



RICHLAND

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ROTARY REACTOR

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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

Ring in the New; January Agenda

- 4th – Leo Bowman, Benton County Commissioner
- 11th – John Bookwalter/Wine Industry Update
- 18th – Jim Busey, Richland School Superintendent

New Year Neonates; January Birthdays

Mike McAndrew, Ernie Boston, Greg Holben, Walt Kirkpatrick, Marge O'Connell, Keith Woods, Jack Zinn, Cindy Johnson, Scott Barlow.

Officers and Directors: Nominees for 2011-2012. Next meeting we will vote for the following:

President—Tim Lewis. Treasurer--- Dick Richter. Secretary—Rick Jansens. Board: Stan Jones, Cindy Johnson, Linda Bauer, Jeanne Dillner, Ian Napier.

A Sapphire

Paul Harris +1 to Jan Griffin. In light of her solitary purchase of a diamond-bladed surgical knife for cataract surgery in Ethiopia, the award is but a small expression of praise for this humanitarian gesture.

Of Note

Lloyd showed a video of the delivery of 200 Coats for Kids. Hatzoff to the Community Service Committee, Jeremiah McGuire, Chairman.

Art Kohler, Keeper of the Roster Book, asks that all review their page therein for updates and errors. If any such issues occur, contact Art via the information on his roster page.

Greg W. and his Scholarship Committee took a victory lap in the case of Jereny Mendoza, chosen by them from River's Edge High School for a \$2K scholarship. Headed toward a career in environmental engineering at EWU, she has gotten an additional \$3K award for maintaining at least a 3.8 GPA.

Reiterated the Prezz: Lunch goes up \$1 to \$12, with a lunch card @\$156 for 13 repasts. Those with old cards should add \$1 each time.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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| Judy L. Addis (2S) | LeRoy Goff | Larry Lowry (S) | Bill R. Siefken (R) |
| Steve Arneson (2S) | Jan Griffin | Mike McAndrew | Mark Smith (3S) (B) |
| Jeremy Asmus | Greg Holben (S) | Grant McCallum (S) | Mike Spellman (3S) (B) |
| Bill Battershell (5S)(B) | Jan Jackson (S) | Bill McCue | Lloyd Swain (5S) (B) |
| Jim Bauer | Larry D. Jecha | Jerry J. McGuire (B) | Ruth Swain (4S)(B) |
| Linda Bauer | Darrel Johnsen | Richard L. McLean (5S) | William Taylor |
| Bob Best (2S)(B) | Cindy Johnson | Bing Manawadu | Bob Tibbatts |
| Tom Bock (5S)(B) | Roy Keck | Robert D. Nichols | Russell Treat (B) |
| Gordon Bopp (S) | Scott Keller | Greg Oberg (2S) (B) | Rampur S. Viswanath (4S) |
| Ernie Boston (D)(B) | Shelley Kennedy | Thomas M. O'Brien (2S) | Sam R. Volpentest (R)(B) |
| Dee Burrie | Tom Kirchner (4S)(B) | Marge O'Connell (DD)(B) | Gregory T. Warner (S) |
| Herb Cahn (4S)(B) | Walt Kirkpatrick (2S)(B) | Jon M. Putz (4S) | Ken Williams (4S) |
| Blaine Carr | Art D. Kohler (3R)(B) | Ed Revell (3S)(B) | Hal Williamson (DD)(B) |
| Thomas A. Cowan (2S)(B) | Dave Larkin (5S) | Dick Richter | Keith Woods (S)(B) |
| Bob De Lorenzo (D)(B) | Bob D. Larson (3S)(B) | Robert Rivera | Jack D. Zinn (3S) |
| Jeanne Dillner (S) | Pamela Larsen (3S)(B) | Ray K. Robinson (4S) | (B) Benefactor |
| Hal J. Ellner (R) | Dave Lemak (4S) | Ann Roseberry (S) | (D) Diamond PHF |
| Diane Fossum (2S) | Phil Lemley (S) | George Sanders (2S)(B) | (DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF |
| Phill Fossum (3S) | Tim Lewis (S) | Gary Scofield (3S) (B) | (R) Ruby |
| Barbara French (R) | Yosen Liu (S) | Anjan K. Sen (S) | (#R) Multiple Ruby |
| | | Chris Senske (S) | (S) Sapphire |
| | | | (#S) Multiple Sapphires |

