

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

Speaker Schedule for September

8th – Peggy McCullough, VIT Plant Update
 15th – Dr. Saju, Nepal
 22nd – Lisa Toomey, Reach Progress
 29th – Stella Pederson, Powerful Connections
 & Mentoring

Preliminaries

President Larry called the meeting to order.
 Shelly Kennedy to lead the group in singing “If
 You’re Happy and You Know it”. Tom Watkins led
 the pledge and Jan Griffin the prayer.

Guests & Visitors

No guests today, but we had two visiting
 Rotarians, Steve Hussey from Tri-City Sunrise
 and Chris Rollins from Yakima. Prez Larry
 welcomed back member Cynthia Vaughn, who
 spent most of the summer in Colorado.

Announcements

Kathy Miller announced Banner Bank (one of the
 two big sponsors of the Duck Race) is hosting

a Customer
 Appreciation Day
 this Friday starting
 at 11 am. They will
 serve hot dogs,
 root beer floats
 and other goodies.
 It is being held
 at the Columbia
 Center branch
 office. The prize car will be there!



Larry called our attention to the new club
 brochure on each table. He thanked the group,
 headed by Diahann Howard, who then thanked
 Jan Jackson for producing them. Larry asked
 that we all step out of our comfort zone and use
 these to help recruit new members.

50/50

Shelley said there was \$8 in the pot after the
 big win last week. Hal Williamson got the first

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (D)(B)	Diahann Howard	Mike McAndrew	Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
Steve Arneson (5S)	Jan Jackson (2S)	Grant McCallum (3S)	Gregory T. Warner (2S)
Jeremy Asmus (2S)	Rick Jansons (1S)	Bill McCue (1S)	Tom Watkins (D)(B)
Jim Bauer (5S)	Larry D. Jecha	Jerry J. McGuire (B)	Ken Williams (5S)
Linda Bauer (4S)	Darrel Johnsen (2S)	Kathy Miller (4S)	Hal Williamson (DD)(B)
Bob Best (2S)(B)	Cindy Johnson (1S)	Robert D. Nichols	Jack D. Zinn (4S)
Tom Bock (1R)(B)	Roy Keck	Greg Oberg (4S) (B)	(B) Benefactor
Gordon Bopp (1S)	Scott Keller	Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)	(D) Diamond PHF
Madeleine Brown	Shelley Kennedy	Jon M. Putz (5S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Herb Cahn (4S)(B)	Tom Kirchner (1R)(B)	Dick Richter (1S)	(R) Ruby
Blaine Carr (4S)	Art D. Kohler (D)(B)	Robert Rivera	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Thomas A. Cowan (3S)(B)	Dave Larkin (D)	Gary Scofield (4S) (B)	(S) Sapphire
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Anjan K. Sen (1S)	(#S) Multiple Sapphires
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Chris Senske (1S)	
Barbara French (D)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Rick Schulte	
Julie Funfar	Tim Lewis (2S)	Bill R. Siefken (1R)	
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Yosen Liu (1S)	Mike Sinclair	
Jan Griffin (1S)	Larry Lowry (1S)(B)	Mark Smith (5S) (B)	
Leslie Hawkins (1S)	Bing Manawadu	Bob Tibbatts (1S)	

Officers

PresidentLarry Lowry
 President Elect.....Dick Richter
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 Foundation Treasurer.Mike Winegardner
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 Club Service.....Robert Rivera
 Community Service...Pat Haggerty
 International Service.Pete Rogalsky
 New Generations.....Jan Jackson
 Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

number, and wisely chose the \$10. The second draw saw Chris Smith having the right ticket (Again! We are really getting suspicious now) but he didn't draw the white chip.

Judge Stan Jones

Judge Stan called the usual first of the month questions about birthday and anniversaries. Birthdays included Mike Winegardner, Ian Napier and Tom Heidegger. Wedding anniversaries for September included Gary Scofield, Dick Richter, and Jerry McGuire. Jan Griffin has her 15th Rotary Anniversary, and Cynthia Vaughn is celebrating one year since she opened her Magnolia Music Studio, which has gone from one to 5 teachers!

Judge Stan asked the group to put in for weather without blowing dust today, and then asked for Brags. Cindy Reentz (nee Johnson) talked about her recent wedding, which was held at the Oregon coast. She not only gained a husband, but also learned she has two new grandchildren on the way. Pat Haggerty put in for good neighbors who not only were fine with her new decorative block fence plans, but decided to do their own yard so the both saved money. Larry Lowry thinks his sister in law is cursed and attracts bad weather (she is headed to Hawaii now and there are three typhoons taking aim at the islands). He also reported his wife Deb is doing very well since her knee surgery.

Speaking of surgery Hal Williamson put in for the one-year anniversary of the special stent he had put in. He was the first in the State for the type of procedure that went through his arm. He also mentioned he had suspended major charitable donations due to House Resolution 644 not being passed yet by the Senate. This Resolution is about certain kinds of charitable contributions and deductions, such as food donations and donations from IRA funds. He urged contacting Senate members to have it passed.

Pete Rogalsky apologized for missing his assigned slot at the Fair to sell Duck tickets, but he had a meeting come up. Jon Putz said he was there and three of them sold over 100 tickets. Jan Jackson mentioned his Alaska cruise last week. He reports that of the six cruises he and his wife have taken, this one was the most scenic.

