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Monthly general membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month  
at 10 am at Atomic Bowl, 624 Wellsian Way, Richland

## APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

See bottom of your meeting reminder email for phone and email #'s

### ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Cyndi Kittson

Vice-President: Patrick Fleming

Secretary: Patricia Fleming

Treasurer: Claudia Theroff

### Directors:

Marsha Hathcox

Jerry Robledo

Pat Landen

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Trip Coordinator: Pat Fuhrman

Trip Coordinator: Linda McCarty

Social Coordinator: Vel Wright

Member Connections Coordinator: Claire Schneck

Office Manager: Patricia Fleming (including Newsletter & Website)

Parliamentarian: Avis Ogden

### OTHER

Attendance: Judy Brager

Greeter: Barbara Strait

Assistant to Office Mgr: Margaret Ault

Tags & Togs Specialist: Christina Dammarell

Board Development Specialist: Dortha Backer



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Cheri-Jones-1

Peggy-Harris-3

Tom-Richards-3

Olivina-Robledo-3

Karen-Napora-4

Marion-Davis-5

Billye-Sargent-5

Claire-Schneck-5

Susan-Roupe-8

Leanne-Evenson-10

Kiyoko-Richards-10

Connie-Rollo-10

Bill-Colvin-11

Dot-Hailey-12

Myrene-Northey-12

Sherrie-Pickard-12

Rick-Dawson-15

Lyle-Anderson-17

Karen-DiGeorge-17

Larry-Smith-17

Al-Slahtasky-18

Betty-Gould-19

Connie-Storey-19

Gina-Fairchild- 20

Beth-Dailey-21

Dianna-Strain-21

Verna-Bond-22

Jeanice-Schmick-22

Bonnie-Drollinger-23

Gary-Gardner-23

Carol-Evans-24

Suzanne-Hunt-24

Tom-Galioto-25

Judi-Clark-26

Jan-James-28

Diann-Strassburger-29

Pattie-Lilly-30

## Member Connections

**Verna Bond reports:** RR had a donation of 148 lbs to the Food Bank and 27 lbs of personal items to Martha's Cupboard for the month of March. The food bank could use canned spaghetti/stews/one meal foods/cereals. Thank you RR.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** Gina Fairchild, Fernando & Marie Avalos, Tom & Lynne Cross.

Once I get back 1 membership forms, we will be maxed out at 400 members. We have a waitlist. If you know anyone who wants to be on the waitlist, tell them to email ramrovers@gmail.com with their name, mailing address, phone and email. I will let them know when I've added them to the list. -pf-

### YE EDITOR'S PICK FOR THE MONTH:

I don't know about you, but I love finding recipes on Instagram which sound really good. But you often have to scroll through lots of bio about the cook, her family and how she found the recipe, etc. You can get to the recipe quickly, by just resting your cursor before the "h" in the <http> of the url of the article and type **cooked**. **Wiki/** hit enter and it worked for me to get quickly the recipe ready to print. I hope it works for you.



**STILL IN SEARCH OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE ROVER OFFICE FROM NOON TO 2PM ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

**Kind of wondering where all of our volunteers are.**

## **A note from your office manager (Pat Fleming)**

Some of you new members know me from our contacts when you joined. Some of you long time members know me from my nagging when yearly dues need to be renewed. (smile) After this year, you will know me only as the editor of the newsletter. Our member Larry Smith has agreed to be the administrator of our website. Thank you Larry. Now we just need a volunteer replacement for Office Manager. Starting in November, our treasurer, Claudia Theroff (with the help of the newsletter), will be the one reminding you to renew your dues. She will also collect them from anyone paying at the General Meeting. We don't copy checks for the office any more. For a new Office Manager, this will be a large chunk of time off of what it used to be. What remains is welcoming new members and getting their information processed and terminating them when they leave; and keeping the Board apprised of membership changes. **We really need a volunteer to step up.** What happens if we don't? I'm really not sure how everything in the below procedures will happen. Please consider volunteering your time for the good of our club.

### **CONDENSED VERSION OF THE OFFICE MANAGER PROCEDURES**

#### **TO DO ON A MONTHLY BASIS**

The Saturday before a general meeting, send out an email to all members who have an email reminding them of the meeting.

The Thursday before a general meeting is the Board Meeting. Send the latest membership rosters to all the Board before the meeting or print out and bring them for those who can't print them off at home.

The Third Wednesday of the month is the General Meeting. If you have anything to share as office manager, the president will hand you the microphone. If you have nothing to share, just tell the president ahead of time that you have nothing to report. Vel depends on you bringing a fold up podium and clip on light and setting it up for her (which I will give to you).

Monthly around the 20th, you will send the Newsletter Editor a membership roster so she can sort birthdays for the Newsletter and give to the Vice President to read at the meeting.

