

# **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**

15th – Dr. Saju, Nepal  
22nd – Lisa Toomey, Reach Progress  
29th – Stella Pederson, Powerful Connections  
& Mentoring

## **Preliminaries**

President Larry called the meeting to order. Jeanne Dillner said she was asked to sing a song that included ducks. The only one she could think of was “Old McDonald had a Farm” complete with quacking! Robert Rivera led the pledge and Chris Smith, the prayer. Chris added prayers for Lane Bray, former Richland mayor and State Representative who is very ill.

We had one guest, Wally Williams, brought in by Scott Keller. Williams has taken over the duties of the retired Jan Jackson at the Port of Benton. We also had two visiting Rotarians, Al Mounser and Jeff Daniels, both of the Columbia Center club.

## **Announcements**

Chris Smith is starting a long trip in Africa soon. He will be building houses in Malawi, doing a photo safari, then visiting friends and helping dig wells and sanitary facilities in northern Africa. He is also going to Kenya, after getting an introduction to local politicians by our own Phillip Koech.



Jeanne Dillner will be introducing our speaker next week, Dr. Sanju, from Nepal, who was there during the earthquake this spring and



## **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)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Gary Scofield (4S) (B)	(S) Sapphire
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Anjan K. Sen (1S)	(#S) Multiple Sapphires
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Chris Senske (1S)	
Barbara French (D)	Tim Lewis (2S)	Rick Schulte	
Julie Funfar	Yosen Liu (1S)	Bill R. Siefken (1R)	
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Larry Lowry (1S)(B)	Mike Sinclair	
Jan Griffin (1S)	Bing Manawadu	Mark Smith (5S) (B)	
Leslie Hawkins (1S)		Bob Tibbatts (1S)	

## **Officers**

President .....Larry Lowry  
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Club Service.....Robert Rivera  
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New Generations.....Jan Jackson  
Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

has been treating injuries using Sign equipment and processes. Dr. Sanju is in town to attend Sign's annual Conference. Jeanne also added that many of the conference attendees will be carrying equipment back with them and asked if anyone had any old but decent luggage they wanted to donate. If so, you can bring it to the meeting next week. Hard sided suitcases, at least large carry on size are preferred, but duffel bags are welcome. You can also contact Jeanne to make other arrangements for suitcases.

Barbara French reported 410 tickets were turned in last week and still have over 5000 to sell. Team 1 headed by Bob Tibbatts, is leading in duck sales, with 1125 tickets. Team 5 has 835 tickets sold and Team 4 has sold 560. Get out and sell ducks!



### **50/50**

Tim Lewis announced we had \$15 in the pot. Pat Haggerty drew Robert Rivera's ticket, but he couldn't find the white chip. Then Robert drew for the \$10 prize and pulled Pat Haggerty's ticket! How did they arrange that? The winner of many \$10 prizes this summer, Chris Smith, left empty handed this time.

### **Judge Jon Putz**

Judge Jon started off by asking Chris and Jeanne to put in something for their long-winded "Public Service Announcements." Al Haggerty put in a few dollars for the Red Lion noting that Ian had provided rooms for two of his brothers with their wives who were in town last week for a mini reunion. Both couples raved about the accommodations and friendly staff.

Scott Keller said he wanted to make an announcement. He said today was his 26th anniversary with the Port of Benton (not that he was getting married as Judge Jon guessed he would announce). Jeanne Dillner put in for her 29th wedding anniversary last weekend and noted that her husband ate each day at the new McDonalds, but they also ate at the Ethos restaurant and Gaslight. Judge Jon called on Dick Richter for the removal of trees at his house for road widening since Pete Rogalski was not present. Jon asked for \$5 per tree, Dick volunteered \$50 per tree. Way to go Dick!



Larry Jecha attended the Western Governors Conference in Colorado. Shelly Kennedy noted to be kind to the police, as you don't know what they go through. She said her husband just got called out for the death of a three-year-old child near Umatilla.

