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# **ROTARY REACTOR**

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- Meetings every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m.  
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## **September Speaker Schedule**

17th – C. Mark Smith & Bob Ferguson,  
Something Extraordinary: A Short History  
of the Manhattan Project

24th – Fellowship

## **Preliminaries**

Julie Funfar brought the meeting to order. Linda Bauer led us in singing the 'Oscar Meyer Weiner' song with a second verse tailored to being a Rotarian. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Jan Griffin gave the invocation. We then greeted folks at other tables.

## **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**

Jeanne Dillner hosted several guests that are in town for the SIGN conference - Ann Penner, Barry Penner and Billy Baptiste. Jeff Daniels from Columbia Center Rotary was our only visiting Rotarian today.

## **Announcements**

• Julie Funfar reminded us that the 31st Annual Duck Race is on October 05, 2019. That's only 24 days away. We have a goal of selling 10,000 tickets, have only sold 1,675 and thus need to sell another 8,325.

• Linda Bauer just returned from a Rotary Zone meeting in Colorado. Clubs are rolled-up into Districts. Districts are rolled up into Zones. Zones are rolled-up into International. District Governors are trained at the Zone level.



## **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

Judy Addis (3S)(B)	Roy Keck	Rick Schulte
Steve Arneson (1R)	Phillip Koech	Bill R. Siefken (1R)
Jeremy Asmus (2S)	Dave Larkin (D)	Mike Sinclair
Jim Bauer (4MD)(B)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Mark Smith (6S)(B)
Linda Bauer (4MD)(B)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Bob Tibbatts (2S)
Bob Best (2S)(B)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Cynthia Vaughn
Tom Bock (1R)(B)	Tim Lewis (3S)	Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
Blaine Carr (6S)	Larry Lowry (3S)(B)	Tom Watkins (D)(B)
Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B)	Jerry J. McGuire (2S)(B)	Ken Williams (6S)
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Kathy Miller (5S)	Hal Williamson (4MD)(B)
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Greg Oberg (4S)(B)	
Barbara French (D)	Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)	(B) Benefactor
Julie Funfar	Jon M. Putz (6S)	(D) Diamond PHF
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Cindy Reents (1S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Jan Griffin (1S)	Dick Richter (2S)	(R) Ruby
Diahann Howard	Robert Rivera	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Jan Jackson (2S)	Gary Scofield (4S)(B)	(S) Sapphire
Larry D. Jecha	Anjan K. Sen (1S)	(MD) Major Donor
Darrel Johnsen (3S)	Chris Senske (6R)	

## **Officers**

President ..... Julie Funfar  
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Secretary.....Jeanne Dillner  
Treasurer.....Dick Richter  
Foundation Treasurer.....Steve Arneson  
Past President.....Bob Tibbatts

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New Generations.....Tom Hunnington  
Fellowship & Fund Raising.....Travis Clifton  
Public Relations.....Jeremy Asmus

- Steve Arneson asked folks that drop off a donation check to indicate where they would like to see that donation go – “RI” or “Local”.

- Barbara French announced that the Fellowship social gathering this month will be at Hecate Software (599 Stevens Drive, Richland, WA) from 4:30 – 6:00. Hecate is a business owned by Club member Eric A. Livesay (the author of this week's Rotary Reactor).



- C. Mark Smith announced a little good news and a little bad news. The bad news is that Bob Ferguson is back in the hospital after the doctors found an aneurism. They're deciding now if they will operate or not. The good news is that General Jim Mattis, an Honorary member of our Club, released his book and Mark had a copy that was auctioned off during today's meeting for a donation to the Club of \$67.

- Diahann Howard thanked everyone that signed-up to support Atomic Frontier Days, the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Manhattan Project on Saturday, September 14, 2019. There will be a parade at 11:00 AM, Keynote presentations at 1:00, a fly-over of vintage planes at 2:00 and much more including the opportunity to go through the processing (being assigned housing, etc.) that folks working in the area would have gone through when they arrived in the area 75 years ago. The Richland Rotary Club will be at booth 10.



- There will be a Board Meeting of our Club on September 23 at 6:00 at DGR Construction.

