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May Meetings

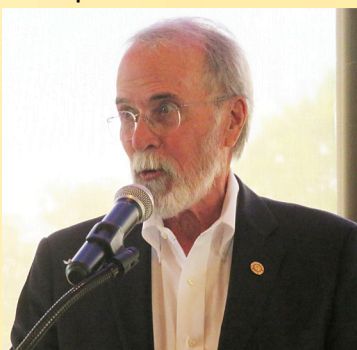
21st Rotary Meeting @ Holiday Inn

Preliminaries

President Terri LeBlanc officiated. Past President Bob Tibbatts led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Darrel Johnsen led the invocation.

Scholarship Award Ceremony

Richland Rotary Scholarship Chair Bill Crowe recognized the members of the Scholarship Committee for their hard work in selecting this year's award recipients: Allison Ball (Promotion), Denise Buelt, Jan Jackson, Phil Koech, Tom



O'Brien, Chris Senske, Mike Winegardner, and Joan Wright. Bill also recognized Richland Rotary Foundation Treasurer Andrew Cook for his work ensuring all award payments arrive at the recipients' universities on schedule.

Bill also noted that proceeds from our annual Rotary Duck Race ticket sales fund these scholarships.

Richland Rotary Club Member and Richland School Superintendent Dr. Shelley Redinger then introduced the school district representatives, and the Richland and Hanford High School principals and staff present:

- Nancy Mayer, Executive Assistant to Superintendent Redinger and Rotary Paul Harris Fellow
- Mike Johnson, Hanford Principal
- Liz Homer, Hanford Counselor
- Brian Sites, Hanford Career Counselor
- Nicole Anderson, Richland Principal
- Stephanie Shirm, Richland Senior Counselor
- Dana Stadelman, Richland Career Counselor

Bill Crowe then introduced each student, asked them to introduce their parents, and called them forward to receive their \$2,000 scholarship awards and make comments.

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

During that process Bill shared a significant passage from each student's personal scholarship application essay. Each student was then given time to make a short speech.

Hanford High School

Principal Mike Johnson and Richland Rotary President Terri LeBlanc presented Scholarship Awards to the following students:

Parker Smith

- Daughter of Blake and Sherri Ann Smith
- Quote from Essay: "As a citizen, you receive unalienable rights and access to resources. However, in return, individuals must contribute to our functioning society. Often, citizens take privileges for granted, but can convey gratitude through service."
- Member of National Honor Society and Key Club, and Community Volunteer
- Attending Brigham Young University Fall 2024 expecting to major in Nursing

Macey Stephens

- Daughter of Cameron and Jaclyn Stephens
- Quote from Essay: "Citizenship holds endless significance among the youth of Richland in today's environment. As our society becomes increasingly interconnected and information-rich, the role of youth in shaping community stability, policies, and values becomes essential. In this digital era, youth are more knowledgeable about local issues than ever before, highlighting the necessity of active citizenship in effecting positive change within our city."
- Member of National Honor Society, Key Club, and Community Volunteer
- Attending Brigham Young University Fall 2024 expecting to major in Communications and Speech Pathology

Richland High School

Turning Booze into Brains Scholarship

Past President Jan Jackson told the audience the story of former Richland Rotary member Hal Williamson, who had donated over \$100,000 to Rotary International during his lifetime. Hal passed away last year, and he bequeathed to Jan his entire liquor collection, consisting largely of dozens of bottles of scotch and whiskey. In Hal's honor, Jan created the Richland Rotary "Booze to Brains Scholarship Raffle" to raise money for a memorial scholarship in Hal's name by selling raffle tickets to win a portion of Hal's collection of scotch and whiskey along with a whiskey barrel to transport and store them. To date Jan has raised over \$2,000 through sales of raffle tickets to win "Hal's Booze into Brains scholarship." The winning ticket will be drawn on July 30th.

