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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

December Speaker Schedule

6th – Ogie Shaw, American & Childhood Obesity
13th – Dick Richter, Rotary Business Meeting
20th – Cynthia Vaughan, Christmas Program
27th – Alexis Newman, RYLA Presentation

Preliminaries

President Dick opened the meeting in a festively decorated room complete with Christmas tree. Cynthia Vaughn led us in the musical version of the Four Way Test. We need a bit more work!
There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today.

Announcements

Dick noted there were sign up sheets going around to sign up for stints as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army on December 16 and 17 at Wal-Mart. They are for 2 hours at a time. Dick added that the Columbia Center Rotary on this Thursday, December 1, has Brad Howard speaking. He has been on the Rotary International Board and is an excellent speaker. This is at the Rotary Event Center in Kennewick. He also announced that our December 13 meeting will not have a speaker, but will be a group discussion about fund raising.

There is waning interest in the Duck race and some other clubs have developed other fund raising efforts. Right now our club and Sunrise sell 60% of the race tickets. We need new ideas.

Jim Bauer offered to host a Christmas party at his and Linda's new house.

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 (2S)
Jan Griffin (1S)
Pat Haggerty
Leslie Hawkins (1S)
Diahann Howard
Jan Jackson (2S)
Larry D. Jecha
Darrel Johnsen (2S)
Roy Keck
Scott Keller
Shelley Kennedy
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)
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

Officers

President .....Dick Richter
President Elect.....Diahann Howard
Secretary.....Linda Gilmore
Treasurer.....Steve Arneson
Foundation Treasurer.Mike Winegardner
Past President.....Larry Lowry

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

He wanted to see how much interest there was in attending a party December 8. There was a pretty good response so Jim said he would get details out soon.

C. Mark Smith said he had 8 to 10 copies of his book on Sam Volpentest and Richland history that had been returned by bookstores. He was selling them for $5 each. Let him know if you are interested.

Mike Winegardner let us know that today is “Giving Tuesday” and Rotary is participating online. It would be a good time to donate if you were planning for that. He also noted we had received $205 from Sunrise Rotary for the John Clement calendars that our members purchased. We also got a nice note from the Elijah Family Homes. The club donated $1,500 of $2,400 needed to repair the roof on the house of a needy family in the area. They were very grateful for our help and report no more leaks.

Dick returned to the podium and asked Linda Gilmore and Stan Jones to come forward. He gave Linda a Paul Harris plus-3 pin in recognition of her donations to Rotary. The Board awarded a Paul Harris Stan for his work as Program Chair. Yea Linda and Stan!

50/50

Tim Lewis said there was a total of $34 in the pot. Robert Riviera had the right number but the wrong chip. Jon Putz won the $10 (second week in a row).

Judge Tom O’Brian

Judge Tom started off fining C. Mark for his advertising. Mark had a choice of $5 now or $2 per book. He opted for the $5. Tom cited Cynthia Vaughn for her vacation to Hawaii.

Judge Tom then asked if anyone had Christmas decorations or a tree up before Thanksgiving? Pam Larson-Brown acknowledged this. He asked that everyone was thankful for family and friends they were with for Thanksgiving to put in a dollar, and $5 if you were grateful they were finally gone.

He also asked who got up early and went out shopping on Black Friday, but there were none! Then it was on to sports, contributions for the Washington/Washington State game, Oregon/Oregon State game (with admiring words for the Beavers win). He said Diahann should contribute for her alma mater EWU going to the playoffs. By general consent, Tom skipped any discussion of the Seahawks game.

For Brags the Judge allowed C. Mark to brag about Alabama. Jon Putz spent the holiday with his wife at the Cameo Mansion and said it was very, very nice if expensive. Rick Schulte had a birthday last Thursday, and he was proud of the Richland high school making the State playoffs.

Pam Larson-Brown Noted the Washington State Attorney General was on the Today Show this morning and she was annoyed because he was saying there was a big issue with about vapor emissions. She said the DOE had spent $15 million in monitoring equipment and nothing above regulatory limits has been detected. Pam felt his comments were damaging to our community and businesses.

Ian spent Thanksgiving in New York with his wife. Gary Scofield put in for being in the Bahamas with his wife, son, daughter in law and two grandchildren. Julie Funfar was talking about visiting ballparks, in particularly the Cubs Wrigley Field. Bob Larson spent 18 days in Hawaii with kids and grandkids. They went out to see the new Movie Dr. Strange. He thought it was terrible.

Program

Stan Jones briefly introduced our own Dr. Rick Schulte, Richland School Superintendant. Rick said he wanted to talk about the School Bond coming up for a vote in February, but wanted to start by showing what the District did with the last Bond from 2013. The 2013 Bond was for $92 Million and the State matched with an additional $62M. The money has been used for:
Installation of a HVAC system for Chief Joseph School to meet the needs of the school;
Safety improvements at Fran Rish Stadium on the Visitors side including 2000 new aluminum seats that are handicapped accessible, new bathrooms and safety improvements;

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)
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)

Honorary Members
Bob DeLorenzo, Jack Zinn & General James Mattis

Number of Members as of July 1, 2016
74
Current Members:
74

Gained:
Dewayne Halstad & Travis Clifton

Lost:
Bill McCue & Tom Kirchner

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

Four new elementary schools: a new Marcus Whitman, Sacajawea, Orchard and Lewis and Clarke, plus a middle school to open in 2018 in West Richland;
The Homelink Campus using prefabricated construction.

The new schools are modern and updated and larger than the older schools and have better security features. They are also equipped with wireless computer connections, separate gyms and cafeterias, smart boards and LED lighting. The new buildings have an energy efficiency of 98% versus about 60% in the old buildings. The space was badly needed as Orchard Elementary is 72,000 square feet, much larger than the older schools and is already almost full. The increase in classroom space allows smaller classes to meet State goals. All of these were accomplished in three years!

With the middle school on Keene Road, the District also bought the adjacent 70 acres for a future new high school. That will be for later, not in the 2017 Bond plan.

For the 2017 Bond there are more schools planned. Between 2013 and 2016 there were 2000 new students added to the system. The estimates are that the district will have need of 110 more classrooms by 2020. Therefore the new bond ($99M in bonds and an estimated $42M from the State) will cover replacement of the Tapteal and Badger Mountain schools and two new elementary schools, one on Bradford Blvd the other in a location TBD.

The district will also do improvements to the home side of Fran Rish, make improvements at both Richland and Hanford high schools and construct a new District office and training building for employees. Dr. Schulte asked that we please support the bond vote on February 14.

Hal's Humor

A hermit leaves the solitude of his rural home and ventures into town for the first time in his life to try to get a loan.

Inside the bank, he tells the manager, "I want to borrow $10,000 to build a bathroom in my house."
"I don't believe I know you," says the manager. "Where have you done your business before?"
The hermit replies, "Out back in the woods."