

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**

Preliminaries

The meeting was gaveled to order by President Dick, who presented Jim Bauer as today's song leader. In honor of the opening game of the World Series tonight, Jim led the club in the singing of the "Take me Out to the Ballgame"



Visitors & Guests

We had two Visiting Rotarians, Steve Hussey from Tri-Cities Sunrise, and Charles LoPresti from Richland Riverside. Guests included Joe Burrowes, guest of Phil Lemley, Don and Ellen Baer, guest of Art Kohler, and Sara Hyde, guest of Jan Griffin.

Announcements

Dick led off the announcements, with a segue of his own, on his conversation with his children on different branches of government, which led

him wondering to what happened to Civics classes?!

He then introduced Sara Hyde from the Pasco School District, who sponsors Enterprise Week in conjunction with Washington Business Week for a number of years.



Local high school seniors are put in small teams, to run their own business. Each team makes marketing, finance and production plans and then competes against teams of their peers. Each team has a company advisor, which is a volunteer from the community, and many of their advisors have come from local Rotary clubs. Sara said there are brochures on each table to

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (2S)(B)	Larry D. Jecha	Jerry J. McGuire (2S)(B)	Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)
Steve Arneson (1R)	Darrel Johnsen (2S)	Kathy Miller (5S)	Tom Watkins (D)(B)
Jeremy Asmus (2S)	Roy Keck	Robert D. Nichols	Ken Williams (5S)
Jim Bauer (4S)	Scott Keller	Debbie Noguera	Hal Williamson (DD)(B)
Bob Best (2S)(B)	Shelley Kennedy	Greg Oberg (4S)(B)	Jack D. Zinn (4S)
Tom Bock (1R)(B)	Tom Kirchner (1R)(B)	Thomas M. O'Brien (2S)	(B) Benefactor
Gordon Bopp (1S)	Phillip Koech	Jon M. Putz (6S)	(D) Diamond PHF
Blaine Carr (5S)	Art D. Kohler (D)(B)	Cindy Reents (1S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B)	Dave Larkin (D)	Dick Richter (1S)	(R) Ruby
Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B)	Pamela Larsen (4S)(B)	Robert Rivera	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Jeanne Dillner (2S)	Bob D. Larson (4S)(B)	Pete Rogalsky (1S)	(S) Sapphire
Barbara French (D)	Phil Lemley (2S)	Gary Scofield (4S)(B)	(#S) Multiple Sapphires
Julie Funfar	Tim Lewis (2S)	Anjan K. Sen (1S)	
Linda Gilmore (2S)	Yosen Liu (1S)	Chris Senske (1S)	
Jan Griffin (1S)	Larry Lowry (3S)(B)	Rick Schulte	
Pat Haggerty	Bing Manawadu	Bill R. Siefken (1R)	
Leslie Hawkins (1S)	Mike McAndrew (1S)	Mike Sinclair	
Diahann Howard	Grant McCallum (3S)	Mark Smith (5S)(B)	
Jan Jackson (2S)	Bill McCue (1S)	Bob Tibbatts (1S)	

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Club Service.....Pat Hollick
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International Service.Pete Rogalsky
New Generations.....Jan Jackson
Fellowship & Fund Raising.Cynthia Vaughn

sign up, and if you are interested and have questions, you can go to their website, enterprise@psd1.org or call 509-543-6700.

Jon Putz announced he had two large pails of Granny Smith apples in his trunk, which he doesn't want to take home, and said the first two to raise their hands would get the apples, which were then claimed by Linda Gilmore and Mike Sinclair.



Mike Winegardner reminded the club that November 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. John Germ, this year's Rotary President is urging all members to donate at least \$26.50 to the Fund this year, and donations will support Polio Plus, and count toward Paul Harris points.

Jim Bauer said in the tradition of bringing back a trip souvenir for auction, he played golf last week in Sedona, Arizona with Maury Wills, who played with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Maury signed a baseball, with his name, followed by MVP, 1962, and also shared a number of great baseball stories from his career with Jim who recounted them to our club. After multiple bids, Dick Richter won the autographed ball for \$125.00, to benefit the Rotary Foundation.

50/50

After last week gave us a winner of the full pot, we are now starting over, so we have \$30 in today's pot. The first number was drawn and read, and it took a minute for Ken Williams to realize it was his, and he elected to take the \$10 consolation prize. The second number belonged to Jon Putz, but he drew a blue chip.

Judge Tom O'Brien

Tom opened the judicial session with kudos for all those who worked at the Duck Race. He said it was a great team effort, and although he preferred that he not have to see the photo of Ken Williams with his shirt off, he saluted Ken for getting in the river to corral all those ducks! He then asked for donations in honor of all the sports highlights of the last week: WSU fans should be happy with their win in the desert, a first in many years against ASU. Tom asked for donations from Gordon Bopp for Stanford's score, and Jon Putz for the Huskies. He said he meant to ask for a donation from Diahann Howard or Eastern Washington's team, but since she is not here, he suggested her tablemates donate in her absence.



