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June Meetings

4th Rotary Meeting @ Holiday Inn
 18th Rotary Meeting @ Holiday Inn
 20th Installation Dinner at Fat Olives

Preliminaries

Richland Rotary meeting was called to order by our President, Terri LeBlanc. The gathering commenced with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in lieu of a prayer. Our own Justin Raffa then led us in singing "The Rotary Call," which included a fun whistling segment that only a few members managed to execute successfully!



Guests & Visitors

Tara introduced her guest, Chad Utecht, who presented his business, Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business, and discussed their program, Best Places to Work. This

innovative company provides confidential employee surveys for businesses with 15 or more employees, with results directed to the HR department to help improve workplace environments.

Announcements

Jim Bauer thanked everyone who participated in the highway clean-up event.

Justin Raffa reminded members about his upcoming installation dinner at Fat Olives on



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
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Foundation Treasurer.....	Andrew Cook
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June 20th. Those wishing to attend should ensure they register on DACdb or by clicking on this link: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77737450>

Terri LeBlanc noted that she has three meetings left before passing the reins to President-elect Justin Raffa.

50/50 Raffle Winners

Sam was selected to pick the winning chip; but didn't. Grant won the \$10 consolation prize.

The Honorable Judge Tom O'Brien Presiding

Judge Tom quizzed members on Rotary history. While he commented on the tough crowd, it was a fun and engaging way to raise some additional funds.

Program: Kelsey Doerr from Lutheran Community Services

Kelsey delivered a powerful and insightful presentation on the state of foster care in Washington; particularly focusing on the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) program. She emphasized the urgent need for host families in Eastern WA. Currently, the Lutheran Community Services URM program serves teenagers from Ecuador, Ghana, and Ukraine. For those interested in becoming a foster family, Kelsey encouraged them to reach out to her directly.

The meeting concluded on a high note, leaving members inspired and informed. We look forward to seeing everyone on June 4th and continuing our efforts to make a positive impact in our community.

Future Meetings: RSVP on DACdb by the Preceding Thursday:

<https://www.dacdb.com/>



Our next regular Club meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, June 4th at the Holiday Inn on George Washington Way. RSVP for a meal by May 30th on DACdb.