- Julie invited Dr. Jean Baptiste (one of today's SIGN guests) up to the podium to talk about the conference. The SIGN program focuses on improving fracture care in developing countries. Most of the people that receive care through the SIGN program are the primary financial earners of their families, are living on less than \$5 per day and would not be able to afford the \$200 needed for treatment. SIGN offers doctor's the opportunity to improve their skills while providing care for individuals that likely would not be able to afford it otherwise. He thanked SIGN founder, Dr. Lewis Zirkle (not in attendance today), and expressed the importance of the training given to himself (and many others) in how to repair fractures.



## 50/50

There was \$81 in today's pot. Ticket X574, Claire's ticket, was drawn. She tried to pull the lucky chip but unfortunately didn't manage to do so today. She did manage to redraw her own ticket, x574 before redrawing ticket x575 which belonged to Mike Winegardner who won \$10.

## Judge Jim Bauer

The Judge started out by fining those of us who forgot our badges or pins. He then gave us an opportunity to announce anniversaries for the month before going on to suggest that perhaps we would like to pay some “Happy Dollars” instead of being fined. This offer was backed-up by the threat of Fines if some “Happy Dollars” failed to flow... Fortunately, we did have Happy reasons...

- Julie give a plug to Happy Haven Healthcare as well as the upcoming presentation of Sirens, a play at the Princess Theater in Prosser this September.

- Mark Smith is happy about the release of his new book. A book release party will be held at the B Reactor. He will also be releasing books at Frontier Days on September 14th.

- Linda Baurer showed-off her new, red, high-top shoes which made her happy. These shoes report that they are going to help stamp-out Polio.

- Rick Wilson reported a new \$1.1M contact in Spokane. He is now licensed in 3 states.

- Steve Arneson had a fund time at a camping trip and explained how he became “Grandpa Max”.

- Jeremy Asmus’s daughter joined Channel Cat swim team.

- Barbara French reported being happy to still be vertical.

- Phillip Koch was happy.



## Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)  
Eric Andrews (9/18)  
Steve Arneson (3/02)  
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)  
Jim Bauer (3/19)  
Linda Bauer (3/19)  
Bob Best (4/90)  
Tom Bock (3/76)  
Fred Brink (6/18)  
Blaine Carr (12/09)  
David Chevey-Reynaud (4/17)  
Travis Clifton (10/16)  
Andrew Cook (3/19)  
Claire Cox (6/19)  
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)  
Richard Evans (11/18)  
Kristy Fargher (7/18)  
Bob Ferguson (3/18)  
Barbara French (11/98)  
Julie Funfar (7/13)  
Linda Gilmore (4/12)  
Jan Griffin (9/00)  
Linda Gustafson (3/08)  
Diahann Howard (4/08)  
Tom Huntington (5/16)  
Jan Jackson (6/00)  
Larry Jecha (8/97)  
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)  
Roy Keck (10/04)  
Danielle Kleist (3/17)  
Phillip Koech (8/13)  
Dave Larkin (4/04)  
Pam Larsen (2/95)  
Bob Larson (6/90)

Teri LeBlanc (6/18)  
Phil Lemley (6/06)  
Tim Lewis (10/03)  
Eric Livesay (2/18)  
Patrick McBurney (6/09)  
Grant McCallum (4/19)  
Jerry McGuire (3/95)  
Chris Meiers (12/15)  
Ian Napier (11/08)  
Greg Oberg (1/88)  
Tom O'Brien (11/98)  
Cynthia Reents (6/09)  
Dick Richter (6/08)  
Robert Rivera (7/09)  
George Sanders (8/18)  
Rick Schulte (6/14)  
Anjan Sen (11/96)  
Chris Senske (1/80)  
Mike Sinclair (1/11)  
Chris Smith (8/10)  
Mark Smith (3/01)  
Rebecca Thornton (9/18)  
Bob Tibbatts (6/03)  
Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)  
Sam Volpentest (1/95)  
Tom Watkins (9/11)  
Ken Williams (12/00)  
Hal Williamson (4/88)  
Rick Wilson (6/19)  
Mike Winegardner (11/09)  
Jacqui Wright (12/13)  
Joan Wright (3/18)

**Honorary Members**  
Bob DeLorenzo, Tom Cowan &  
General James Mattis

**Current Members:**  
**66**





- George Sanders reported that Dr. Zirkle worked – successfully - on both of his feet.
- Mike Winegardner donated half of his \$10 from today's 50/50 game and reported on his happiness at recently seeing a sand artist that was recently in town (also seen on America's Got Talent) that focuses on the theme Love makes America go around.
- Bob Tibbatts was cheekily happy that Tom O'Brien had had to face the recent rain on the West-side instead of himself.
- Steve Arneson was happy that the Seahawks squeaked through.
- Bob Larson was doubly-happy; he went fishing but didn't catch anything and thus didn't have to clean any fish.
- George Sanders was proud of the University of Florida's record so far this year.

