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 Meetings every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at noon.
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February Meetings

29th – Social @ Plastic Injection Molding

March Meetings

5th Normal meeting @ Holiday Inn
 19th Normal meeting @ Holiday Inn

Preliminaries

President Terri LeBlanc officiated. Immediate Past District Governor Linda Bauer led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a rendition of “God Bless America.” President Terri led the invocation.

Guests

Today we hosted Ginger Wireman for the Program. Dave Larkin hosted his wife, Carol Larkin. Linda Gustafson hosted Jennifer O’Malley. Bob Tibbatts hosted Randy Aust. Allison Ball hosted Camron Ball, Calvin Ball, Irving Brown, and Virgil Rogers.

Announcements

Mike Winegardner performed the third, and final, reading of the 2024-2025 Officer Board Slate:

President:
Justin Raffa
President-Elect:
Joan Wright
Secretary:
Mike Winegardner
Treasurer:
Charles LoPresti
Foundation



Treasurer: Andrew Cook
Past President: Terri LeBlanc
Community Services: Mike Sinclair
Fellowship & Fundraising: Denise Buelt
International Services: Linda Gustafson
Membership: Blaine Carr
Youth Services: Joan Wright

Diahann Howard announced the upcoming Tri-Citation of the Year Awards will take place on April 25th at the Three Rivers Convention Center.

Paul Harris Fellows

Judy Addis (8S)(B)	Larry D. Jecha (2S)	Chris Smith
Steve Arneson (8S)	Darrel Johnsen (3S)	Mark Smith (7S)(B)
Jeremy Asmus (4S)	Roy Keck (5S)	Bob Tibbatts (5S)
Jim Bauer (4MD)(B)	Phillip Koech	Sam R. Volpentest (8R)(B)
Linda Bauer (4MD)(B)	Dave Larkin (8S)(D)	Ken Williams (8S)
Denise Buelt	Pamela Larsen (5S)(B)	Mike Winegardner
Blaine Carr (8S)	Bob D. Larson (5S)(B)	Jacqui Wright
Andrew Cook	Terri LeBlanc	Joan Wright (2S)
Tom Cowan (4S)(B)	Charles LoPresti	
Bill Crowe (8S)	Grant McCallum (5S)	(B) Benefactor
Yousef Farawila	Jerry J. McGuire (1S)(B)	(D) Diamond PHF
Heillie Den Hoed	Ian Napier (1S)	(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
Lance Dissel	Greg Oberg (6S) (B)	(R) Ruby
Barbara French (8S)(D)	Tom O’Brien (2S)	(#R) Multiple Ruby
Jan Griffin (2S)	Justin Raffa	(S) Sapphire
Linda Gustafson	Dick Richter (5S)	(MD) Major Donor
Diahann Howard (2S)	Chris Senske (6R)	
Jan Jackson (3S)	Mike Sinclair (1S)	

Officers

President Terri LeBlanc
 President Elect.....Justin Raffa
 Secretary.....Mike Winegardner
 Treasurer.....Dick Richter
 Foundation Treasurer.....Andrew Cook
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Directors

Community Service.....Mike Sinclair
 Fellowship & Fund Raising.....Justin Raffa
 International Service.....Linda Gustafson
 Meeting Service.....Grant McCallum
 Membership.....Blaine Carr
 New Generations.....Joan Wright
 Public Relations.....Allison Ball

Jan Jackson informed the Club that former Richland Rotary member Tom Kirchner, inventor of the wireless modem, passed away last Saturday. He was our club president in 2006-2007.

Jan also let us know that raffle tickets for the "Turning Booze Into Brains" fundraising campaign are still available. The raffle for the extensive scotch and liquor collection Hal Williamson bequeathed to the Club has so far raised over \$1,000 toward a scholarship to be named in Hal's memory. Contact Jan to purchase tickets, which are \$10 a piece, or 5 for \$40.

Bill Crowe asked the Club to encourage any students they know who are planning to go into vocational trades to apply for Richland Rotary scholarships. Bill also issued a plea for Exchange Student Host Family volunteers to step forward. Contact Bill Crowe, Joan Wright, or Diahann Howard if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Host Family.

