

# **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 November**

Nov 3 – John LaFemina, PNNL Progress/Future  
Nov 10 – Veterans Day  
Nov 17 – Sharon Brown, Legislative Update  
Nov 24 – Fellowship Thanksgiving

## **Preliminaries**

President Larry called the meeting to order, and called on Cynthia Vaughn as Song Leader. In honor of Oktoberfest, she led the club in the singing of “Edelweiss”, whose words she had distributed to all tables. She also asked members to put notes on the reverse side of the paper, if anyone would volunteer to be a song leader, and for suggestions on favorite songs members would like to be sung at a future meeting.

## **Visitors**

Larry Jecha announced that Jeff Daniels was a visiting Rotarian from Columbia Center club, and the guests were: Jonas Richter, guest of Roy Keck; Stephen Mulder, guest of Pat Hollick; and

Mark Panther, guest of Jon Putz. Jonas is the Rotary Exchange student this year at Hanford High School, coming from Germany, and he spoke briefly on his background and interests.

## **Student of the Month**

Pam Larsen introduced our first Student of the Month for this school year, Lauren Hall, who was here with her parents, Jim and Stacy Hall. Lauren is a senior at Richland High School, with a 3.95 GPA, and active in student government, co-captain of the Swim Team, and volunteer at the Grace Clinic Food Cupboard and with the Buddy Club, working with a special needs student in various activities, including the Special Olympics.



## **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

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

## **Officers**

President .....Larry Lowry  
President Elect.....Dick Richter  
Secretary.....Bob Tibbatts  
Treasurer.....Kathy Miller  
Foundation Treasurer.Mike Winegardner  
Past President.....Linda Bauer

## **Directors**

Meeting Service.....Larry Jecha  
Club Service.....Robert Rivera  
Community Service...Pat Haggerty  
International Service.Pete Rogalsky  
New Generations.....Jan Jackson  
Fellowship & Fund Raising.Linda Gilmore

## ***Announcements***

Jim Bauer thanked all the members who came out to volunteer with him for the Highway 240 cleanup on Saturday: Linda Gustafson, Leslie Hawkins, Philip Koech, Phil Lemley, Dick Richter and Mike Winegardner. In the tradition of highlighting the most interesting “find” of the cleanup, Jim auctioned off a cell phone that was found to Chris Smith for \$7.00 for the Foundation! Jim also reminded the club of the 20 rounds of golf that he and Linda won, and the tournament this Saturday to use those rounds (golf is free; cart rental is \$13), with donations going to the Greg Warner Nursing Scholarship fund. It’s a scramble tournament beginning at 7:30 am in West Richland, but if you’re participating you should be there by 7-7:15 to get a cart, etc. Jim needs to give a count by Friday to the golf course, so if you are interested, please let him know by today or tomorrow.



## ***50/50***

Gary Scofield announced there was \$99 in the pot, and Chris Smith got the first number, but didn’t draw the white chip..... however, Chris made a comeback when he had the second number in his 5 ticket purchase, so he received the \$10.00 consolation prize. Is that luck or what?!

## ***Judge Jeanne Dillner***

Jeanne opened the judging saying she expected a donation from Chris Smith for his incredible luck in the 50/50. She also thanked Scott Keller for his participation in the SIGN fund raiser this past Saturday night. They had a terrific auctioneer, and SIGN raised over \$200,000 for their work around the world. Jon Putz added that he had the opportunity to speak with Scott’s girlfriend at the event, and she even spoke quite highly of him. Jeanne said that she and Dr. Zirkle are leaving on 11/6 for Kabul, Afghanistan, and asked for prayers for their safe travels. A large earthquake struck parts of Afghanistan and Pakistan yesterday, and SIGN’s work with physicians there will be very important in helping to treat the victims.



Judge Jeanne asked for Brags and Confessions, and Jan Griffin said she was donating the \$200 worth of groceries she won in the Duck Race for Thanksgiving food baskets, and also for her birthday, which took place earlier in the month when she wasn’t here. Ian Napier did a public service announcement on behalf of the Red Lion employees, who were having a pumpkin decorating contest, and encouraged the members to stop out front and vote on their favorite! Shelley Kennedy donated for a great meeting in Las Vegas, and Barbara French for today marking 49 years since she came from England, to land in the United States at the airport in Seattle.