Officers

PresidentDarrel Johnsen
President Elect..... Greg Holben
Secretary.....Diane Fossum
Treasurer.....Teri LeBlanc
Foundation Treasurer.....Kim Pietrok
Past President.....Grant McCallum

Directors

Club Service 'A'.....William Taylor
Club Service 'B'.....Tom O'Brien
Community Service.....Jan Griffin
Vocational Service...Jeremy Asmus
International Service...Phil Lemley

In re the District Conference, 6/9-6/11, in Spokane: A contingent from here of 20-30 would be ideal, in that we shall host the subsequent one and could learn from this experience. The cost of registration is \$275. The first 20 who register will receive a club rebate of \$100. Registration online by 12/31 saves \$50. With this arithmetic in mind, act with haste.

Grant, with a \$512 bonanza in our game of chance, donates it to a project in Viet Nam to help a group of nuns build a house. He has begun a collection from the club in support of this.

Quick draw at high noon netted no big \$15 winner.

Judge Jeanne

With \$300 needed to complete the judicial year's goal of \$7K, she did it with Pardon Me cards @\$50. She was the first to buy one. Court was abbreviated. Linda noted Jim's imminent retirement. Otherwise, a bit of palaver concerned an air gun/compressor.

Tri-City Food Bank

John Neill is executive Director of the Tri-City Food Bank. As such, he has an unobstructed view of this barometer of the direction of the economy. He provided some numbers that were, at the very least, disquieting.

Presently there are three food banks, located in Richland, Kennewick, and Benton City. They are staffed exclusively by volunteers, now numbering 110. Consequently, 98.5% of each dollar goes for food. Sixteen tons of food are distributed each week. The demand is increasing. It rose 15% in 2009 and another 10% in 2010. More is anticipated for 2011.

A diversity of volunteers consists of individuals, service clubs, and products of the court system. Judges sentence many to community service. While felons may not enjoy this type of "volunteering," it is preferable to incarceration.

High school students make enthusiastic volunteers. Collections occur every day of the year. There is a pickup at Albertson's at 7AM. Currently, Kennewick, with its low-income housing, receives 46% of the total, followed by Richland and Benton City. Nobody is turned away. All that is required is residency in one of the venues, a picture ID, and, for new clients, a statement of need. No proof of income is required.

50% of food comes from groceries. As food approaches expiration date, it is donated. Meat is obtained at cost, that is, the same price as would be fetched at a rendering plant. Game is accepted if it is wrapped commercially. Other sources are donations, food drives, and Second Harvest. This is a large source. Also, there are fresh vegetables from farmers and private gardens, resulting in a lot of tomatoes and zucchini in the fall.

The changes he has seen:

- The volume and mix of people are changing. Clients are often better dressed than previously. This bespeaks a drop in solvency among those who had independence in better economic times. In fact, many are uncomfortable at being seen at the food bank. It is made a point to avoid eye contact with them.
- The trend is to more unemployed and underemployed in the current economy. Thus arises the



greater dependence on the Food Bank. The process is made as compassionate and easy as possible on them, recognizing the pride factor.

- Clients declare the number of residents in their dwellings. As a result of our high rents, families are moving in together. Two and three families may now inhabit a unit. With the number of children and adults known, consignments are made accordingly.

The atmosphere is as close as possible to that of a grocery store. Nobody wants to be there. No questions are asked. Some consideration is given to nutrition, with less weight given to pastries and cereals.

What we can do:

- Food drives, as done by churches and the Boy Scouts.
- Cash drives, keeping in mind that for each dollar donated, \$3 worth of food can be bought.

The Kennewick facility, under heavy demand, is becoming obsolete. It is hoped to buy an adjoining lot and build a new food bank to meet the demand. A new freezer will soon be needed.

For the homeless, they customize food, there being no stoves, ovens, nor freezers. He gave the lugubrious estimate of 2500 homeless teens in Richland.

This was a poignant view into a less visible segment of our Land of Plenty.