President Terri announced the monthly Business Social will take place at Ken Williams' Plastic Injection Molding factory on February 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at 2695 Battelle Blvd.

50/50

Larry Jecha led the draw today. The first number drawn was 858, which belonged to C. Mark Smith, who drew a blue chip. The second number drawn was 797, which belonged to no one apparently. The third number drawn was 788, which belonged to Tara Divers who took the \$10.

New Member Induction

Jennifer O'Malley

Linda Gustafson introduced new Club Member Jennifer O'Malley. Jennifer O'Malley is a Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Revenue Officer at Databricks, a global Data and AI tech company headquartered in San Francisco. Jennifer works remotely from her home in Richland, WA. In this position she leverages over 15 years of experience and expertise in supporting C-level executives. Previous to her current role, she worked locally at PNNL for 13 years, where her husband continues to work managing a portfolio of National Security projects. Jennifer grew up south of Portland, Oregon, and met her husband, a Tri-Cities native, while in college at Oregon State University. He brought her to the Tri-Cities area nearly 17 years ago, where they got married and now raise their children aged 4 and 10 years old. Jennifer and her husband are active in children's sports, Boy Scouts, and equestrian activities. They also enjoy supporting local organizations through charitable donations to organizations like the Boys and Girls Club and the Children's Reading Foundation of Mid-Columbia. In her spare time Jennifer competes with her horse in regional Hunter Jumper shows along with her daughter, and also enjoys skiing with her husband and children at many of the mountain resorts in the Pacific Northwest.

Randy Aust

Bob Tibbatts introduced new Club Member Randy Aust. Randy was born and raised in Kennewick where he attended Kennewick High School. Growing up he enjoyed playing many different sports including baseball and soccer. Upon graduating from Kennewick High, Randy attended Washington State University for a period of time before he began pursuing a career in the fire service. In 1999, Randy moved to the Olympic Peninsula and became a resident firefighter for North Kitsap Fire and Rescue. There he attended fire science classes at Olympic College and received his EMT certification. In 2001, Randy was hired as a career firefighter for the City of Richland. He continued his education and received a bachelor's degree



through Eastern Oregon University and completed the Columbia Basin College Paramedic program in 2006. Additionally, Randy completed the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer program in 2021. Randy has worked his way through the ranks and now holds the position of Deputy Fire Chief for Richland Fire and Emergency Services.

Randy has been married to his wife Abbey for 18 years, and is Dick Richter's son-in-law. Abbey has worked in the nursing field for many years and currently works as the lead nurse at Calvary Christian School. Abbey was recently accepted into the Doctorate program at WSU to become a Nurse Practitioner and will start that journey this fall.

Randy and Abbey have three children Reid 12, Ty 10, and Maya 6. They enjoy spending time together as a family, traveling, visiting national parks, camping, boating, snow skiing, and other outdoor activities. They live on a small farm in Richland where they have a dog, chickens, and two horses on their property. Randy and Abbey stay active in the community through their church, coaching youth sports, and sitting on boards of different local non-profit organizations. They both have a passion for people and enjoy giving back to their community.

Judge Tara Divers

Judge Tara brought her inaugural session to order with a round of pecuniary punishment for those with birthdays or anniversaries. She then launched a round of Leap Year themed Quiz Bowl.

Leap Year Quiz Bowl

Q: What are Leap Year babies (born on Leap Day, February 29th) called? A: Leapers or Leaplings.

Q: The number of Leap Day Babies in the world? A: 4 million.

Q: When does a Leap Year occur? A: Every 4 years, only if that year is divisible by 4 – except for end-of-century years, which must be divisible by 400. This means that the year 2000 was a leap year, although 1900 was not.



Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)	Dave Larkin (4/04)
Eric Andrews (9/18)	Pam Larsen (2/95)
Steve Arneson (3/02)	Bob Larson (6/90)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)	Terri LeBlanc (6/18)
Randy Aust (2/24)	Charles Lo Prestie (8/10)
Allison Ball (4/23)	Patrick McBurney (6/09)
Jim Bauer (3/19)	Grant McCallum (4/19)
Linda Bauer (3/19)	Jerry McGuire (3/95)
Denise Buelt (4/23)	Kate Moran (9/20)
Blaine Carr (12/09)	Ian Napier (11/08)
Andrew Cook (3/19)	Greg Oberg (1/88)
Bill Crowe II (9/20)	Tom O'Brien (11/98)
Bill Crowe III (3/22)	Jennifer O'Malley (2/24)
Bert Day (9/22)	Justin Raffa (7/20)
Heillie Den Hoed (12/20)	Shelley Redinger (12/20)
Lance Dissel (11/21)	Dick Richter (6/08)
Tara Divers (9/22)	Diana Ruff (3/23)
Richard Evans (11/18)	George Sanders (9/22)
Yousef Farawila (1/02)	Jay Scott (10/19)
Barbara French (11/98)	Chris Senske (1/80)
Jan Griffin (9/00)	Clinton Sherman (1/22)
Linda Gustafson (3/08)	Mike Sinclair (1/11)
Michelle Holt (6/22)	Roscoe Slade (1/20)
Diahann Howard (4/08)	Chris Smith (8/10)
Tom Huntington (5/16)	Mark Smith (3/01)
Jan Jackson (6/00)	Bob Tibbatts (6/03)
Larry Jecha (8/97)	Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)	Stephanie Walton (11/23)
Roy Keck (10/04)	Ken Williams (12/00)
Phillip Koech (8/13)	Mike Winegardner (11/09)
David Langstaff (7/01)	Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Whitney LaMarche (9/22)	Joan Wright (3/18)

Honorary Members
Tom Cowan & Shirley Hankins

Current Members:
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Q: What are the Leap Year capitals of the world? A: Anthony, Texas and Anthony, New Mexico, collectively known as the Leap Year Capital of the World.

Q: Number of Days in 2024? A: 366.

Program

For the Program today we hosted Ginger Wireman, Board Chair of the Tres Ríos Community Land Trust. Tres Ríos was founded in 2021 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization to create a portfolio of permanently affordable housing held in trust, which provides Tri-Cities residents of modest means the ability to own their own safe and sustainably designed homes. Tres Ríos either purchases or builds the homes it holds in trust and sells them to buyers who meet their special qualifications.

Like Tres Ríos, most land trusts in Washington are established to create workforce housing, selling homes to people earning below the average median income (AMI) up to 120% of AMI. Buyers carry a traditional mortgage and build equity on the home as they pay their mortgage. They also pay a small monthly lease fee to the community land trust (CLT). If the owner chooses to sell, the CLT selects the next qualified buyer in line to purchase the home. About 40% of CLT buyers move on to a traditional home purchase. When a property is sold, it is sold at a rate that allows the CLT to keep the cost of housing as affordable as possible. A CLT can also purchase commercial real estate, keeping rents affordable to support small business owners.

For more information about Tres Ríos, or to make a donation, visit <https://tresriosclt.org>.



Reactor Humor: Rush Hour Edition

There were only two cars ahead of me waiting to merge into traffic at the end of a freeway exit ramp, but no one was moving. Clearly the first driver was too timid to merge into the intermittent, but steady flow of traffic. Opportunity after opportunity passed him by, and the line of cars on the ramp kept growing.

Finally, after what seemed an eternity, the driver moved, spurred by the exasperated motorist right behind him who yelled out his window, "The sign says yield, not surrender!"

Future Meetings

**RSVP on DACdb by the
Preceding Thursday:** [https://
www.dacdb.com/](https://www.dacdb.com/)

- Thursday, February 29th, at Plastic Injection Molding.
- Tuesday, March 5th, at the Holiday Inn on George Washington Way – 12 noon, regular weekly Rotary meeting.
- Tuesday, March 19th, at the Holiday Inn on George Washington Way – 12 noon, regular weekly Rotary meeting.

Attendance, A Rotary Commitment

Meeting Dates of Local Clubs

Richland	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays, Noon Richland Holiday Inn
Pasco/Kennewick	Wednesday, Noon Zintel Creek Golf Club Kennewick
Columbia Valley Daybreak	Thursday, 7 am: Tri-Tech, Kennewick
Columbia Center	Thursday, Noon: Bingo Boulevard Kennewick
Tri-Cities Sunrise	Friday, 7 am: CG Public House Kennewick