C. Mark Smith said he donate for that and the Alabama team performance.

Tom then did a table by table quiz of Halloween Trivia, with mixed results, but additional donations. However, we did learn that Halloween originated in Ireland, the first Jack-O-Lantern was carved from a turnip, if you look into a mirror at midnight on Halloween, you can see your future wife or husband, the pumpkin originated in Central America, and if you're born on Halloween you can talk to the Spirits! For other Brags, Jim donated for the time he was away and his 20th wedding anniversary, Pat Haggerty for a visit next week to a favorite aunt, who is celebrating her 90th birthday, Ken Williams in support of Enterprise Week, and Tom O'Brien for an upcoming visit to Las Vegas, which is very scary at Halloween!

Program

Dick Richter said that our planned speaker, Colleen French, was ill today, but Pam Larsen had agreed to give her presentation on the creation of the Manhattan Project National Historic Park in the past year. Pam started the program with a photo of the Secretaries of the Interior and Energy, and Director of the National Park Services signing the papers on November 10, 2015 for the creation of the park. (Thanks to Sara Hyde for taking over the projector and restoring the presentation when a couple of our guys were stumped). It was a historic day, a culmination of years of work by so many in the Tri-Cities to preserve the heritage of the Hanford project.



Other photos included raising the National Park Service flag over B Reactor, and the first elementary school children visiting the B Reactor. This year, April to November 2016, marked the first year of tours of the B Reactor and Hanford site. In 2016 we saw 14,000 visitors, up from 10,000 in 2015, and there were 1800 pre-tour visits to the Reactor, up from 800 in 2015.

Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Dave Larkin (4/04)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Pam Larsen (2/95)	Tom Watkins (9/11)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Bob Larson (6/90)	James Watson (4/12)
James Bauer (1/09))	Phil Lemley (6/06)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Bob Best (4/90)	Tim Lewis (10/03)	Hal Williamson (4/88)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Blaine Carr (12/09))	Bing Manawadu (10/86)	
Travis Clifton (10/16)	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Grant McCallum (9/91)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Chris Meiers (12/15)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Debbie Nogueras (8/15)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Dewayne Halstad (8/16)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Leslie Hawkins (11/12)	Jon Putz (5/81)	
Pat Hollick (8/10)	Dick Richter (6/08)	
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Robert Rivera (7/09)	
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Pete Rogalsky (7/05)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Chris Smith (8/10)	
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)	Mark Smith (3/01)	
Tom Kirchner (3/81)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)	
Phillip Koech (8/13)	Greg Tripp (6/11)	
Art Kohler (2/87)	Cynthia Vaughn (12/14)	

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn &
General James Mattis

Number of Members
as of July 1, 2016

74

Current Members:
75

Gained:

Dewayne Halstad & Travis Clifton

Lost:
Bill McCue



After the Los Angeles Times did a story in its travel section on the creation of the National Park this year, we saw a surge of inquiries to Visit Tri-Cities, demonstrating how much interest there is in our larger region.

Pam said a 501c3 organization that was created earlier and was no longer used was transferred to the National Park, so they have a vehicle for fundraising and receipt of donations. There is also provision for acceptance of volunteers in different capacities, including restoration, like stonemason work on aging buildings that are part of the site. WSU Tri-Cities has taken over responsibility for Hanford artifacts as of 9/30/2016, and they will curate and preserve those artifacts. This involves work by faculty and students, and the collection can be expanded and available electronically as well as physically. The Tri-Cities has formed a National Park Service Committee to support the development of the park.

While both Oak Ridge and Los Alamos have other national parks in their vicinities, that is not the case here. There was a lot of discussion about the appointment and location of the permanent superintendent of the new park, and that person will be stationed in Denver. There are also a number of community events to highlight the park. Pam discussed the recent concert done by the Mid Columbia Mastersingers at B Reactor, which was very successful. This was filmed by the National Geographic channel for later broadcast. A Bike Ride around the site ending at B Reactor was sponsored by REI, which consisted of a 15 miles loop, tour of the reactor and a 1940s style lunch.

Coming in 2017 will be expanded public access, improved outreach to area public schools, involvement with the STEM experiences and programs in our schools, and expansion of volunteer opportunities. Pam answered several questions on the state of the other buildings designated to be part of the park: the original Hanford High School, White Bluffs Bank, Bruggeman family warehouse and the Pump House. She said that there was some monies allocated to restore the bank, and that work is almost done. There is not money allocated for construction of the Visitor Center, and other funding needs, and Pam noted that the signing of the law for the creation of the park so late last year meant that there was not the chance to put in a request for the next year's budget, so it will have to wait for the next cycle of federal budget development. C. Mark Smith added that the stern wheeler River cruise ships does tours every week to the B Reactor with 25 to 40 people each time.

Hal's Humor

There was a haunted house on the outskirts of the town, which was avoided by all the townfolk - all feared the ghost that 'lived' there.

However, an enterprising journalist decided to get the scoop of the day by photographing the fearsome phantom on Halloween. When he entered the house, armed with only his camera, the ghost descended upon him, clanking chains et al. He told the ghost "I mean no harm - I just want your photograph". The ghost was quite happy at this chance to make the headlines - he posed for a number of ghostly shots.

The happy journalist rushed back to examine his photos. Unfortunately, they turned out to be dark and underexposed.

So what's the moral of the story?

The spirit was willing but the flash was weak.