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Monthly Membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month

from 10am to 11am at Atomic Bowl, 624 Wellsian Way, Richland

APRIL, 2026 NEWSLETTER

ELECTED OFFICERS

Marsha Hathcox: President

Lucy Budde: Vice President

Secretary: Lynne Brown

Treasurer: Claudia Theroff

DIRECTORS

Dianne Beckmann

Dortha Backer, 509-539-4920

Karen Crawford

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Trip Coordinator: Linda Petersen, 551-1700

Trip Coordinator: Lorrie Pope, 330-6779

Social Coordinator: Vel Wright, 521-7710

Member Connections Coordinator: Claire Schneck,
943-9249

Office Manager: Margaret Ault, 308-6892

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Attendance: Sharon Warren

Greeter: Barbara Strait

Membership Specialist: Karen Crawford

Website Specialist: Larry Smith, 539-1142

Newsletter Editor: Pat Fleming, 539-5459

Trip Assistant: Pat Fleming

Birthdays for April

Gatrell	Karen	1
Jones	Cheri	1
Richards	Tom	3
Robledo	Olivina	3
Napora	Karen	4
Sargent	Billye	5
Schneck	Claire	5
Hall	Becky	8
Roupe	Susan	8
Evenson	Leanne	10
Richards	Kiyoko	10
Pickard	Sherrie	12
Strawn	Sandi	12
Rux	Jane	13
Harris	Kathy	14
Dawson	Rick	15
Anderson	Lyle	17
DiGeorge	Karen	17
Smith	Larry	17
Storey	Connie	19
Fairchild	Gina	20
Dailey	Beth	21
Strain	Dianna	21
Bond	Verna	22
Schmick	Jeanice	22
Drollinger	Bonnie	23
Gardner	Gary	23
Larson	Wayne	23
Evans	Carol	24
Galioto	Tom	25
Clark	Judi	26
Strassburger	Diann	29
Lilly	Patty	30

TRIP COORDINATOR & ASSISTANT RESIGN

Sounds like a tabloid headline, doesn't it? It's really not that dramatic. Linda Petersen says she has tried her best and those of us who work with her and have gone on her trips certainly agree with that. They've been a lot of fun. She says it's stressful for her and her family and her other life activities have taken a back seat. Her assistant, Pat Fleming, will also not assist any more. They both will lead their last trip to Prosser in May for The Producers.

If any members are interested (or know any members who may be interested) in being a trip coordinator, the job description is on the next page and also on the Rover website (ramblingroverstravel.net). Pat also wrote up how she assisted Linda which is on the website too. Rovers Operating Procedures state that the appointed Trip Coordinator chooses a trip assistant so, who does what between coordinator and assistant may change depending on how they, as a team, plan to work together.



Linda & Pat

SUMMARY OF RAMBLING ROVER TRIP COORDINATOR DUTIES

- Create a list of potential trip locations and activities, including those suggested by Rovers. This list will typically include potential local and regional trips, as well as a few that are out of the area or country.
- Select a trip from this list, possibly with input from other Rovers.
- Work with a travel group for out of area or country trips. The duties below apply to local and regional trips.
- If the trip involves bus transportation, create an itinerary that includes rest and meal stops and forward this to the bus company for a price quote.
- Put a hold on event tickets and reserve hotel rooms and at restaurants as applicable.
- While awaiting the bus quote, provide trip information to the Assistant Trip Coordinator so that he/she can create a trip flyer.
- Upon receipt of the bus price quote, calculate the trip price and present the suggested trip and price to the Board for approval.
- Once approved, the trip can is announced in the next Newsletter and monthly meeting. Members begin signing up for the trip.
- At monthly Rover Meetings, promote and respond to questions regarding planned trips and assist with sign-ups.
- Determine the number of event tickets to be purchased prior to Hold deadline. Trip Coordinator pays for event tickets using their credit card, but is reimbursed by the treasurer in a timely manner.
- At the start of each trip, check those present against the sign-up sheet; contact those missing as needed.
- During trips that involve bus transportation, the Trip Coordinator/Assistant distribute goody bags, confirm head count after each stop, provide basic information and possibly light games/informational tidbits, collect litter, and respond to questions.
- After returning from each trip, complete and submit a simple one-page Post-Trip Calculation Sheet to the Rover Treasurer.