## **TO DO ON A YEARLY BASIS**

Throughout the year you will check the RR email daily because this is the email listed on our website and we often get requests to join. If our membership numbers are maxed out, reply to them telling them how we are maxed out and ask if they'd like to be put on the waitlist and if so, they must give you their mailing address, and phone #.

In coordination with your assistant office manager (Margaret Ault), supervise the Rover office volunteers and update their procedures as needed. Manage the office regarding supplies and other needs. Again the assistance the assistant office manager helps here.

In June is the Rover annual picnic (in 2025 it will be on 6/24) . Vel will ask you to say a few words.

In December Vel will ask you if you can say a few words at the Christmas Luncheon. You've seen me do this before. It doesn't have to be long .

In late December, Claudia will send you several reports about who has renewed. Mark them paid on your Excel roster as she sends them to you. She will give you a final report after the deadline. Get together with her so that you and she are showing the same number who renewed. Sort the roster by those who did not renew. Print those off and give it to the office volunteers and ask them to pull the membership forms out of the blue binders and shred them. Give also to Facebook Administrator so she can remove them from the Facebook page.. You will then delete them from your master roster and from the medical information roster. This is called the purge. Those members are terminated at that point. If they want to join again, they have to go the bottom of the waitlist and fill out a new membership form and pay \$35 as a new member (assuming there are empty spaces to join).

After the purge, you will know how many spaces can be filled. Start contacting those on the waitlist to see if they are still interested. If they still are, send them a membership form, info sheet and cover letter. Make notes on the spreadsheet as to when you mailed them and the deadline you gave them. Send a copy of that list to the Rover office who will process the new members' dues as they come in and call you with the member's information (or send you a photo of) to put on your two spreadsheets. They will also (as a back up) make a copy of page 1 of the membership form which you can pick up whenever it's convenient for you.

In February Vel will ask you to send out invitations to all of the volunteers for the previous year. You will know who were the office volunteers because you supervise them. Then list all of the Board and Board adjacent members. She will want to add all of the volunteers at her Christmas Lunch and the picnic (she will give you those names). You will use the master roster to get the emails of all of the volunteers and create an invitation similar to what I've done in the past or create your own. I used Microsoft Publisher to create those invitations but our trip coordinator, Linda McCarty uses Word to create her colorful trip flyers so do whatever is easiest for you. It doesn't need to be fancy. Vel will want you to include the menu in the invitation. Send Vel the final list. Vel will ask you to say a few words at this volunteer luncheon too.

In March, you can rest regarding membership until next November. Membership should be maxed out by this month. You'll have the occasional space open up to fill.

**HEALTH ADVISORY:** To ensure the safety and well-being of all members, we strongly encourage everyone to take necessary precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 and other diseases. This includes not traveling or coming to a meeting when you are ill; wearing masks, and following all guidelines and regulations set forth by the relevant authorities.

**TRAVEL ADVISORY:** Any member needing assistance on a trip (i.e. caretaker) must provide the name of that person to the travel coordinator and their trip cost is to be paid by either the member or the caretaker. If a wheelchair/walker will be needed, the member will provide that. Caretaker will fill out and sign liability and medical information page required to travel.

**WHEN CAN I SIGN UP FOR A TRIP?** The first time you can sign up for a trip *is either at a meeting or after a trip appears in the newsletter — WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.* You can sign up in the Rover office, you can mail your check in or you can sign up at general meetings. Keep in mind the trip can fill up at any of those times. When you write a check for a trip, make it payable to Rambling Rovers and please include your phone number on the check and also the name of the trip in the memo line. Re Rover trips and not those arranged by a travel company like Friendly Excursions: If you ever cancel a trip and get a refund, you must cash it within 90 days or it is voided. When are refunds made? If you cancel a trip in less than twenty (20) days but more than three (3) days before departure and are not replaced by someone else, the prepaid expenses will be deducted from the total cost of the trip and the balance refunded. If you cancel within three (3) days of departure, there will be NO refund UNLESS the member is replaced by someone else, OR a letter is presented from the member's physician within thirty (30) days of the trip's departure date, verifying member's medical reason for canceling, OR there is a death in the member's immediate family (a person's immediate family is their smallest family unit). Refunds for ALL circumstances may be reviewed by the Board, if requested by the member or by the trip coordinator on behalf of the member.

Tipping the driver: A gratuity for coach drivers is included in the total price of the trip (\$2 per person) but if you feel generous, you can give him/her more as you leave the bus at the end of the trip. When bringing luggage to be loaded under the bus, please color code it with the school colors for your city which are: Kennewick - black/orange ; Richland - green/gold.

