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

## April Meetings

16th Normal Luncheon Holiday Inn  
 30th 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Social Crowe Winery

## Preliminaries

Immediate Past President Jan welcomed all attendees with a ring of the bell. Sam Volpentest led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jan shared that he and Jim Bauer visited the Walla Walla Noon club recently. In addition to sharing the fellowship at lunch they also sold tickets for the Richland Rotary whisky raffle. While there they enjoyed hearing the members sing "You Are My Sunshine" led by their song master (and our ADG), Tom Osborn. Jan and Jim then led our members in the same song. Greg Oberg offered the Invocation for the beautiful spring weather and all the wonderful things in our lives including the joy of Rotary Fellowship.

## Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Fien Sevenhant, our exchange student from Belgium, was the guest of Joan Wright. Randy Aust was joined by his wife, Abbey.

**Visiting Rotarians** included Kris Troyer, Tri-Cities Sunrise, Tom Osborn, Walla Walla Noon, and Rampur Viswanath, Las Vegas. Rampur is



a past Richland Rotarian, past-president of our club, and a past district governor. Rampur presented Jan with a Las Vegas banner that proudly displays their 100th anniversary. He then went on to present special lapel pins to a few members, Kris Troyer and Linda Gustafson

## 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

for driving him around the area during this visit. Steve Arneson for hosting him in his home while in the Tri-Cities. Finally, he thanked Sam Volpentest for being his mentor and friend at the beginning of his Rotary career.

### Announcements

ADG Tom Osborn reminded the District 5080 conference is only a few weeks away. Registration is available on the district web site. Jim Bauer stated "District conference is a great place to grow as a Rotarian."



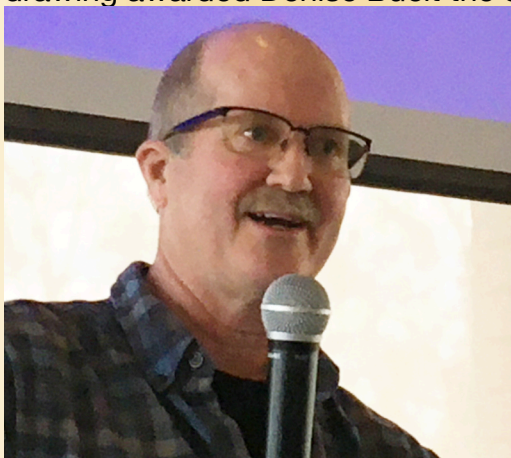
Jim reminded the group the highway cleanup service project is scheduled for May 11. The group will meet at Spudnut in the Uptown Mall at 08:00 am. After enjoying a Spudnut and coffee the group will head out to what should be about two hours to cleanup our assigned section of Highway 240. When Jim asked for volunteers multiple hands were raised.

Jacqui Wright and Immediate Past Governor auctioned off a hat Jacqui brought back from Thailand.



### 50/50 Raffle

A chance to win a pot of \$13 went to Ken Williams when Abbey Aust drew his ticket. The secondary drawing awarded Denise Buelt the \$10.



### Judge Presiding – Ken Williams

Barbara French and Bill Crowe both generously donated to the foundation to celebrate their birthdays this month.

In keeping with the day's program about Richland Fire and Emergency services, Ken asked members to share their first responder stories:

Shortly after his hip replacement surgery Jim Bauer, while working in the yard, had his hip go out. He fell to the ground and attempted to reach Linda on her cell. Not being able to make contact he called 911. When the first responders arrived at the house Linda answered the door asking what they needed. They then went out and found Jim lying painfully in the back yard.

While performing spring clean up Jan Jackson accidentally started a brush fire. He called the fire department who responded rapidly, but by the time they arrived he and wife, Mara, had extinguished the fire using a bucket brigade.

While out for a ride on his electric bike with a friend Grant McCallum saw a lady flip her bike into a creek. Fortunately, there was an off-duty police officer nearby. He was able to rescue the rider and immediately administer appropriate first aid.

Ken Williams fell while putting up Christmas lights. He suffered a severe wound to his head. His wife called 911. The first responders arrived quickly and took Ken to the hospital. Fortunately, there was a brain surgeon on duty who immediately took the appropriate action. Ken says he is lucky to be alive.

### Program

Grant McCallum introduced Deputy Fire Chief and Richland Rotarian Randy Aust who presented the Richland Fire and Emergency Services 2023 Annual Report.

Randy Aust has been with Richland Fire since January 2001. He now oversees the Operations and Training Division. The department was started by the Dupont Company in 1942 to support the Hanford mission. It became a chartered fire department in 1958. The department has strived to meet the needs of the local community ever since.





The mission of the fire department is to protect and enhance the quality of life in Richland. The infrastructure to accomplish that mission includes five stations, seven fire engines, two grass trucks and one platform. There are a total for 92 employees equally balanced between fire fighters and EMTs. They have recently added a resource navigator to their staff who identifies social services needed by patients.

The department received 10,500 calls in 2023 up from 5,800 in 2014. The majority of the calls are for medical assistance, 68%. The most frequent are trauma caused by falls with a heavy concentration in senior living centers. Car accidents are the number 2 driver of 911 calls. Fire calls only account for 3% of the total with the majority being brush fires. The department meets the standard response time for heading out and working to reduce the time of arrival from 181 seconds to 90.

The department is currently working on continued investment in a heart safe Richland. They are in the process of building a medical utility strategic plan. They have completed a radio infrastructure engineering study. There is an urgent need to upgrade the current system. In 2023, they trained 9,000 in CPR adding to the 30,000 already on the books. They have involved the community through conducting a community stake holder engagement meeting.

To explore more regarding the department please go on line to:

[Fire and Emergency Services | City of Richland, WA](#)

### Future Meetings

April 16<sup>th</sup>: Normal Luncheon at Holiday Inn

April 30<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Social at Crowe Winery

## 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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