Jeanne said she had a supply of Pardon Me Cards for \$50, which means no putting dollars on the table during Judging, and all proceeds go to the Foundation. Jim Bauer said that the Benton County Commissioners had just passed a ban on marijuana cultivation for certain sized parcels in rural parts of Benton County, which meant that the area near his home would be included in this ban. Pam Larsen donated for the Reach Interpretive Center, which also had a fund raiser this past Saturday, encouraging Rotarians to visit the Center if they haven’t, and to become a member and support to this important community resource. Jacqui Wright donated \$10 because she had planned to join the

highway cleanup group on Saturday, but had to fill in for short staffing the night before, and didn't get home until 2 AM! Jan Griffin then donated on behalf of the women in Rotary, as the Red Lion finally had all toilets in their first floor women's rest room functional for the first time in a year, which brought a cheer from the members!

### **Program**

Shelley Kennedy introduced Blaze Titus, director at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Kennewick, who spoke on several topics related to planning and preparation for funeral arrangements. He has spoken on this topic for many organizations, including Kadlec, and acknowledged that many people do not like talking about death and planning for end of life. However, it is extremely important that you say what kind of arrangements you want, so your wishes are known and can be honored after your death.



He asked the members how many people had designated organ donation on their driver's license? This eases the way for donation of

## **Richland Rotary Members**

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

**Honorary Members**  
**Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn & General James Mattis**

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

**79**

**Current Members:**

**74**

**Gained:**

Debbie Noguerras

**Lost:**

Kim Pietrok, Chris Meiers,  
John Darrington, Greg Warner, Rick  
Jansons & Drew Haninger



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organs or tissues as appropriate after death and gives that gift to others after you have passed. He added that the costs of organ donation are borne by the organizations handling the donation, not the estate of the deceased. In the case of donation for medical research, you should check with the university or medical school before death, as costs may vary depending on timing of death and the school's needs and space, and the family may have to pay for preparation of the body or handling of cremation after research is concluded.

He discussed veterans' benefits for burial, and said that there is zero cost for veterans, spouse and disabled child, to be buried in a National veterans cemetery. While there may be restrictions on availability in certain locations, like Arlington National Cemetery or the Presidio, which now only accepts urns, most all of the others have room. You need to look at options in your state or region, but there is likely space available at a National cemetery in your state or region, and this planning should be done ahead of time. In Washington, the national veterans cemetery is located in Kent.

Mr. Titus said that cremation is becoming a much more frequent choice for permanent disposal of remains, and here in the Tri-Cities the rate is about 70% cremation. He urged those considering cremation to also speak to how they want to have their ashes handled; burial or scattering. Ashes left in storage or in a closet of a family home, long after the person has passed, present problems to those left to deal with the remains. They may have not known the person or their wishes. Contrary to the popular belief that cemeteries are running out of room for burials, most cemeteries have room and additional space for expansion.

Mr. Titus concluded by emphasizing the importance of planning, and each one of us communicating to our family members our wishes for burial or cremation, and where and how those should be carried out. This may be difficult to discuss now, but it helps your family at a time of loss to do what you wanted.

### ***Hals Humor***

On the day of my big job interview I woke up late. Frantically I threw on a suit. "OH NO!" I thought. "MY TIE! My Dad was out of town and wasn't there to help me, and for the life of me I did not know how to tie a tie!

I grabbed a tie and ran out the door. "Excuse me sir," I said to the crossing guard, "I have an important job interview, can you please help me with this tie?"

"Sure" said the guard, "just lie down on this bench."

Well if someone was going to help me I wasn't going to ask any questions. After he finished and the tie looked good I just had to ask why I had to lie down.

"Well in my previous job I learned how to tie ties on other people when they were lying down. He replied. What was your previous job? I asked incredulously. "I ran a morgue." Was the reply.

### ***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