## FROM RHODES SCHOLARS “SENIORS HOW TO PACK FOR TRAVEL”

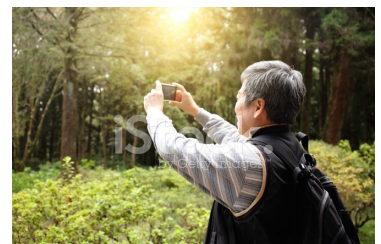
### **CHECKED LUGGAGE**

- Roll your clothes instead of folding them to save room (some like the packing cubes)
- Wearing layers are key! Pack dual-purpose garments that you can mix & match.
- Bring one nicer outfit; you never know where the trip will take you!
- Be conservative with how many shoes you’ll pack. They’re heavy and you’ll likely only wear a couple of pairs.
- Research the clothing customs before you go. Are you going to places of worship where you can’t show your shoulders? Pack a scarf! It takes up very little room and is versatile. Use as a scarf, a blanket on the plane, or to cover your head if you plan on visiting religious sites.
- Inside your checked luggage, include a phone number for your first hotel or your group travel organization in case your luggage gets lost. (Pack it on top!)
- Purchase a luggage lock in case your room does not have a safe
- Leave the expensive jewelry at home. Don’t wear perfumes that will bother others.
- Consider any specialty items you may need: a walking stick, hiking boots, seasickness medication, special camera lenses, binoculars, extra chargers for your phone.
- Leave a little room in your suitcase to bring back souvenirs
- If you’re going somewhere where mosquitoes or bugs may be common, bring dryer sheets to repel them away. Attach them to your bed or put them in your belt loops. Pad your breakables

### **CARRY-ON LUGGAGE**

- Pack all necessary items & meds and an extra set of clothes in your carry-on in case your checked luggage gets lost
- Keep your carry-on liquids in a zip-loc bag somewhere easily accessible so you can pull them out as you go through airport security
- If you’re an avid reader, consider buying an e-reader, and upload a few new books
- Pack hand sanitizer in your carry-on bag (and use it)
- Pack an (empty) water bottle in your carry-on to fill at the airport once you go through security. Water prices are high at an airport vendor.
- If traveling internationally, pack the necessary outlet adapters
- Make sure you have your passport or a visa if necessary
- Bring snacks! (But leave the liquids behind)
- Bring your health insurance card and multiple credit cards – you never know which type they will accept. Keep a copy of how to contact your credit card companies in case your purse is stolen. Same for your phones.
- For long flights, consider purchasing a neck pillow, noise-cancelling headphones, ear plugs and/or a sleeping mask. Bring an extra pair of glasses or dentures.

### **TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES.**



We need your support on this trip. Tickets have been purchased (which is the norm). Unless we get more sign ups, we go in the minus for this trip. We are allowing friends and relatives— just have them call Pat Fuhrman and she'll tell them what to do.

Support your Rovers!

**Yakima Capital Theater Presents~~**

# My Fair Lady



*Eliza Doolittle is a young Cockney woman who is selling flowers in Covent Garden when a wealthy man named Freddy Eynsford-Hill crashes into her, causing her to drop and ruin her flowers, and is ushered off by his mother without paying. A scene unfolds, and someone notices that a gentleman nearby is writing down every word Eliza says. Professor Henry Higgins explains that he is a linguistics scholar and can track anyone's origins by their accents. He brags that Eliza's accent is the only reason she is poor, and he could pass her off as nobility after six months of speech lessons.*

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.**

(\$15 discount at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Grille is included)

**PRICE \$169.00**

Kennewick = 2:45 p.m.

Richland = 3:10 p.m.

Led by Pat Fuhrman and Pat Johnstone

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**THE CHER SHOW**  
**Yakima Capital Theater**  
**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.**

*Superstars come and go. Cher is forever. For six straight decades, only one unstoppable force has flat-out dominated popular culture — breaking down barriers, pushing boundaries, and letting nothing and no one stand in her way. **The Cher Show** is the Tony Award-winning musical of her story, and it's packed with so much Cher that it takes three women to play her: the kid starting out, the glam pop star, and the icon.*

**PRICE: \$146.00**

Driver Tip is included  
in the price.

Kennewick=4:00 p.m.

Richland=4:30 p.m.

Dinner @ MINERS before the show *(on your own)*

Led by Linda McCarty and Jim McCarty

509-948-0545 509-948-4171

Home around 11:30-Midnight





## Palouse, Pataha and Pomeroy

*Eastern Washington Agricultural Museum*

*Lunch at Pataha Flour Mill*

**MONDAY, MAY 6th**

8:30 a.m-5:00 p.m.

Created by the Ice Age floods from glacial Lake Missoula more than 13,000 years ago, **Palouse Falls** is one of few active waterfalls left along this massive glacial flood path. Perched within the dramatic flood-carved Palouse River Canyon, Palouse Falls is one of the key destinations along the Ice Age Floods National Geological Trail.

