

RICHLAND ROTARY REACTOR

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• Meetings every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m.
Red Lion Hotel (Hanford House)
• Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID#262

Speaker Schedule for September

22nd – Lisa Toomey, Reach Progress
29th – Stella Pederson, Powerful Connections
& Mentoring

Preliminaries

President Larry called the meeting to order. Jeanne Dillner led the group in singing God Bless America. Jan Griffin led the prayer and included Madeleine Brown who continues to struggle with ALS and Greg Warner who is in the hospital.

We had no guests but several visiting Rotarians; Steve Hussey of Tri-city Sunrise, Traci Sunday, Jeff Daniels and Bud Knore of the Columbia Center club.

Announcements

President Larry noted upcoming dates: October 5 will be an evening event for District Governor Mike Dalessi and his wife. Preliminary plans are to meet at Goose Ridge Winery, stay tuned for updates; October 6 will be our regular

meeting, where Governor Dalessi will be the speaker. October 10 is the Duck Race, we need everyone to turn out and help with the event!!!



Larry also noted that he and his wife had joined a gym. He is also trying to eat better and reads labels more. He said he also read the label on his shampoo and figured out why he was having trouble losing weight. The shampoo said it added body and volume! He said he was switching to Dawn dish liquid that cuts fat!

Roy Keck introduced Traci Sunday who is the Duck Race cheerleader. She let us know that October 3 game of the Tri-cities Americans is Rotary Night. They have reduced the tickets by

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)	

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Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

45% and \$3 of each tickets goes back to the Rotary Club. She passed around a sheet to get tickets to sell. They are also selling tee shirts and manning a "Chuck a Duck" event that also benefits Rotary.

Barbara French reported 533 tickets were turned in last week and still have 4778 to sell. Team 1 still is leading in duck sales, with 1150 tickets. Team 5 is close to the lead with 1010 tickets sold and Team 4 has sold 585. The biggest seller last week was Bob Larson with 150 tickets. Get out and sell more ducks!



50/50

Gary Scofield announced we had \$26 in the pot. Jerry McGuire pulled Pat Haggerty's ticket, but she failed to get the prize. Jon Putz took the \$10.

Judge Jeanne Dillner

Jeanne was up again to do the judging today! She said she found out she was the Judge after getting to the meeting today and had not prepared in advance. So, she decided to declare it to be Tattletale Tuesday and asked the group to tattle on anyone they know who was in the news, or has some transgression. Jan Griffin offered that she had run into Chris Meiers who joined our club last September and has already resigned. He said he was concerned about not meeting the attendance requirements. She told him not to worry so much and encouraged him to return. Pete Rogalski tattled on Phillip Koech, Jan Griffin and Steve Arneson as the attendees of his international committee. They put up some ideas for exciting projects which he will update the group on later. Pam noted we need student of the month candidates, and also talked about internships, which can be very helpful to students.



Leslie Hawkins talked about selling duck tickets to her 89 year old mother. Jon Putz mentioned Ken Williams, who just had back surgery.

Program

Jeanne Dillner closed the judging saying she would get the person to introduce our speaker. She popped back up to the podium to do the introduction. She was up front as much as our President today! Our speaker was Dr. Saju Pradhan. He is from Nepal and is the Medical Director of the Nepal Orthopedic Hospital (NOH) located near Katmandu, the Capitol of Nepal. He did his basic medical training in Nepal and he did his post-graduate studies in China and he has a fellowship in orthopedics from Bangkok. He has been with the hospital for since it started and has been the Medical Director for 8 years.

He is in town to attend the SIGN annual conference. Jeanne and a team from SIGN visited him and the hospital a few weeks after the devastating earthquake last April to bring supplies and support. Dr.

Pradhan is also a member of the Patan Rotary Club. He presented Larry Lowry with a banner from his Rotary Club and a tee shirt with the Himalayan Mountains on it that his club sold to raise funds for disaster relief.

Dr. Pradhan started by giving some history of the Nepal Orthopedic Hospital. It is a non-profit, non-government facility that opened in 1998 with 16-beds and operating facilities for orthopedic treatment. Through fundraising and grants from Rotary Clubs and a number of other groups around the world, they rehabbed an old building to begin.

