



RICHLAND

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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

December Speaker Schedule

20th – Hanford High School Varsity Chamber Choir

27th – Alexis Newman, RYLA Presentation

Preliminaries

President Dick called on Julie Funfar as our Song Leader, who led the club with “Jingle Bells”, getting us more into the holiday mood!

Larry Jecha said that the Hanford High choir will be here next week, with cost of 27 meals to cover. We’ve had two meal donations, but need a lot more, so members were urged to donate \$14 at the back table to cover at least one student meal. Many donations were made then and can also be done next week when you pay for your own meal.

Jon Putz reminded the club that we do a collection at the holiday for the Red Lion staff, which so do such a good job taking care of our club needs, and individual needs. We will do the

collection next Tuesday, and since Jon will not be here, Larry Lowry will collect the donations, to present to the staff.

There were neither visiting Rotarians nor guests at today’s meeting.

Announcements

Jim Bauer said that the Christmas gathering at his home was postponed from 12/8 due to a winter storm, and is now scheduled for Thursday, 12/22 at 6:30 pm. This is an Appetizer and Drinks menu, and the Bauers will have Ham, so bring your favorite beverage and appetizer. Parking is available next door, near the community pool, and if you have questions/need directions, call Jim.



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 (6S)

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 (1S)

Debbie Noguera

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

PresidentDick Richter

President Elect.....Diahann Howard

Secretary.....Linda Gilmore

Treasurer.....Steve Arneson

Foundation Treasurer.Mike Winegardner

Past President.....Larry Lowry

Directors

Meeting Service.....Phillip Koech

Club Service.....Pat Hollick

Community Service.....Roy Keck

International Service.Pete Rogalsky

New Generations.....Jan Jackson

Fellowship & Fund Raising.Cynthia Vaughn

Bob Tibbatts announced that Darrel Johnsen's son, Brent, was severely injured in an auto accident over the weekend, so please keep his family in your prayers.

President Dick asked Blaine Carr and Bob Nichols to come to the front, and presented Blaine with his Paul Harris +6, and Bob with his Paul Harris +1. Congratulations Blaine and Bob, and thanks to them for their support of Rotary Foundation!



50/50

Larry Jecha said there was \$54 in the pot. Jeremy Asmus got the first number, but drew the wrong chip. Gordon Bopp had the second number, and received the \$10 consolation prize.

Judge Ian Napier

Judge Ian opened the judiciary session by asking for donations from those without their Rotary badges or pins, and anyone arriving a little late. He solicited donations for birthdays and anniversaries in December that haven't been recognized so far this month. Kathy Miller donated for her 14th anniversary on 12/31, Judy Addis for her birthday on 12/2, Cynthia Vaughn for her 2 year Rotary anniversary, and Al and Pat Haggerty and Tim Lewis were both celebrating 39th wedding anniversaries this month. Judge Ian asked how everyone was enjoying the snow, which made our community look very Christmas-like, but also made for some very challenging driving.



Judge Ian then launched into a review of sports activities for the past week, suggesting donations from besieged Seahawks fans, those rooting for the Cowboys, and those celebrating Army's win over Navy, for first time since 2001. Julie Funfar donated for a raffle benefiting the Princess Theater in Prosser. The tickets are \$10, and the prize is travel package to the Super Bowl, worth \$9300, so see her if you want to be the winner of this great deal. Larry Lowry donated for the time he spent down at Stanford University, when he also read a story about the Kamiakin Braves while there. Jim donated for Bikes for Tikes, a community event that has 200+ volunteers assembling over 2000 bikes in Kennewick for needy children; a great gift for those children and group experience by the volunteers doing so much good. Jon Putz donated for his upcoming Caribbean Cruise, and Ian offered Jon to give him tips from his considerable cruise experience!

We then went to the table-by-table quiz, using questions from one to two months ago, testing our memory, which excelled or lagged, depending on table and topic! How many Category 5 hurricanes have made landfall? 3. What were the countries that celebrated Thanksgiving besides U.S. and Canada? Nigeria, Grenada and St. Lucia. What is the population of Kennewick? 79,000. What was the first year of the Duck Race? 1989. Who led the Gunpowder Revolution? Guy Fawkes. What is the wettest city in the U.S.? Mobile, Alabama. Where did Robert Boyle come from? Ireland. What was the name of the bomb dropped on Nagasaki? Fat Man.

Program

President Dick said that we didn't have a speaker today, and instead we'd have a discussion of some of topics discussed by the Board, for which feedback would be helpful. The first topic was whether we wanted to continue to be a singing club? Most members felt we should continue singing; some saying it was an energizing way to start out the meeting. However, the selection of songs with familiar tunes, or well-known songs was encouraged. Also, it would be helpful to have the words on the screen. However, our laptop is old so we don't have additional USB ports to connect to song music and words, and some members felt the laptop should be upgraded with newer one to accommodate this need. Use of the Rotary song books was also suggested. A vote was taken and approved continued singing as part of our meeting.



