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March Meetings

19th Jennifer Felicitas, Executive Director,
 of the iMPACT! Compassion Center

Preliminaries

President Terri rang the bell at the stroke of noon. She welcomed all to the Richland Rotary meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Grant McCallum led the members in the pledge.

Song: President Terri asked the group to join her singing "You Are My Sunshine."

Invocation Dave Larkin asked that we give thanks for the sunny day and the joys of life. He also asked that we keep in our thoughts those in our community who need support.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Tom Osborn, visiting Walla Walla Rotarian and our District 5080 Assistant Governor.

Announcements

Terri thanked all those who attended the February 29th business tour at Ken Williams',



Plastic Injection Molding facility. There was a good turnout of club members. All enjoyed Ken's tour of his plant. There was a time for fellowship, sharing wine from Kiona donated by Ken's family. Terri thanked Ken for hosting and Tara Divers for coordinating the event.

Paul Harris Fellows

Judy Addis (8S)(B)	Larry D. Jecha (2S)
Steve Arneson (8S)	Darrel Johnsen (3S)
Jeremy Asmus (4S)	Roy Keck (5S)
Jim Bauer (4MD)(B)	Phillip Koech
Linda Bauer (4MD)(B)	Dave Larkin (8S)(D)
Denise Buelt	Pamela Larsen (5S)(B)
Blaine Carr (8S)	Bob D. Larson (5S)(B)
Andrew Cook	Terri LeBlanc
Tom Cowan (4S)(B)	Charles LoPresti
Bill Crowe (8S)	Grant McCallum (5S)
Yousef Farawila	Jerry J. McGuire (1S)(B)
Heillie Den Hoed	Ian Napier (1S)
Lance Dissel	Greg Oberg (6S) (B)
Barbara French (8S)(D)	Tom O'Brien (2S)
Jan Griffin (2S)	Justin Raffa
Linda Gustafson	Dick Richter (5S)
Diahann Howard (2S)	Chris Senske (6R)
Jan Jackson (3S)	Mike Sinclair (1S)

Chris Smith
 Mark Smith (7S)(B)
 Bob Tibbatts (5S)
 Sam R. Volpentest (8R)(B)
 Ken Williams (8S)
 Mike Winegardner
 Jacqui Wright
 Joan Wright (2S)

(B) Benefactor
 (D) Diamond PHF
 (DD) Dbl. Diamond PHF
 (R) Ruby
 (#R) Multiple Ruby
 (S) Sapphire
 (MD) Major Donor

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

There will be a quarterly business tour. Please contact Terri and/or Tara if you have any suggestions for the next gathering.

Jim Bauer let the club know that he has recently purchased grabbers that will be used for the highway cleanup project on May 11. Please mark your calendars to join the fun.

The Rotarians of the Tri-Cities are invited to a whiskey dram tasting, March 15, from 5:30-8:30 pm at the home of Gordy & Sharon Edberg. The event is hosted by the Rotary International Whiskey Dram Fellowship of which District 5080 is a charter member. Your spouse or significant other are also invited. In addition, please bring a prospective Rotary member. Remember to bring your favorite bottle of whiskey that you wish to share. Light food will be available and free-will donations will be accepted.

AG Tom reminded the members that registration for upcoming District 5080 are open. The first is the district assembly on March 23 in Spokane. It is a training session open to all Rotarians. The registration fee is \$35 which includes the training, snacks, and lunch. The second is the District Conference, May 2-4, in Coeur d'Alene. Room rates were negotiated during Covid so they are at a bargain rate.