Program

Stan Jones introduced Erich Bolz, the Richland Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Programs. He has been with the Richland School District for over 9 years doing various programs such as Special Education and Federal Standards. Bolz stepped in today for Robert Garza to talk about "Communities in Schools." This is a program aimed at dropout prevention that has been active nationally for 35 years. It coordinates the efforts of volunteers to work inside the schools to help kids at high risk for dropping out. The growing problem of poverty in our community is illustrated by the increase over the past few years to 4000 students in the



Richland system qualifying for assistance in the school lunch program. In general, lower income kids are at higher risk to drop out, as are students with poor English language skills. Poor kids are more likely to be hungry, to have trouble with transportation to school and to be homeless. They also can't afford the fees for extracurricular activities that keep some students interested in school. All of this makes dropping out more likely.

People who do not finish high school are more likely to require social services, more likely to spend time in jail and on average earn \$300,000 less than HS graduates over their lifetime. The idea is to turn this around by keeping kids in school to give them a better chance to succeed in life. Even beyond working with HS students, Bolz sees the need to work with kids

in elementary school and younger to change the patterns that lead to dropping out. Support at ages birth to five years will result in a healthier child ready to come to school and learn as nearly 85% of mental development occurs by age five. The Richland Schools have an 86% on-time graduation rate compared to a State and National average of 80%. While above the average, Bolz would like to see this closer to 95%.

Bolz then introduced Christie Funkhauser, one of the people that work inside the schools. Ms. Funkhauser introduced herself by saying she was the child of a teenage mother who had few resources to support herself and a baby. Somehow they got by and Ms. Funkhauser had the support and encouragement to excel in school and is now about to complete her

Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Phillip Koech (8/13)	Greg Tripp (6/11)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Art Kohler (2/87)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Dave Larkin (4/04)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
James Bauer (1/09)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Greg Warner (3/00)
Linda Bauer (1/09)	Bob Larson (6/90)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Bob Best (4/90)	Phil Lemley (6/06)	James Watson (4/12)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Madeleine Brown (3/13)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Blaine Carr (12/09))	Bing Manawadu (10/86)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Grant McCallum (9/91)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Bill McCue (3/94)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Debbie Nogueras (8/15)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Drew Haninger (4/15)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Jon Putz (5/81)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Rick Jansons (10/09)	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)	
Walt Kirkpatrick (9/70)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn & General James Mattis

**Number of Members
as of July 1, 2015**

79

Current Members:

77

Gained:

Debbie Nogueras

Lost:

Kim Pietrok, Chris Meiers & John Darrington



Be a gift to the world

Masters degree. As part of the Communities In Schools program, she travels to various schools to aid children (there are nine in the program). She said when a child feels sick, it may actually be due to hunger. She was able to help one such child when she sent a note home with the girl. The girl's mom came in the next day saying she had just left an abusive situation and had to leave most of their things behind. Funkhauser was able to give her food, toiletries and school supplies to help get her past the crisis. Another time a girl was sent home from school for inappropriate dress, but it was the only thing she had as she and her Mom were living at a shelter. The program partners with Goodwill and was able to get her some school clothes.



Funkhauser picks up donations from churches, individuals and organization including food clothes, and especially school supplies. She believes lowering the barriers for kids to get to and stay in classes. She also helps students get other help. There is a program for kids that become homeless and are staying at a shelter or other place outside of the school boundary. They can get transportation to the original school until they are settled in a more permanent situation. Funkhauser reports that these small acts can have big benefits to the kids involved.

Hals Humor

A Game Warden is walking along a beach one morning when he spots a man with a bucket of lobsters. The Warden walks up to the man, flashes his badge and says, "You're in big trouble, buddy. Poaching lobsters is a serious offense."

The man answers, "You've got it all wrong, these lobsters are my pets! Every morning I take them out for some exercise. I let them swim around in the ocean for a few minutes and then whistle them back in."

The Warden looks at the man skeptically and says, "Okay then, prove it."

The man proceeds to throw the lobsters into the ocean and both he and the Warden stand there waiting. After a couple minutes the Warden looks at the man and says, "That's long enough, now whistle your lobsters back in."

The man turns to the Warden and says "Lobsters? What lobsters?"

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

<i>Richland Riverside</i>	Monday, Noon Anthony's Home Port Restaurant Columbia Point Drive, Richland
<i>Richland</i>	Tuesday, 12:10 P.M. Red Lion Hotel/Hanford House 802 George Washington Way, Richland
<i>Pasco-Kennewick</i>	Wednesday, Noon Clover Island Inn 435 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick
<i>Columbia Valley Daybreak</i> ...	Thursday, 7:00 A.M. Tri-Tech Skills Center 5929 W. Metaline, Kennewick
<i>Columbia Center</i>	Thursday, Noon Bingo Boulevard 6222 W. John Day Ave., Kennewick
<i>Tri-Cities Sunrise</i>	Friday, 7:00 A.M. Red Lion Hotel Pasco, 2525 N. 20th, Pasco
<i>Mid-Columbia Rotaract</i>	Every other Monday, 4:30 P.M. Fire & Brimstone, 1022 N. Columbia Center Blvd, Kennewick