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April Meetings

2ndNormal Luncheon Holiday Inn16thNormal Luncheon Holiday Inn30th5th Tuesday Social Crowe Winery

Preliminaries

President Terri welcomed all attendees with a ring of the bell and a cheery hello to all Rotarians and guests.

Pledge of Allegiance: Diahann Howard led the group in the pledge.

Song: Justin Raffa offered that he had selected a song to celebrate the recently past high hold day, Saint Patrick's. Justin sang the verse and had the members join in for the chorus. He, as always, was good enough to pass out the lyrics so the crowd could sing along.

Invocation: David Larkin gave thanks for the beautiful weather. He also said we should all be grateful for having good homes, abundant food and shelter. He prayed that we all keep

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those less fortunate in our prayers. Dave also asked that we pray for peace in the world and hopefully closure to the wars raging around the globe.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Fien Sevenhant joined the meeting today as the guest of her host family mother, Joan Wright.

Announcements:

Tara Divers announced the upcoming 20th Anniversary party fundraiser for Cork's Place. The event will be held Saturday, April 27, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Wheat Head Brewing Company located at 92308 Locust Grove Road, Kennewick. The evening will include food and beverage experience, an auction, entertainment and a mega raffle. Passports to the celebration are going for \$100. Please consider joining an unforgettable evening to celebrate 20 years of fostering resilience and healing to children.

Joan Wright let us know the dates for the District 5080 youth exchange student tour have been set. Friday, May 10, has been confirmed as the day the Rotary Exchange Students will be in the Tri-Cities for their

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(D) Diamond PHF
(DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
(R) Ruby
(#R) Multiple Ruby
(S) Sapphire
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overnight. They will arrive some time in the late morning before lunch. She's working with their Rotary drivers/chaperones on activities for them Friday afternoon and will let you know what is decided once the schedule takes shape. Grant has arranged for the students to stay at the Richland Central United Protestant Church Friday night. Jim and Linda have volunteered to host one of the drivers (it may be a couple-(Diana Erickson and her husband) Friday night. Joan is working with Diana Erickson on afternoon activity ideas for the students. A Reach Museum visit, a hike and movie night at the church are possibilities so far.

We'll need two chaperones to stay the night at the church with the students. One male and one female.

Dick Richter passed out a list of Duck Race Raffle prizes that were never claimed by the winners. The participating Tri-City area Rotary clubs are offering up these prizes in a silent auction. Please contact Dick if you have an interest.

> Lance Dissel sadly announced this would be his last Richland Rotary meeting. He and his spouse are in the process of moving back to Bozeman, MT. Lance thanked the club for welcoming him into membership. He said he has been a member of three Rotary clubs.

At each club he has always been impressed with the amazing people who make up the membership. This thought certainly includes the members here in Richland. Lance will continue his service to community as a member of the local Rotary club. He invites all who may be passing through Bozeman on a Tuesday at noon to attend their meeting. Lance has been a very active member of the Richland club and will be greatly missed.

President Elect Justin recently attended his second PETS session (president elect training). He brought back to the club the Rotary International banner for the 2024/25 year. It is emblazoned with the motto, The Magic of Rotary.

50/50 Raffle:

Roy and Heillie searched through their dozens of raffle tickets and discovered they had the winning ticket for the \$354 pot. Justin Raffa won the drawing for \$10.

Judge Presiding – Tom O'Brien

Tom began by asking Roy what share of the 50/50 pot he would be donating to the local Rotary foundation. Roy assured the judge it would be significant.

March Madness has begun. The judge requested a donation from C. Mark Smith since there are four Alabama schools at the dance. He also asked that alums of any school that will be participating in the men's or Badger women's NCAA tournament make a donation.

Judge Tom gleaned several spots from Trip Advisor which listed the top 20 things to do in Richland. He paired ten of the spots by two and asked the members to vote by a show of hands which of the two was the most popular as found in the Trip Advisor Survey.

> A visit to the Reach Museum or a walk in Howard Amon Park. Reach Museum #2 LIGO Hanford Observatory tour or walk the Sacagawea Heritage Trail. LIGO #5 Badger Mountain Center visit or attend Art in the Park. **Badger Mountain #7**

Leslie Grove Park or attend a Richland Players performance: Leslie Grove Park #17 Hanford or a winery tour. Hanford Site.

Under the category of brags Tom expressed his pride in his son who recently completed the LA marathon. Diahann Howard was honored to be in attendance at the State of the Union address. She was also happy to report her son has graduated from college.

Ken Williams let the club know a judge is needed for the









April 2 meeting. Please reach out to Ken if you want to have some fun and be immune from fines. *Publishers Note: Tom fined himself for forgetting his badge and pin.*

Program

The scheduled speaker was under the weather and had to cancel. President Terri asked that the group take the program time to network and socialize.

Future Meetings

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Richland Rotary Members

Judy Addis (7/89) Eric Andrews (9/18) Steve Arneson (3/02) Jeremy Asmus (10/07) Randy Aust (2/24) 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)

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Honorary Members Tom Cowan & Shirley Hankins

Current Members: 63