### LUNCH (included)

It was once one of five water-powered flour mills in Garfield County, grinding grains destined for local and far-flung markets. Now, the Pataha Flour Mill in Pomeroy, Wash., is the last. Owner Jon Van Vogt says the others have long since burned, but he and his family are working to preserve the remaining three-story mill, built in 1878. "Everything is fully intact. Nothing was gutted out of it. ... It has everything that was in it 130 years ago," Van Vogt says.



Driver Tip is included in the price of the trip.



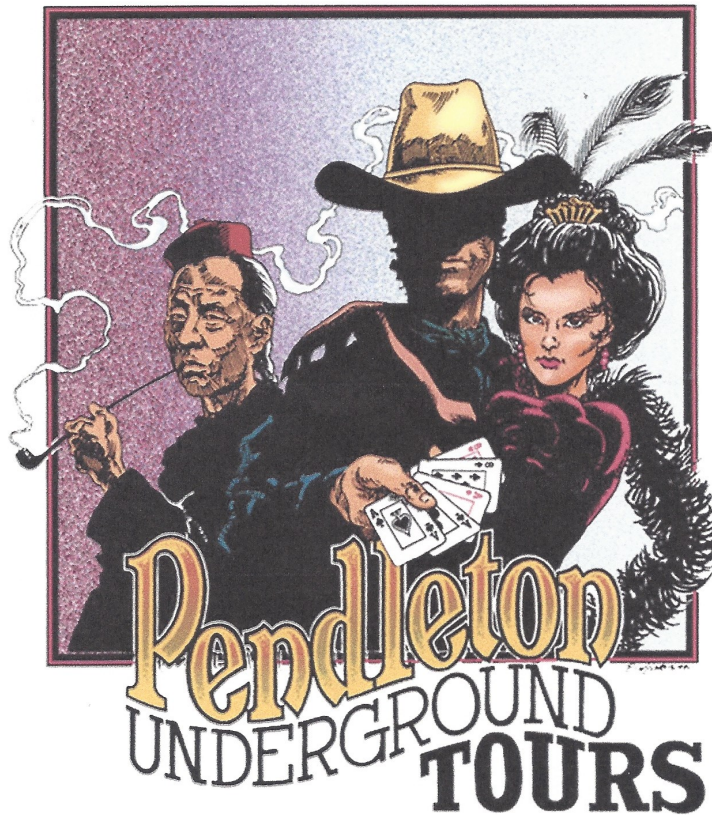
**\$105.00**  
**Per Person**

This museum was founded by a handful of residents who worked to collect, preserve, display, and educate the public with items, stories, and information related to agricultural history. Its extensive collection of farm machinery, equipment, horse-drawn implements, tractors, fire trucks, and other machinery dates from the late 1800s through the 1950s. It also includes vintage household items and a cook shack used to prepare meals during harvest.

KENNEWICK=8:30 a.m. RICHLAND WINCO=8:50 a.m.

Linda McCarty, Trip Coordinator – 948-0545

**SEND CHECK MADE OUT TO RAMBLING ROVERS TO:  
660-R George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352**



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## Pendleton Underground Comes Alive

Saturday, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>

*(Note: some stairs are involved but you can skip that portion of the tour if needed.)*

PRICE \$127.00

Richland=7 45 AM

Kennewick=8 15 AM

Led by Pat Fuhrman and Pat Johnstone

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IF IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO WALK ON THE GRAVEL AFTER YOU PARK, WE WILL HAVE VALET PARKING AVAILABLE. JUST DRIVE UP TO MAIN ENTRANCE AND SOMEONE WILL HELP YOU OUT AND PARK YOUR CAR. SHE WILL ALSO RETRIEVE IT FOR YOU AFTER THE PICNIC.



## ROVERS SUMMER PICNIC and TOUR OF THE MOORE MANSION

Monday, JUNE 24, 2024

POTLUCK MEAL @ 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Drive yourself to the location  
(Plenty of free parking!)

200 North Road 34, Pasco, WA

*Checks only please. Made out to Rambling Rovers.*

**\$10 each**

**MAIL TO:**

**VEL WRIGHT**

**4410 W. Metaline Ave.**

**Kennewick, WA 99336**

Plates and table-service will be provided along with bottled water. Meat is provided.

**If your last name starts with A-G please bring a main dish. If it starts with H-N please bring a salad or jello. If it starts with O-U please bring a homemade dessert and if it starts with V-Z please bring Bread or Chips.**

If you'd like a tour of the Mansion, it is an extra \$25. An interesting tour with included informative booklet to take home!

**Space is limited so be sure to sign up early!**