

RICHLAND **ROTARY REACTOR**

December 8, 2015

Editor: *Leslie Hawkins*
 Editor Emeritus: *Hal Ellner*
 Design: *Jan Jackson*
 Web Site: *www.richlandrotaryclub.org*

• 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 December

15th – Tim Arnsen, Port of Kennewick
 22nd – Miss Tri-Cities, Christmas Program
 29th – Stella Pederson, Powerful Connections
 Mentoring

Preliminaries

President Larry called the meeting to order, and then called upon our Song Leader Cynthia Vaughn. She led the club in the singing of the National Anthem, a tradition for many Rotary clubs. Tim announced there were no guests nor any visiting Rotarians today.

Announcements

Bob Larson announced that the Paul Harris Board was up for its second week, and urged members to sign up for a square, or two, or more! You can have your signature on a square for \$10, and the goal is to raise \$1000, the club matches for \$2000, and get



a 2 for 1 match from the Gates Foundation, to total \$6000 to benefit Polio Plus.

Linda Bauer did the second reading of the nominations for 2016-2017 Officers and Directors. The proposed officers are: Diahann Howard, President-Elect, Secretary, Linda Gilmore, Club Treasurer, Steve Arneson, Foundation Treasurer, Mike Winegardner, and Directors Pat Hollick, Roy Keck, Philip Koech, and Cynthia Vaughn.



Jim Bauer said that he and Linda were hosting a Christmas gathering at Goaty Hill on December 18th at 7:00 pm, a fund raiser for the Mid Columbia Mastersingers, who will sing that evening.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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

Officers

PresidentLarry 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

Wine and appetizers will be provided, and donations will be accepted for the Mastersingers. They need a head count for the food and wine, so please reply through Clubrunner or an email to Linda this week.

Chris Smith mentioned the “What is Rotary” business card sized information on each table, and said since every Rotarian is involved in membership by spreading the word about Rotary, he suggested keeping one or two in a wallet or another handy location to give out to those we talk with or who express interest in Rotary. He also said that he was sending around two sympathy cards around the room, for Phil Lemley, who recently lost his adopted son.



Larry Lowry recounted that after making the comment last week about two cases of paralytic polio in Ukraine, our speaker, Sergeant Viktor Halatchenko, who's family is from Ukraine, asked him “what is polio?” This may be a sign that we are winning the war against polio as it becomes so very rare that the younger population no longer know it nor have the fear carried by earlier generations about this disease.

Larry then called up Pete Rogalsky, and presented him with his Paul Harris fellowship pin and certificate, congratulating him on his support of the Rotary Foundation.



50/50

Tim Lewis announced there was \$192.00 in the pot. The first number drawn was Gary Scofield's, but he drew a blue chip. The \$10 consolation prize went to Stan Jones.

Judge Tom Kirchner

Judge Tom asked if there were any December birthdays or anniversaries that weren't recognized last week. Al said that he would donate as he and Pat would be celebrating their 38th anniversary on December 20th. Tom said that all Husky and Cougar fans should donate for their teams as both would be going to a bowl game, although skepticism was high about the Huskies' chances in a bowl game. He also asked for donations for the Seahawk fans as the season comes closer to the playoffs.



Tom Cowan donated for the sale of his home and the new location of his office, in the Port of Benton building. Jeanne Dillner donated in honor of her new Volvo, and its capabilities, which she and her husband even tested out in snow conditions near Timberline Lodge, that they sought out after their purchase. Jim Bauer suggested a donation from Dick Richter for his project being mentioned in the Tri-City Herald, and Ian Napier donated for his upcoming trip home to Scotland during the holidays. Mark Smith gave in honor of the Alabama Crimson Tide and their standing as one of the top teams in college football. Cynthia Vaughn spoke about the generosity of the Tri-Cities community as an AGO Choral Concert just raised over \$4000 for the Food bank. Jan Griffin donated in honor of her sister who has been recovering, getting up and moving against the predictions made during a recent hospitalization.

Program

The speaker today is our own Pete Rogalsky, Director of Public Works for City of Richland. Pete had presented an update on the city's projects and challenges at an August program, but ran out of time, so he is here to talk about Public Works Update, part 2! He discussed the status of the Duportail Bridge over the Yakima River, which will ease congestion from the Queensgate area and other side of the river. This project has been advanced significantly in the past year, due to its inclusion in the projects to be funded with the additional gasoline tax passed by the state legislature.

The bridge project has gone through about 4 years of applications for permits through the State and federal government, including the Army Corps of Engineers (easement due to



the river) and FEMA, but that is expected to be complete in 2016. The state approved \$20 million for this project, of the total \$37 million cost, and they are planning a construction start in late 2017. As part of that project, improvements will

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



Be a gift to the world

be, or have been made, to Duportail and Stevens Extension. There is a section of Duportail that is already sufficiently wide to accommodate the off street parking and pedestrian and bike lanes. Pete said it was interesting to discover how wide the easement for Duportail Road was in the residential neighborhood, considering it was laid out 70+ years ago. The city will not have to take any residential land to widen the road. A small amount of land will be needed on Duportail on the Queensgate side the river, and the city is in discussions with the landowner.

In response to questions on other projects, Pete said that the deliberation of options for relief of congestion on George Washington Way, which generated a lot of community discussion and some opposition earlier this year, was still underway, but was taking a backseat to the bridge project, so would not be decided for a while. When asked about a new City Hall, Pete said the city is in discussions with the GSA regarding land at the north end of the federal building parking lot. Design work will go on in 2016 and construction may occur in 2017.

Hals Humor

Freddy Fish and Sam Clam were the best of friends, and did everything together. One day, though, both perished in a freak mishap. Freddy Fish went to heaven, and immediately looked around for his best friend. Not finding him, he asked St. Peter where Sam was.

"Sorry, he didn't make it in."

"You mean he's down there?" asked Freddy.

"Yes."

"Well, I want to go see him!"

"This is highly unorthodox," said St. Peter. "I'll ask the big guy."

Moments later St. Peter returned and said:

"You can go, but you can only stay for one hour."

"Great!" said Freddy, and grabbed his harp before anyone changed their minds. He went to the elevator, and went down.

When the elevator doors opened, Freddy saw a huge sign:

SAM'S DISCOTHEQUE

He went in, and discovered that his old friend ran the place. They sat down and reminisced about old times, and had a few drinks. Time flew by, and when Freddy noticed his watch, he saw that he had fifteen seconds left to return. He jumped out of his chair, yelled a goodbye to Sam Clam, and raced to the elevator.

The elevator doors opened in heaven with only one second to spare. St. Peter was standing there with a stopwatch. "You just barely made it," said St. Peter.

"I know," panted Freddy, out of breath. "But I have to go back there!"

"What do you mean!?" asked an incredulous St. Peter.

So Freddy Fish says (* groan *):

"I left my harp in Sam Clam's Disco!"

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