Treat (1/92)
Laura Turo (1/10)
Rampur Viswanath (6/95)
Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Greg Warner (3/00)
Ken Williams (12/00)
Hal Williamson (4/88)
Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Keith Woods (1/97)
Jack Zinn (7/74)

Honorary Members

Herb Cahn
Ernie Boston
Vic Parrish
Mike Spellman
Bob DeLorenzo
Bill Battershell

Number of Members as of July 1, 2010

102

Gained: Marlene Oliver, Pat Hollick & Chris Smith

Current Members:

105

BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BRIDGING CONTINENTS

Vanity Plates/1(800) Numbers
Greg O.: DRCHIRO
Greg H.: THEVEEP
Greg M.: BIGBLUE

Mirthology

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. He passed a sign that read, "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he knew it, the bridge was right ahead of him. He got stuck under the bridge.
Cars were backed up for miles.
Finally a police car pulled up. The cop got out of his car and walked around to the truck driver, put his hand on his hips, and said, "Got stuck, huh?"
The truck driver said, "No, officer, I was delivering the bridge and ran out of gas."

Her husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she stayed by his bedside every single day. When he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer.
As she sat by him, he said, "You know what? You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired you were there to support me. When my business fell, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you gave me support. When my health started failing, you were still by my side.
"When I think about it now I think you bring me bad luck."

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
Leo's Catering
20 N. Auburn, 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