Joan Wright shared the following information regarding this year's District 5080 Inbound Youth Exchange Tour – Sunday, May 5 to Saturday, May 11. This year we have 13 Inbound students. Our exchange student Fien Sevenhant, as part of this group, will attend our Rotary District Conference and participate in the conference's Saturday evening flag ceremony and talent show performance. The Youth Exchange Committee is looking for clubs to host our 13 Youth Exchange Students in the USA-part of our District area as they tour Monday, May 6 through Friday, May 10. Hosting would include providing a place for the student to sleep (such as a church, YMCA, library, or other suitable place), host homes for chaperones, and a meal or two if possible. If there is a club meeting to attend, it is even better. The host club would provide local chaperones to watch the

students in their overnight stay so the chaperones can get a good night's rest. Also, we know there are cool things they might be able to do in our area. Please email or text Joan if you would be willing to help plan a day and overnight for these 13 exchange students in the Tri-Cities. The specific dates the tour will be in the Tri-Cities are yet to be announced, but it will be during the week mentioned. Joan Wright text: 509 421-0171, email: jatwoodwright@gmail.com

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 pot has grown to \$331. Tom Osborn drew Jeremy Asmus' number. Jeremy failed to pull the winning chip. He then pulled Randy Aust's number who received the \$10 prize.

Judge Presiding – Jim Bauer

Jim began the local Richland Rotary Foundation fundraising round by recognizing all members who



were celebrating the anniversary of joining the club. They were C. Mark Smith (2001), Steve Arneson (2002), Andrew Cook (2019) and Bill Crowe III (2022). Jim also sent out best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays this month. All were asked to make the appropriate donation to the foundation.

Jim continued on asking members to describe their most memorable spring break experience. C. Mark Smith fondly remembered being taken to Victoria every year by his mother. Linda Bauer took a hike along the Appalachian trail. During the hike they met a couple of dodgy characters that they avoided. Upon returning to civilization, she viewed the newly released movie "Deliverance." Blaine Carr fondly remembered a family trip to Disneyland. All family members joined the trip with the exception of his older sister, Terri.

Jim Bauer related a spring break excursion to Ft. Lauderdale. He and his chums set up a tent trailer in a parking lot. They were awakened by a police officer in the wee hours of the morning. He told them they were camped in an area frequented by some very bad people. He suggested they move to a local park to ensure their safety. Ken Williams had won a trip to Mexico, but had to trade it away for a family visit to the Oregon wine country.

Barbara French was pleased to announce she has a new resident in her home. It is a 16 year old dog named Apollo.

Program

Grant McCallum introduced Lisa Godwin, director of PCAP, Parent-Child Assistance Program

Lisa described PCAP as an organization that was established in 2005 to provide support services to families seeking recovery from drug addiction. They serve both Benton and Franklin counties. Their goal is to build and maintain healthy, independent, alcohol/drug free lives and prevent future births of alcohol and drug-exposed children.

She shared that our society is suffering a record level of opioid addiction. She also told the members that one in five citizens suffer homelessness. Washington state is number nine in homelessness amongst the 50 states.

PCAP provides a transition to success to affected low income families that have adults in recovery. They provide housing in a three-year program. Their efforts for these families is helping stop the cycle of addiction.

During 2023, PCAP served 21 clients and 200 plus children. They have 10 housing units, 3 rent supports and 5 on the waiting list. They have launched a project to build additional tiny houses.



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 Johnson (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:
63



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in the **WORLD**

Funding sources for PCAP include grants, donors, and fundraising events. They sponsor a golf tournament every year in April and invite service clubs to join them.

There are volunteer opportunities including committees to work on a softball tournament, the golf tournament, and a community breakfast. They also need volunteers to work on construction and home clean-up projects. There are positions on their board of directors available as well as their event planning committee. Finally, they are always in search of mentors for their clients.

The organization is located at 1721 West Kennewick Ave. The phone number is 509-578-1501.



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

- Tuesday, March 19th, at the Holiday Inn on George Washington Way – 12 noon.
- Speaker:** Our speaker will be Jennifer Felicitas, Executive Director, of the iMPACT! Compassion Center. Bring a friend and show them what is happening in the Tri-Cities. We are inching ever closer to the 75 for 75th.
- Meal:** Northwest Chicken Salad. Seasonal greens topped with grilled sliced chicken breast, sliced apple, and crumbled blue cheese, served with vinaigrette dressing. Service with a freshly baked roll and butter blend and chef's choice of dessert.

<i>Attendance, A Rotary Commitment</i> 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