### **Program**

Pam Brown-Larson was a great last minute stand-in speaker. Pam is the executive Direction of Richland's Hanford Communities Program that provides information and community outreach on the Hanford work. Since it is hard to get people out to meetings to learn what is going on, her office also produces two to three informative TV programs each year that are played on local cable channels. Pam introduced one of these programs about the Hanford Plutonium Finishing Plant clean up.

For more than twenty years, there has been clean up work going on at the plant, headed by CH2MHill. The plant took enriched uranium produced at the reactors and produced plutonium either as metal, or as a powdered oxide. This went out in hockey puck sized disks. An add-on to the facility

was the Americium Recovery unit that recovered uranium and americium from wastes. One part of this is called the McCluskey Room. There, in 1976, a reaction occurred in the glove box area that blew up a glove box and showered Senior Chemical Operator Harold McCluskey with radioactive heavy metals. McCluskey spent 5 months being treated and survived. He died at 76 years old from an unrelated heart condition. The area was isolated due to the contamination and never used again. It presented particular challenges to the clean up work, which must be done wearing heavy protective gear and breathing apparatus

When work was stopped in 1989, there was uranium left in the facility in various stages of production. The first effort was to recover and remove this material. This material went to



Savannah River. There was a plant being built that could turn this material into usable reactor fuel. However, it has not been completed due to cost and schedule overruns. The last of

## 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



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the plutonium and americium was sent to Savannah River in 2009. They are now dismantling and demolishing the facility. The 196 tall thin “pencil” tanks have been removed and many smaller auxiliary buildings have been demolished. The plan is to have the main building demolished to the floor slab by the end of 2016. The demolition debris has some radioactivity and is being buried at the on site superfund area. The last thing to come down will be the tall smokestack. Pam noted that the clean up work was slow this summer due to the high heat, which is unbearable in the heavy protective suits.

Pam added she was on site once when the “Criticality Alarm” went off, which is a very distinctive ahooga sound that means to evacuate. It caused a lot of agitation while workers tried to hurry out of the protective gear to leave. Luckily it was a false alarm. Jan Jackson added he was asked out there to do some photography, and warned his chaperone that one of his wide-angle camera lenses had a thorium coating to give sharper images. He didn’t think it would be a problem, but as they entered the “Chute” with the radiation detectors at the building, the alarms went off and shut down the whole building. It took some minutes to sort things out and Jan was not allowed to take the lens inside.

Larry Lowry recalls reading the safety materials to do some plumbing work on the site. It stated if the ahooga alarm was heard to “run” ...just that, Run! He asked where to run and the chaperone said “anywhere you can.”

### **Hals Humor**

An old Sailor and an old Army veteran were sitting in the bar arguing about who’d had the tougher career.

‘I did 30 years’, the Army guy declared proudly, ‘and fought in three wars. Fresh out of boot camp I hit the beach at Okinawa, clawed my way up the blood-soaked sand, and eventually took out an entire enemy machine gun nest with a single grenade. ‘As a sergeant, I fought in Korea alongside General MacArthur. We pushed back the enemy inch by bloody inch all the way up to the Chinese border, always under a barrage of artillery and small arms fire. ‘Finally, as a gunny sergeant, I did three consecutive combat tours in Vietnam. We humped through the mud and razor grass for 14 hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes, ducking under sniper fire all day and mortar fire all night. In a fire-fight, we’d fire until our arms ached and our guns were empty, then we’d charge the enemy with bayonets!’

‘Ah’, said the Sailor with a dismissive wave of his hand, ‘lucky guy, all shore duty, huh?’

### **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  
Clover Island Inn  
435 Clover Island Drive, 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

**Mid-Columbia Rotaract**.....Every other Monday, 4:30 P.M.  
Fire & Brimstone, 1022 N. Columbia Center Blvd, Kennewick