

Preliminaries

President Dick presided today asking Jim Bauer to come up as today's song leader. In honor of the Halloween, we sang the theme song for the Addams Family show. He had the words on the screen, but everyone seemed to know them, saying something about the age of our members!

Visitors & Guests

We had just one Visiting Rotarian, John Clement from Pasco Kennewick. There were no guests today.

Announcements

John Clement and Jeanne Dillner came forward for announcements. John went first and did most of Jeanne's by talking about the Wine and Dine



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Judy Addis (2S)(B) Steve Arneson (1R) Jeremy Asmus (2S) Jim Bauer (4S) Bob Best (2S)(B) Tom Bock (1R)(B) Gordon Bopp (1S) Blaine Carr (5S) Thomas A. Cowan (4S)(B) Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B) Jeanne Dillner (2S) Barbara French (D) Julie Funfar Linda Gilmore (28) Jan Griffin (1S) Pat Haggerty Leslie Hawkins (1S) Diahann Howard Jan Jackson (28)

Darrel Johnsen (2S) Roy Keck Scott Keller Shelley Kennedy Tom Kirchner (1R)(B) Phillip Koech Art D. Kohler (D)(B) Dave Larkin (D) Pamela Larsen (4S)(B) Bob D. Larson (4S)(B) Phil Lemley (2S) Tim Lewis (2S) Yosen Liu (1S) Larry Lowry (3S)(B) Bing Manawadu Mike McAndrew (1S) Grant McCallum (3S) Jerry J. McGuire (2S)(B)

Larry D. Jecha

Kathy Miller (5S) Robert D. Nichols Debbie Nogueras Greg Oberg (4S) (B) Thomas M. O'Brien (2S) Jon M. Putz (6S) Cindy Reents (1S) Dick Richter (1S) Robert Rivera Pete Rogalsky (1S) Gary Scofield (4S)(B) Anjan K. Sen (1S) Chris Senske (1S) **Rick Schulte** Bill R. Siefken (1R) Mike Sinclair Mark Smith (5S)(B) Bob Tibbatts (1S)) Sam R. Volpentest (2R)(B)

Tom Watkins (D)(B) Ken Williams (5S) Hal Williamson (DD)(B)) Jack D. Zinn (4S) (B) Benefactor (D) Diamond PHF (DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF (R) Ruby (#R) Multiple Ruby (S) Sapphire (#S) Multiple Sapphires

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for Sign fundraising event. This event is this Saturday at the Three Rivers Center at 6 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include silent and live auctions.

John has a few items up for auction, including

a limited edition photo of Red Mountain that Jeanne said is stunning. John also noted he had several 2017 calendars using his photos at the back



for \$15 each. He said \$12 of the \$15 goes back to Rotary. Over the past 5 years the calendars have raised over \$20,000 for Rotary! Jeanne added that she had previously reported a planned SIGN trip to Ethiopia, but I was cancelled due to riots in the area. Her next trip coming up shortly is to Myanmar and Bangladesh.

50/50

The pot this week was a whopping \$19. Ken had the ticket, but not the white chip. Steve Arneson got the \$10 prize.

Judge Larry Lowry

Stan Jones was slated to preside as judge today but couldn't make the meeting so Larry Lowry filled in! He quickly dispensed with items such as missing pins and moved on to start of the month items. Those with birthdays included Al Haggerty and Scott Keller, both 61; Dick Richter, 64; Ken Williams, 55; Blaine Carr, Jim Bauer and Julie Funfar, who did not comment on the number! Julie said she was older than Blaine and younger than Scott. Shelley Kennedy noted an anniversary, but the writer did not catch the number. Mike Winegardener celebrates 7 years in Rotary this month and Ian Napier has 8.



In brags, Jim Bauer squealed on Blaine, who is featured in an ad for his company. Jan Griffin said she was celebrating 7 years since she officially retired. Chris Smith told of riding his bike with a friend reaching Denio, Nevada near the southern Oregon border and noticing his tire was pretty bare of tread. He wrapped some duct tape around a few times and made it home just fine. Blaine put in for the winning Bomber football team. Ken talked about repairs and upgrades to a motor home getting ready for a trip.

Judge Larry had a couple of quiz questions. The first was what was the holiday occurring November 1? The answer was the Day of the Dead, also All Saints Day. Then he called on C. Mark Smith and asked "what is the third item of the Four Way Test list?" Mark paid \$3, but it is: Will it build goodwill and better friendships

Program

Diahann Howard stepped up to the podium to introduce today's speaker, Benton County District 1 Commissioner, Jerome Delvin. She spoke of working with him when he was a State Senator and Representative. Prior to that he spent 28 years with the Richland Police Department, and was a military police officer. He is a lifelong resident of Benton County. He and his wife Josie live in Richland. Josie is the County Clerk.

Mr. Delvin wanted to provide us with an update on Benton County. He started with the budget. The County works on a two-year budget and we are at the end of the 2015/16 budget. The current budget totals about \$126 million. The largest share of this, nearly half, is for salaries and benefits.



