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 Meetings every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at noon.
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 Charter 7390 • District 5080 • Club ID #262

February Meetings

20th – Meeting @ Holiday Inn

Preliminaries

President-Elect Justin Raffa officiated. Ken Williams led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President-Elect Justin Raffa then recited a Groundhog Day themed poem. Blaine Carr led the invocation, and read a card sent to the Club by District Governor Doreen Kelsey thanking us for our hospitality during her recent visit.

Visitors

Today we hosted Paul Casey for the Program. Joan Wright hosted our exchange student, Fine Sevenhant. Allison Ball hosted Camron Ball, and Rhonda and David Gamboa. Justin Raffa hosted Abhijit Sengupta. Carol Mosier visited from Columbia Center Rotary.

Announcements

Mike Winegardner performed the second reading of the Slate of Officers Rotary Year 2024 – 2025

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
Public Relations: Allison Ball

If anyone wants to nominate a club member or objects to anyone being nominated please contact Mike Winegardner.

Jan Jackson gave an update on the “Turning Booze Into Brains” fundraising campaign. The raffle for the extensive scotch and liquor collection Hal Williamson bequeathed to Jan has so far raised \$640 toward a scholarship to be named in Hal’s memory.

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
 Past President.....Jan Jackson

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

President-Elect Justin Raffa announced the results of the “Burns Night Supper” fundraiser. In total, \$2,300 was raised during a fun night of food and drink celebrating the birthday of famed Scottish poet Robert Burns.



Mike Sinclair announced a meeting of the Community Service Committee to take place immediately following the Club meeting.

Carol Mosier announced the upcoming Tri-Citizen of the Year Awards will take place on April 25th at the Three Rivers Convention Center. If anyone wants to attend this event contact fellow Rotarian, Diahann Howard. You can also purchase a table for this event in support of the program.

Tara Divers 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.

President-Elect Justin Raffa thanked the Club for accurate DACdb lunch registrations for our Club meetings, and noted the reinstated \$5 table fee for those who will be attending meetings, but not eating lunch.

50/50

Larry Jecha led the draw today with \$301 in the pot. The first number drawn was 944 which belonged to Roy Keck who drew a blue chip. The next number was 923, which belonged to Dick Richter who took the \$10.

Judge Richter

Judge Dick Richter brought his session to order by immediately donating his \$10, 50/50 winnings back to the Club.

He then recalled input he received from the late Hal Williamson encouraging the Club to use Judging as a socializing opportunity. Emphatically ignoring that advice, Judge Richter got back to basics – levying fines for missing pins and badges, then anniversaries and birthdays. San Francisco 49er fans were fined, followed by a round of Brags & Confessions.



Program

For the Program today we hosted Paul Casey, Executive Director of Leadership Tri-Cities. Founded in 1994, Leadership Tri-Cities is a hands-on immersive educational program with the goal of fostering positive change in our community through a comprehensive leadership development experience.

The complete Leadership course is comprised of ten sessions that delve into the various businesses, government entities, and community organizations that have a significant impact on our region.

Richland Rotary member graduates of the Leadership Tri-Cities program include Roy Keck, Jim Bauer, Diahann Howard, Justin Raffa, and Jeremy Asthmus.

Reactor Humor

A guy I know was towing his boat home from a fishing trip on the Columbia River when his truck broke down. He'd somehow lost his cellphone during the trip, but thought he might be able to raise someone on his marine radio to call for roadside assistance. He climbed into the boat, clicked on the radio and said, "Mayday, mayday."

A Coast Guard officer came on and said, "State your location."

"Highway 240, five miles south of Richland."

After a long pause, the Coast Guard officer asked, "Just how fast were you going when you hit shore?"



Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89)
Eric Andrews (9/18)
Steve Arneson (3/02)
Jeremy Asmus (10/07)
Allison Ball (4/23)
Jim Bauer (3/19)
Linda Bauer (3/19)
Denise Buelt (4/23)
Blaine Carr (12/09)
Andrew Cook (3/19)
Bill Crowe II (9/20)
Bill Crowe III (3/22)
Bert Day (9/22)
Heillie Den Hoed (12/20)
Lance Dissel (11/21)
Tara Divers (9/22)
Richard Evans (11/18)
Yousef Farawila (1/02)
Barbara French (11/98)
Jan Griffin (9/00)
Linda Gustafson (3/08)
Michelle Holt (6/22)
Diahann Howard (4/08)
Tom Huntington (5/16)
Jan Jackson (6/00)
Larry Jecha (8/97)
Darrel Johnsen (8/97)
Roy Keck (10/04)
Phillip Koech (8/13)
David Langstaff (7/01)
Whitney LaMarche (9/22)

Dave Larkin (4/04)
Pam Larsen (2/95)
Bob Larson (6/90)
Terri LeBlanc (6/18)
Charles LoPresti (8/10)
Patrick McBurney (6/09)
Grant McCallum (4/19)
Jerry McGuire (3/95)
Kate Moran (9/20)
Ian Napier (11/08)
Greg Oberg (1/88)
Tom O'Brien (11/98)
Justin Raffa (7/20)
Shelley Redinger (12/20)
Dick Richter (6/08)
Diana Ruff (3/23)
George Sanders (9/22)
Jay Scott (10/19)
Chris Senske (1/80)
Clinton Sherman (1/22)
Mike Sinclair (1/11)
Roscoe Slade (1/20)
Mark Smith (3/01)
Bob Tibbatts (6/03)
Sam Volpentest (1/95)
Stephanie Walton (11/23)
Ken Williams (12/00)
Mike Winegardner (11/09)
Jacqui Wright (12/13)
Joan Wright (3/18)

Honorary Members
Tom Cowan & Shirley Hankins

Current Members:
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Future Meetings

RSVP on DACdb by the Preceding Thursday: <https://www.dacdb.com/>

- Tuesday, February 20th at the Holiday Inn on George Washington Way – 12 noon, regular weekly Rotary meeting. Menu will be: Roasted pork loin with a mustard cream sauce, served with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Tuesday, March 5th 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