### **Program – Benton County Recovery Coalition (BCRC)**

Today's guests were from the Benton County Recover Coalition (for more information see <[www.509recovery.org](http://www.509recovery.org)>. Chris Meiers introduced the President and founder, Dr. Michelle Gerber, who retired as a Historian from Hanford. Danielle Stenehjerm was the co-speaker with Dr. Gerber and is on the Board of Directors. Danielle is Dr. Gerber's daughter, is a graduate student in addiction studies and is also training to become an EMT.



Dr. Gerber has several connections to Rotary and to our Club, in particular. She was the 2nd female member of Richland Rotary in 1989 (the year that the Rotary Council on Legislation voted to eliminate the requirement that membership be limited to men). Her father was president of the Richland Rotary Club in 1966 and her husband, Eric, is a past Richland Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Dr. Gerber came to our club to talk about treating addiction as a disease and started by sharing how it had impacted her personally.

Two of her children developed an addiction. Her son died in 2014 when he was 36 years old and her daughter is in long-term recovery. Her son came to her for help. Multiple times over the years Dr. Gerber left on 2 hours notice to attend to her son, including leaving the work that she was doing for Governor Christine Gregoire.

### **ATTENDANCE, A ROTARY COMMITMENT** **Meeting Dates of Local Clubs**

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: Tri-Tech Skills Ctr. Kennewick
Columbia Center.....	Thursday, Noon: Bingo Boulevard Kennewick
Tri-Cities Sunrise.....	Friday, 7 am: Red Lion Pasco

He was smart – he went through a gifted program in Tri-Cities schools. He could also be erratic and manipulative. His positives were in spite of the disease. His negatives were due to his disease.

BCRC's goal of meeting with our Club today is to let us know what we need to know. Dr. Gerber graduated from SUNI in New York where she was taught that knowledge is power. It's important to know addiction. Our brain is an electrochemical machine and an addicted brain changes. Judgement is impaired. A person looks the same on the outside, but inside they are profoundly altered. Genetics plays a huge role. Dr. Gerber's husband took opiates for weeks after a ski accident and stopped with no problem. Others can take them only once and be addicted.

We need to treat addiction as a disease. You can't be admitted to the hospital due to this disease. No other disease is treated like this. It is not fair for individuals battling addiction to disrupt society but we need to provide better treatment than the current norm.

The Board of Directors includes sheriffs and doctors and others. The BCRC has three major goals; to open a detox facility, to open an in-patient facility and to open a low level facility for folks. Folks admitted to the low level facility would be those that committed an offense and would stay there until they recovered. If they are unable to successfully complete recovery then charges against them comes back.

Danielle is the youngest person on the Board of Directors. She is impressed and thankful to see the organization go from 7 people on a back porch to over 100 in a year. Every 7.3 minutes one person dies of addiction. But, treating people as addicts that can't change won't work. Pushing them out of the hospital does not work and is not helpful. Charging them with crimes exacerbates the situation as they are often unable to handle the steps necessary to address the charges. The BCRC offers help. Individuals must be accountable for their actions but the individuals going through this must also get the benefit of treating addiction as a disease, not a disgrace. To this end local sheriffs have implemented a Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) program to help habitual users. Individuals in the program are dosed by doctors to mitigate the withdrawal symptoms, not to keep them high. They are referred to an outpatient program upon release. 45% stay in treatment for 120 days. The program leads to less recidivism and leads to the costs to society coming down.

Recovery and Rehabilitation is a better way forward.

### ***Duck Ticket Summary Information***

Total Ticket Books in Reserve 92  
Total Tickets in Reserve 2300  
Total Ticket Books Passed Out 311  
Total Tickets Passed Out 7775  
Total Tickets Received Back 2075  
Total Money Collected \$10,375

### ***Hal's Humor***

"How was your blind date?" A college student asked her room-mate.

"Terrible!" The room-mate replied. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow!, that's a very expensive car. What's so bad about that?"

"He was the original owner!"