



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Loni Peurrung was inducted as the club's newest member on October 1. Recently retired, Loni is eager to serve the community through Rotary. Welcome, Loni!



WELCOMING NEW GUESTS

Valentina "Valé" Abad, an inbound exchange student from Ecuador, introduced herself to the club. She's attending Richland High School, pursuing interests in soccer, tennis, and cheerleading, and living with host parents **Joan** and **Tom Wright**. Contact **Bill Crowe** for details about hosting exchange students.

50/50 DRAWINGS UPDATE

10/01: **Dave Larkin** held the winning ticket but did not draw the winning chip. 10/15: **Roy Keck** won the raffle ticket but missed out on the \$220 pot. **Tom O'Brien** took home \$10 as a consolation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Highway 240 Cleanup:** **Jim Bauer** expressed gratitude to all Rotarians who participated in the Highway 240 cleanup, helping to beautify our community.
- **October 29th Fellowship Event:** Club Fellowship Chair **Stephanie Walton** announced a 5th Tuesday social event at Solar Spirits Distillery. Attendees enjoyed a chili cookoff, distillery tour, and slide show celebrating the club's 75th anniversary. Special thanks to the social committee for organizing!
- **Board Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee for the 2025/26 Rotary year has been formed. **Jim Bauer** chairs the committee and welcomes member input on potential candidates.
- **Open World Team from Turkmenistan:** **Linda Bauer** seeks hosts for five young leaders from Turkmenistan. The delegation will visit Richland to learn about their professions in the U.S. Contact Linda to open your home to one of these delegates.
- **Member Milestone:** **Amanda Le Blanc** has completed her orientation period and received her blue badge. Congratulations, Amanda!

PROGRAMS

Rotary Youth Exchange: **Joan Wright** and **Bill Crowe** presented on the benefits of hosting exchange students, encouraging members to open their homes. Former exchange students **Johann Wietsma** and **Evangelyne Mahler** shared transformative experiences abroad, with Johann reflecting on his year in Germany and Evangelyne recounting her time in Belgium.

Chili Cookoff and Fellowship Night: Rotarians showcased their culinary skills in a chili cookoff at Solar Spirits Distillery.

Winners included:

- 1st: **Jim & Linda Bauer**
- 2nd: **Bill Crowe III**
- 3rd: **Loni Peurrung**



CELEBRATIONS AND NOTABLES

Tara Divers, **Jeremy Asmus**, and **the Bauers** celebrated birthdays and anniversaries with contributions to the club. **Jerry McGuire** shared his survival story of a heart attack in Alaska. **Joan Wright** reflected on her tour of Eastern Europe.

Judge Tara Divers hosted a festive Halloween-themed quiz, and **Ken Williams** shared his Halloween birthday traditions.