Verna Bond reports the Rover donations for March were 177 lbs to the Food Bank and 35 lbs to Martha's Cupboard. The Food Bank could use a lot of cereal. It is highly in demand for families with kids. Both groups thank the Rovers for the help. Our yearly total is 776 lbs. Thank you Rovers!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Cliff Day, Carlene Rhodes, Van Ricard, Damian Signorelli, Jonie Sullivan, Sharon Edwards, Kim Saenz, Cindy Cox.

WHILE WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS, IT'S TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HERE OVER 10 YEARS!

Ten Years: Bonnie Sams, Sherrie Pickard, Marsha Hathcox, Jeanie Amburn.

Eleven Years: Marlene Ostendorf, Barbara Norvell, Joyce Meline, Gloria McConnell, Terry & Chuck Madsen, Beverly Beattie.

Twelve Years: Claire Schneck

Thirteen Years: Diann Strassburger, Joanne Fankhauser.

Fourteen Years: Joe & Rosemary Nelson, Vicki Madden, Verna Bond, Pat & Eugene DeBattista.

Fifteen Years: Barbara Strait, Judy Brager, Mary Lou & Lyle Anderson, Irmgard Abodishish

Nineteen Years: Carol Hexum, Judi Clark.

Twenty Years: Marion Shuck.

Twenty-Three Years: Sharon Warren, Pauline Cullison

THIRTY YEARS!! NITA RETTINGHOUSE



Thanks for hanging in there with us!!

TRIP IS FULL. Call ofc and get on the stand-by list.

**WATER
2WINE®**

**NOTE! LEAVES FROM
CLOVER ISLAND DOCK**

WATER2WINE CRUISE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2026

LEAVING FROM CLOVER ISLAND DOCK

PRICE: \$165

**TICKETS NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS THERE'S
SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE**

LIMITED TO 40

**YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THIS 5 HOUR NARRATED CRUISE CALLED
*MYSTERIES OF LAKE WALLULA***

Discover the hidden stories and secrets of historic maps now resting beneath Lake Wallula on this unique 5 hour river adventure with live narration by Pretty Gritty Tours. Cruise through scenic Columbia River and Wallula Gap while enjoying a continental breakfast at boarding, a 3-course plated lunch (and a full service bar available for purchase.)

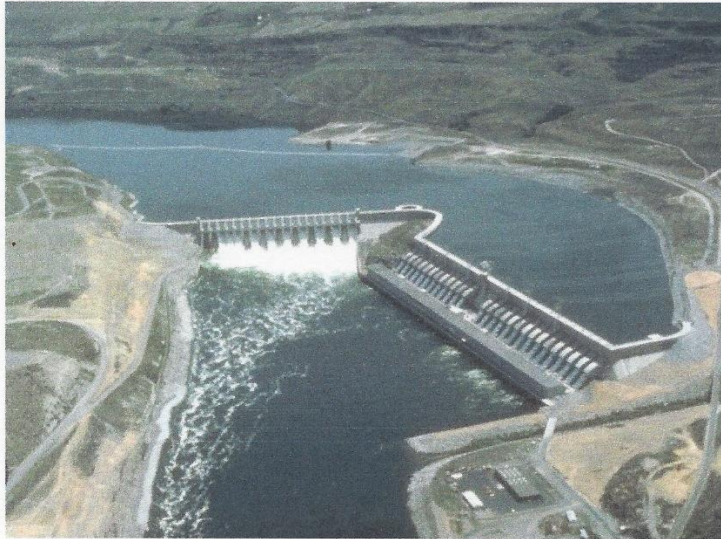
Drive yourself to Clover Island.

The cruise leaves promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Give us your meal choice when you sign up

(options are chicken, vegan or vegetarian – also gluten free)

Led by: Linda Petersen (551-1700) and Pat Fleming(539-5459)



CHIEF JOSEPH DAM

Bridgeport, WA

April 29th, 2026

PRICE: \$125

Lunch is provided



TO GUESTS OF
MEMBERS

CHIEF JOSEPH DAM produces more power than Coulee Dam.