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)
Bob Best (4/90)	Yosen Liu (1/91)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Tom Bock (3/76)	Larry Lowry (10/05)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Gordon Bopp (5/04)	Bing Manawadu (10/86)	
Blaine Carr (12/09))	Mike McAndrew (2/07)	
Travis Clifton (10/16)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)	
Tom Cowan (4/80)	Grant McCallum (9/91)	
Jeanne Dillner (8/01)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)	
Barbara French (11/98)	Chris Meiers (12/15)	
Julie Funfar (7/13)	Kathy Miller (6/12)	
Linda Gilmore (4/12)	Ian Napier (11/08)	
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Bob Nichols (8/97)	
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Debbie Noguerras (8/15)	
Al Haggerty (4/12)	Greg Oberg (1/88)	
Patricia Haggerty (4/12)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)	
Dewayne Halstad (8/16)	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)	
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Gary Scofield (2/75)	
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Rick Schulte (6/14)	
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Anjan Sen (11/96)	
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Chris Senske (1/80)	
Cynthia Johnson (6/09)	Bill Siefken (4/87)	
Stan Jones (10/07)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)	
Roy Keck (10/04)	Chris Smith (8/10)	
Scott Keller (7/02)	Mark Smith (3/01)	
Shelley Kennedy (9/02)	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, 2016

74

Current Members:
74

Gained:
Dewayne Halstad & Travis Clifton

Lost:
Bill McCue & Tom Kirchner



The second topic was the Duck Race. We've been doing the race for 28 years, as joint project with the 5 Rotary clubs in the Tri-Cities. However, 3 of those clubs have developed other fund raisers to support their projects: Pasco-Kennewick sells Elephant Ears at the Fair, Columbia Center has the Bingo Palace, and Sunrise, their 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Roy Keck said his feeling was that the race would only be around a couple more years before the other clubs want to end it.

In recent years, a separate non profit organization was formed to operate the Duck Race. With that it has become more commercial, with less volunteer manpower, more paying to cover parts of the race. Last year we had \$235,000 in proceeds, and \$175,000 of that went back to the clubs. The ducks alone cost over \$30,000. About 80% of the man-hours on race day come from Richland Rotary, but we get about 30% of the funds going back to the clubs. Richland sells about 10,000 tickets, and Sunrise about 15,000 tickets, with the other clubs selling much less. With the development of major fund raisers in the other clubs, the question is whether how long will this be a fund raiser for all Tri-Cities' clubs, and if they decide to not continue, how does that affect our participation and/or ability to continue the race?

About \$27,000 comes to our club from the race, which supports our scholarships and community grants. This amount represents about \$361 raised per 74 members. With that being such a substantial amount, it would be difficult to replace those monies with another 1 or 2 events, as these take time to develop and become successful, and many other organizations are holding fund raising events, so there is a lot of competition. It probably is a good idea to develop other fund raising sources. One option is a beer truck during beer garden at John Dam Plaza and at other events. Getting to \$27,000 with another 1 or 2 events will take a while.

Kathy Miller commented that Banner Bank is a sponsor of the Duck Race (\$15,000) and supports this event because of what Rotary represents and its community services here, so she would want the Race to continue. It was asked if other clubs dropped out, could Richland continue the Race in partnership with another community organization?

There was also discussion about the challenges facing our club and all service clubs, to attract new and younger members that want to be part of Rotary's mission for service, and would work on fund raising. Finally, it was suggested that a smaller group be convened to talk about these fund raising issues in more depth; Duck Race and other events, and bring back ideas to the full club. Gordon Bopp agreed to chair this group.

Hal's Humor

T'was the week before Christmas and all through the school not a pupil was silent, no matter what rule. The children were busy with paper and paste; the mess that they made with it couldn't be faced.

The teacher half frantic and almost in tears, Had just settled down to work with her dears, when out in the hall there arose such a clatter up sprang the kids to see what was the matter!

Away to the door they all flew like a flash; the one who was leading went down with a crash. Then what to their wondering eyes did appear but a green Christmas tree! (To decorate I fear!)

When the teacher saw this, she almost grew sick. She knew in a moment it must be (the janitor) Old Nick! She ran to the door (all her efforts were vain) But she shouted, and stamped, and she called them by name;

"Now Tommy! Now Sandy, Now Judy and Harry! Stop Billy! Stop Robert! Stop Donny and Sherry! Now get to your places get away from the hall, now get away! Get away! Get away all!

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly the pupils, pell mell, started scurrying by. They ran to the blackboard and skipped down the aisle; their faces were shining and each had a smile.

First came a basket of popcorn to string - then came the Christmas tree (a menacing thing). As the tree was brought in there arose a great shout; the pupils were merrily romping about.

The state they were in could lead to a riot; the teacher was sure, if allowed, they would try it. Her nerves how they jangled! Her temples were throbbing! The rush of her breath sounded almost like sobbing!

The lines of her face were as fixed as a mask; it was plain that she didn't feel up to her task. The look in her eye would have tamed a wild steer, but the children ignored it; they did every year.

A tear from her eye and a shake of her head soon led me to think that she wished she were dead. She spoke not a word but went straight to her work, Strung all the popcorn which broke with a jerk.

But at last it was finished and placed on the tree; then came the bell and the children were free! Their shrill little voices soon faded away and peace was restored at the end of the day.

As she looked at the Christmas tree glistening and tall, She smiled as she whispered, Merry Christmas to all!