As the need grew, additions were made to create a clean, modern 100-bed hospital that treats orthopedic injuries and conditions. The staff has grown from 15 to 100 and they now have



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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three operating theaters and an Intensive Care Unit. The first year they treated 631 patients and last year it was over 40,000. They added an ambulance last year, paid by donations from Rotary Clubs and various individuals. In addition to the hospital, they do outreach camps that allow them to treat patients in outlying areas that could not make it to the hospital. Almost 25% of their patients receive some kind of financial support for their treatment.

On April 25, 2015, at about noon, Dr. Pradhan was home preparing his lunch. He said he initially thought a large plane was flying over at low altitude, causing the house to rattle. He soon realized it was an earthquake. He went into the street and it was filled with his neighbors fleeing houses and everything was shaking. He said the noise was tremendous and people gathered close together. The quake registered 7.8 on the Richter scale, a very large earthquake. There were also multiple strong aftershocks. He said for some time afterward most people slept outside or in their cars, for fear of collapsing buildings.

Large earthquakes occur in the Himalayas every 80 to 100 years, with previous large ones in 1833 and 1934. This temblor killed over 9,000 people and left an estimated 22,000 injured. Whole neighborhoods were knocked flat and hundreds of thousands were homeless. Dr. Pradhan played a video taken by cell phone that showed the square of his town filled with terrified people, with two old temples that had just collapsed. Next to them was a building where he said his mother lived.

The Doctor could not get to the hospital until the next day because of debris in the streets. Initially, they had just sporadic power, no phones, but the hospital was still standing. They moved things to the lower floors and started working on the many people showing up for treatment. Many patients arrived with whole families coming along. They had to get police help to clear out the crowd around the hospital at one point. He and his staff decided to forgo their salaries for a month and work to help all they could in the horrendous disaster. They also decided they would treat anyone that showed up for care at no cost and also provided meals. Within a couple of days they were able to get power going to do x rays and surgeries. They quickly ran out of beds, food and basic supplies. Dr. Pradhan got in touch with everyone he knew, especially groups and individuals that had contributed to the hospital, to get supplies and help. It was chaos initially but they were careful to document everyone they treated and took care of anyone that came in. After a couple of weeks, supplies started arriving (SIGN sent their kits) and help from other countries and the Nepal Government. They got a large tent to set up an Operating Room, other tents and supplies from Rotary groups, UNICEF and even some foreign surgical teams and Chinese field hospitals.

Just as they started to get things under better control and people were settling down a large aftershock, magnitude 7.3, shook the area. This

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

caused them to move the main operating room to the tent and use the building less for a time. The place of work gradually slowed and things returned to normal.

In all, the hospital had treated about 2100 earthquake victims and performed 267 surgeries. This is about 10% of the total number of people estimated to have been injured in the quake in this small private hospital. Most of the injuries were from crushing, debris and falls. They did not lose any patients and did not have to amputate any limbs. They were able to keep complications like infections to a minimum. In short they provided high quality care in very challenging circumstances.

In answer to questions, Dr. Pradhan said there were prior preparations in Nepal for a large earthquake. The government did public service spots talking about safety. Dr. Pradhan and others had been through emergency training, but you can never be fully prepared for this kind of event. He noted and appreciated the donations and aid provided by many groups including many Rotary Clubs, which helped them treat the many injured.

Hals Humor

John, a jogger, is running down a country road and is startled when a horse yells at him, 'Hey- come over here buddy.'

John is stunned but still runs over to the fence where the horse is standing and asks, 'Were you talking to me?'

The horse replies, 'Sure was, man I've got a problem. I won the Kentucky Derby a few years ago and this farmer bought me and now all I do is pull a plough and I'm sick of it. Why don't you run up to the house and offer him \$10,000 to buy me. I'll make you some money because I can still run.'

John thought to himself, 'Wow, a talking horse.' Dollar signs started appearing in his head. So he runs to the house and the old rancher is sitting on the porch.

John tells the farmer, 'Hey man I'll give you \$10,000 for that old broken down nag you've got in the field.'

The farmer shook his head wearily and replies, 'He's at it again! Son you can't believe anything that horse says. He's never even been to Kentucky.'