This is a government facility. Members must present ID for security. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a light jacket. All personal items must remain on the locked bus with the exception of emergency medication. You will be able to choose from two tours – one for those with mobility issues and a more physical tour with stairs and more walking. No one is allowed to walk around on their own.

We will also be going to Dry Falls Visitors Center in Coulee City. There are stairs to get into the center but also there are restroom accessible from the ground level.

The spectacular part of this site is the walk along the edge of the canyon - there's even a spot where you can step out onto a (protected) ledge to get an even better view.

Bus Pick-up times:

Kennewick – 6:15 a.m.

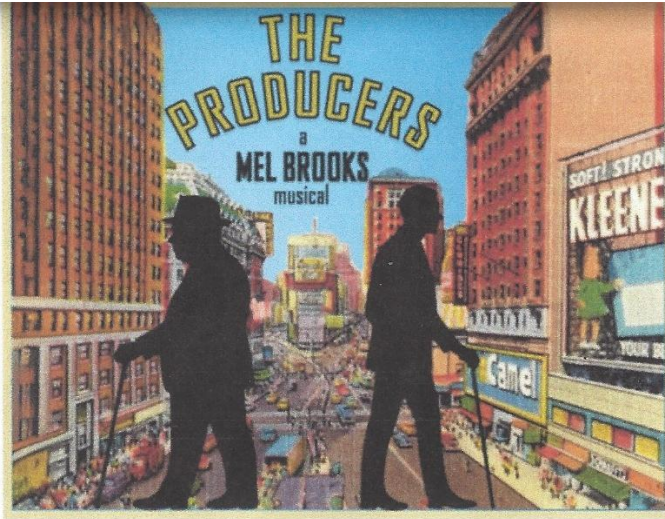
Richland – 6:45 a.m.

Estimated return times:

Richland- 8:00 p.m.

Kennewick – 8:30 p.m.

LED BY: LORRIE POPE (220-6779) and KAREN CRAWFORD (551-4682)



THE PRODUCERS

Prosser Princess Theater

May 17th

PRICE: \$100

Dinner included

The Producers is a wildly funny musical about a failing Broadway producer and a timid accountant who scheme to get rich by creating the biggest flop in theater history. But when their outrageous show, Springtime for Hitler, becomes a surprise hit, chaos ensues. Packed with over-the-top humor and classic Mel Brooks wit, this Tony-winning musical is an unapologetic and hilarious romp.

Bus leaving times:

Kennewick Fred Meyers: 11:00a.m

Richland Fred Meyers: 11:40am

Estimated return times: Richland 6:10pm; Kennewick 6:40pm

Led by Linda Petersen (551-1700) and Pat Fleming (539-5459)

What goes well with tours of:

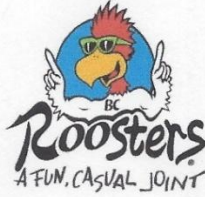
Pendleton Woolen Mills

Heritage Station

Tamastlikt Cultural
Institute

Rodeo Hall of
Fame

Well, that would be . . .



THIS TRIP IS NOW OPEN
TO GUESTS OF MEMBERS.

HISTORIC PENDLETON AND WILDHORSE CASINO

THREE DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS – JUNE 29TH – JULY 1ST, 2026

PRICE: \$380 per person – double occupancy

\$520 per person – single occupancy

(staying at Wildhorse 6/30 is double points day for gambling seniors)

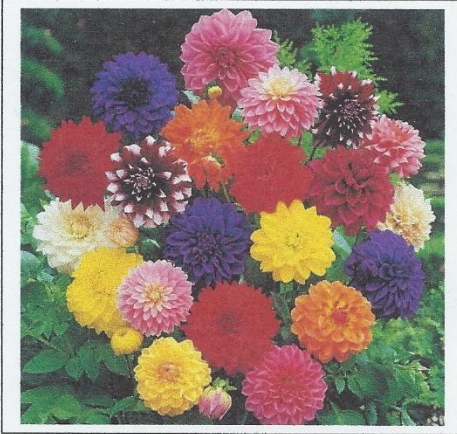
BUS PICK UP TIMES:

RICHLAND: 8:45am

KENNEWICK: 9:30am

Estimated time of return: Kennewick – 1:15pm; Richland – 2:00pm

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Swan Island
DAHLIAS

DAHLIA FESTIVAL IN CANBY, OREGON

September 1 -3, 2026

2 nights at Spirit Mountain Casino

PRICE: \$450 for dble pp; \$550 for single

We invite you to celebrate the season of Dahlias! Stroll through almost 50 acres of breathtaking fields and a beautiful display garden of stunning dahlias featuring over 375 varieties. Treat yourself to a rainbow of colors by taking photos, shopping in their mercantile. Select and order your favorite dahlias for spring delivery to enjoy the beauty in your garden the following year.

Along the way, we'll be checking out St John's Monastery and BAKERY! And, spending time in Aurora Colony Historic District well known for its history with mid 1800's structures and antiques.

Dining by the Bridge of the Gods and seeing a sturgeon or two on the way home. Estimated return time on 9/3/26 is 7pm Richl. and 7:30pm Kenn.



BUS PICK UP TIMES: Kennewick, 6:00 a.m. Richland, 6:30 a.m.

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Grand Canyon & Las Vegas Excitement

**\$100 Early Booking
Discount before Apr 30, 2026**

**October 04-09, 2026
6 days, 5 nights
\$3,299 - double occ
\$3,999 - single occ**

Tour Includes:

Round Trip Airfare
Deluxe Motorcoach
Professional Tour Director
Grand Canyon National Park
Sedona
The Sphere – WIZARD OF OZ
Hoover Dam
Valley of Fire
Mob Museum
Grand Canyon RR Hotel 3 nights
MGM Grand Hotel* 2 nights
3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners
*Or similar



Day 1 – Flights into the area and drive to Williams AZ to check into the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel for 3 nights. Mingle with your fellow travelers at a delicious Welcome Dinner D

Day 2 – Today is all about exploring the Grand Canyon National Park. It's sheer scale, colors and sense of timelessness leave visitors speechless. Layers of red, orange, pink and purple rock stack endlessly downward, carved by the Colorado River over millions of years. We will have more time and see more by driving into the park and having more options on how to spend your time. B, D

Day 3 – Breathtaking, colorful and inspiring, Sedona is today's destination. The red rock formations, mysterious vortexes and Chapel of the Cross sights have earned this city the nickname, "A Spiritual Disneyland". From upscale art galleries, Native American wares, psychics and gems, there is something for everyone. B

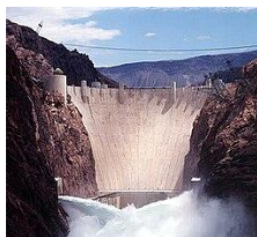
Day 4 – Heading to the Neon lights of Las Vegas, we stop for a very interesting and informative guided tour of the Hoover Dam. Catching some samples of world famous Ethel's Chocolates brings a sweet touch to the afternoon, before checking into the MGM hotel* on the strip. Tonight is free to do as you choose. B

Day 5 – Visiting the Valley of Fire, we again are treated to the magnificence of Mother Nature's rock

creations with shapes, layouts and towering formations that are fabulous photo opportunities. After lunch prepare to be dazzled and entertained at the Sphere as we become entranced by their headlining show, "The Wizard of Oz". Topping off the day is the Mob Museum with it's amazing history and stories of the Mafia family's presence in Las Vegas.



Day 6-. It's time to say goodbye to new friends, sharing photos of this memorable trip and making plans for future trips together as we board our flights for home.



DEPOSIT: \$200.00 due now to hold your place. Final payment is due Aug 04, 2026. If paying by credit card add \$100 on doubles and \$120 on singles.
CANCELLATION: Last day to cancel for a full refund is Aug 04 2026.
TRAVEL INSURANCE is highly recommended for Trip Cancellation, Accident, Life, and Luggage coverage during the tour. You can use the travel insurance company of your choice.

FOR INFORMATION: Contact Alan Mindell at solanabeachalan@yahoo.com / 310-560-5137 or Bobbi Lona at bobbilona@yahoo.com / 760-889-2687

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