Richland Rotary Members

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| Judy Addis (7/89) | Rick Jansons (10/09) | Marge O'Connell (10/03) |
| Steve Arneson (3/02) | Larry Jecha (8/97) | Marlene Oliver (7/10) |
| Jeremy Asmus (10/07) | Darrel Johnsen (8/97) | Kayla Pratt (11/10) |
| Bill Battershell (3/56) | Cynthia Johnson (6/09) | Kim Pietrok (9/08) |
| James Bauer (1/09) | Stan Jones (10/07) | Jon Putz (5/81) |
| Linda Bauer (1/09) | Roy Keck (10/04) | Justin Raffa (12/09) |
| Bob Best (4/90) | Scott Keller (7/02) | Ed Revell (6/08) |
| Tom Bock (3/76) | Shelley Kennedy (9/02) | Dick Richter (6/08) |
| George Booth (11/06) | Tom Kirchner (3/81) | Robert Rivera (7/09) |
| Gordon Bopp (5/04) | Walt Kirkpatrick (9/70) | Ray Robinson (2/87) |
| Ernie Boston (2/65) | Art Kohler (287) | Pete Rogalsky (7/05) |
| Dee Burrie (7/92) | Dave Larkin (4/04) | Ann Roseberry (1/10) |
| Jim Busey (12/10) | Pam Larsen (2/95) | George Sanders (10/06) |
| Herb Cahn (6/55) | Bob Larson (6/90) | Gary Scofield (2/75) |
| Blaine Carr (12/09) | Dan LeBlanc (2/09) | Don Segna (12/05) |
| Tom Cowan (4/80) | Terri LeBlanc (5/08) | Anjan Sen (11/96) |
| Bob De Lorenzo (3/88) | Dave Lemak (1/01) | Chris Senske (1/80) |
| Jeanne Dillner (8/01)) | Phil Lemley (6/06) | Bill Siefken (4/87) |
| Hal Ellner (8/83) | Tim Lewis (10/03) | Dan Skorski (1/10) |
| Bill Farris (4/10) | Yosen Liu (1/91) | Chris Smith (8/10) |
| Meredith Farris (2/10) | Larry Lowry (10/05) | Mark Smith (3/01) |
| Diane Fossum (8/07) | Bing Manawadu (10/86) | Mike Spellman (4/81) |
| Phill Fossum (11/03) | Mike McAndrew (2/07) | Lloyd Swain (8/89) |
| Barbara French (11/98) | Patrick McBurney (6/09) | Bill Taylor (7/07) |
| Bill Friend (3/09) | Grant McCallum (9/91) | Bob Tibbatts (6/03) |
| LeRoy Goff (8/08) | Greg McCann (1/10) | Russ Treat (1/92) |
| Jan Griffin (9/00) | Bill McCue (3/94) | Laura Turo (1/10) |
| Linda Gustafson (3/08) | Jerry McGuire (3/95) | Rampur Viswanath (6/95) |
| Tom Heidegger (1/09) | Dick McLean (10/85) | Sam Volpentest (1/95) |
| Greg Holben (4/06) | Dwight Montgomery (3/10) | Greg Warner (3/00) |
| Pat Hollick (8/10) | Ian Napier (11/08) | Ken Williams (12/00) |
| Shelley Horton (3/09) | Bob Nichols (8/97) | Hal Williamson (4/88) |
| Diahann Howard (4/08) | Greg Oberg (1/88) | Mike Winegardner (11/09) |
| Jan Jackson (6/00) | Tom O'Brien (11/98) | Keith Woods (1/97) |
| | | Jack Zinn (7/74) |

Honorary Members

***Herb Cahn
Ernie Boston
Mike Spellman
Bob DeLorenzo
Bill Battershell***

Number of Members

as of July 1, 2010

102

***Gained: Marlene Oliver, Pat
Hollick, Chris Smith,
Kayla Pratt & Jim Busey***

***Lost: Todd Dixon, Vic
Parrish, Scott Barlow &
Ruth Swain***

Current Members:

103



Last Jokes of the Year.

A porter loaded down with suitcases followed the couple to the airline check-in counter. As they approached the line, the husband glanced at the pile of luggage and said to the wife, "Why didn't you bring the piano, too?" "Are you trying to be funny?" she replied. "No, I really wish you had," he sighed. "I left the tickets on it."

Two elderly women were trying on shoes in a store.

When the salesman slipped a shoe onto the foot of one of them, the end of his tie got caught beneath her heel.

Unaware of his predicament, she stood up and started toward the mirror.

For a few seconds, the salesman found himself crawling along the floor beside her, trying to get her attention.

"Look, Martha," her friend said. "He wants to go home with you."

See you next day, week, month, year, decade.

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
Leo's Catering
20 N. Auburn, 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