The other items include Capital project, contracting and supplies, facility upkeep and such. Money comes to the county mainly through tax revenues and fees from court filings. They get some funds

from the State earmarked for specific items, such as for ½ of judges' salaries and some from the State gas tax. More recently is the Public Safety tax that added revenue for policing and courts. The County is responsible District Courts, and Juvenile Court in a joint program with Franklin County. This is a major area of budget. Currently they have used about 88% of the allocated budget, which is about right for where we are in the year. If there are funds remaining form the operating budget, it is moved into Capitol Improvement funds. Commissioner Delvin discussed the Capital Budget projects. These include reroofing of the Justice Center, the Health District office and the Coroners offices.

In addition there is work going on inside the Justice Center to provide more working space. This project entailed creating office and work space on the upper level of the Justice Center, much of which has been used for records storage. He explained that the County has to maintain all records of court cases. Much of this has now been moved to Columbia Industries document storage facility and that are also doing some digitizing of records. He said that the County Clerks office has some records going back to 1894.

One other project includes some renovation of two expo halls at the County Fairgrounds. They decided to improve the existing structures rather than build a new one.

He then discussed use of the new Public Safety Tax funds. They are well under budget here, but that is due to the inherent delays of starting up, such as time for recruiting and training of deputies. They

Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89) Steve Arneson (3/02) Jeremy Asmus (10/07) James Bauer (1/09)) Bob Best (4/90) Tom Bock (3/76) Gordon Bopp (5/04) Blaine Carr (12/09)) Travis Clifton (10/16) Tom Cowan (4/80) Jeanne Dillner (8/01) Barbara French (11/98) Julie Funfar (7/13) Linda Gilmore (4/12) Jan Griffin (9/00) Linda Gustafson (3/08) Al Haggerty (4/12) Patricia Haggerty (4/12) Dewayne Halstad (8/16) Leslie Hawkins (11/12) Pat Hollick (8/10) Diahann Howard (4/08) Tom Huntington (5/16) Jan Jackson (6/00) Larry Jecha (8/97) Darrel Johnsen (8/97) Cynthia Johnson (6/09) Stan Jones (10/07) Roy Keck (10/04) Scott Keller (7/02) Shelley Kennedy (9/02) Tom Kirchner (3/81) Phillip Koech (8/13) Art Kohler (2/87)

Dave Larkin (4/04) Pam Larsen (2/95) Bob Larson (6/90) Phil Lemley (6/06) *Tim Lewis (10/03)* Yosen Liu (1/91) Larry Lowry (10/05) Bing Manawadu (10/86) Mike McAndrew (2/07) Patrick McBurney (6/09) Grant McCallum (9/91) Jerry McGuire (3/95) Chris Meiers (12/15) Kathy Miller (6/12) Ian Napier (11/08) Bob Nichols (8/97) Debbie Nogueras (8/15) Greg Oberg (1/88) Tom O'Brien (11/98) Jon Putz (5/81) Dick Richter (6/08) Robert Rivera (7/09) Pete Rogalsky (7/05) Gary Scofield (2/75) Rick Schulte (6/14) Anjan Sen (11/96) Chris Senske (1/80) Bill Siefken (4/87) Mike Sinclair (1/11) Chris Smith (8/10) Mark Smith (3/01) Bob Tibbatts (6/03) Greg Tripp (6/11) Cynthia Vaughn (12/14

Sam Volpentest (1/95) Tom Watkins (9/11) James Watson (4/12) Ken Williams (12/00) Hal Williamson (4/88) Mike Winegardner (11/09) Jacqui Wright (12/13)

Current Members: 75

Honorary Members Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn &

General James Mattis

Number of Members

as of July 1, 2016

74

Gained: Dewayne Halstad & Travis Clifton

> Lost: Bill McCue



have funded several projects using these funds: Nurse-Family Partnership, to increase capacity for nurse home visits; Kiona Benton Crime Prevention project in conjunction with the school districts; Overnight Emergency Youth Shelter which partners with Safe Harbor/My Friends Place; and the Prosser Teen Program in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club.

The 2017/2018 budget is still being worked on. After starting out with a \$3 million gap between funding and the baseline needs. They were getting close to balancing it when \$2.4 million in new requests came in. So they are trying to see what they can cover. A while back the Judges got a letter from the ACLU about how aggressively the County goes after fines levied in court, and some unfairness seen in the process. The letter was ignored so the ACLU, on behalf of a plaintiff, sued the County (judges can't be sued). They have now changed the practice, but the result is a loss of revenue and court costs to be paid. He mentioned some ways of trying to trim expenses, such as giving closer reviews to those who ask for a court appointed attorney. No one has been checking on financial need for those requests. There has been an increase in these requests and the court is requesting 2 new attorneys to cover the need. Instead, they may have one new employee to screen the requests instead.

Hal's Humor

A man goes to the doctor and tells him that he hasn't been feeling well. The doctor examines him, leaves the room and comes back with three different bottles of pills.

The doctor says, 'Take the green pill with a big glass of water when yu get up. Take the blue pill with a big glass of water after lunch. Then just before going to bed, take the red pill with another big glass of water.'

Startled to be put on so much medicine the man stammers, 'Hey doc, exactly what's my problem?'

The doctor says, 'You're not drinking enough water.'