2024 Richland Rotary Booze to Brains Scholarship Recipient:

Tobin Bowles

- Son of Nathan and Suzanne Bowles
- Quote from Essay: "Today's youth seem obsessed with technology and social-media perspectives. Actions are selfish, with minimal community involvement and little consideration for the future. When citizens serve generously and compassionately, quality of life improves for everyone."
- Member of National Honor Society, Key Club, Athlete and Community Volunteer
- Attending Washington State University Fall 2024 expecting to major in Civil Engineering

Emily Freeze

- Daughter of Lisa Freeze
- Quote from Essay: "Shifting the way the youth socialize, possibly leading to a solitary lifestyle that won't benefit the community unless efforts are made now to promote in-person connection through avenues such as DECA clubs, FFA clubs, athletics, and leadership classes. These organizations create a culture of citizenship by empowering youth to address local challenges, advocate for positive change, and build stronger communities outside of their online world"
- Member of National Honor Society, DECA, FFA, Athlete and Community Volunteer
- Attending Columbia Basin College Fall 2024 expecting to major in Project Management

Sydney O'Niel

- Daughter of Jeremy and Courtney O'Niel
- Quote from Essay: "Intentionally seeking volunteer opportunities will greatly benefit the community

in Richland. Plugging oneself into the community will result in strengthened relationships and a willingness to serve wherever help is most needed. This creates a sense of connection and belonging, which shows that actively serving the community will improve the quality of life not only the people being served, but also the person who is doing the serving."

- Member of National Honor Society, Key Club, and Community Volunteer
- Attending University of Idaho Fall 2024 expecting to major in Communications and Public Relations



This year's scholarship winners and Richland Rotarians starting at top left: Richland Rotary President, Terri LeBlanc; Marcy Stephens; Emily Freeze; Richland Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Shelley Redinger; Bill Crowe; Parker Smith; Tobin Bowles and Sydney O'Niel.

Special thanks to Richland Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Shelley Redinger and to her Executive Assistant, Nancy Mayer, for providing all of the Academic Scholarship applications from Richland and Hanford High Schools.

Special thanks to Bill Crowe for organizing and orchestrating the Academic Scholarships for 2024. Stay tuned for the Nursing Scholarships coming up next month.

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)
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)
Amanda Le Blanc (4/24)
Charles Lo Prestie (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)
Jennifer O'Malley (2/24)
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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Announcements

Joan Wright made an announcement about this year's Student Exchange program, noting opportunities for possible local outgoing students, and the need for a host family for an incoming student. Contact Joan for more details.

Past President Jim Bauer read a thank you note from Meals on Wheels to President Terri LeBlanc thanking her for her efforts coordinating a recent Rotary volunteer project.

Jim also informed the Club of an annual Highway 240 Cleanup event this coming Saturday, May 11th. Volunteers can meet at Spudnuts at 8:30 AM to carpool to the cleanup sight.



Community Service Director Mike Sinclair informed the Club of a \$2,000 grant recently made to Elijah Family Homes to support a tree trimming project to protect their facilities and the safety of residents.

Mike Sinclair asked Jim Bauer to speak about an opportunity to volunteer for 2nd Harvest on Wednesday evenings between 4:30 and 6:30, sorting donated fruits and vegetables for distribution to local non-profits and food banks. Contact Jim Bauer for more details.

Immediate Past District Governor Linda Bauer has a need for five volunteers to help host an NGO group that will be visiting in July. Contact Linda for more details.

Past President Jan Jackson presented \$350 to Andrew Cook, Foundation Treasurer, that was raised at the Crowe Wines 5th Tuesday event. Thank you to all who contributed.



He also informed the club that our Facebook page was selected as a winner at the district level. Many thanks to Allison Ball for her outstanding work on posting articles and photos on our Facebook page. It ushers in a new way of marketing our club to the youth that we need to recruit.

Reactor Humor: Graduation Edition

"To those of you who are graduating this afternoon with high honors, awards and distinctions, I say, 'Well done.' And as I like to tell the C students: You too, can be president!" - George W. Bush

Future Meetings: RSVP on DACdb by the Preceding Thursday:

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

Our next regular Club meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, May 21st, at the Holiday Inn on George Washington Way. RSVP for a meal by May 16th on DACdb.



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