



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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Remember, there is always more information about our club on our website at www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org.

Not yet a member? Join us for lunch each Monday at noon on the 4th floor of Kennewick's **Clover Island Inn**. Our meetings are open and friendly. You're always welcome. Visit with our members and learn how you can become a part of our Kiwanis family and join with us in any of a variety of programs that help serve our area youth. [Full lunch \$10, Salad & beverage only \$6, Beverage only \$2 – no purchase required]

The August 4th meeting was called to order by President, Larry Hansmeier. Larry also delivered the invocation. Dick Nordness was this week's Wrangler.

We had 9 guests. Sam Sargent from the Pasco club joined us again today. We had an interclub from TCI: Bob Ellis, Carol Roberts, Kirk Williamson, and today's speaker, Norm Olson. Laurel Piippo was here from the Richland club, and Shawn Cirignono joined us again as a guest. Dick Nordness introduced his two granddaughters from Slovenia, Kendra and Rebecca Patty.

Congratulations to raffle winner Sarah Longan.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Dick Nordness celebrated his birthday with his visiting granddaughters. Marilyn praised the volunteer spirit at the train this week. One of the VIP staff stepped in to fill a needed stint as conductor. Wayne Underwood and Don Barnes got instruction and practice runs as an engineers. Jim Hyde gracefully gave up his shift as engineer to give them the training.

Lorraine Cooper's nephew Dustin is advancing in his little league baseball competition. Carol Roberts noted she had been introduced as a Kiwanian of *many decades* although women have only been in Kiwanis for the past 20 years. She also noted that she had happily endured a 2 week

visit by 5 granddaughters and their mothers. Kert Williamson took his mother to a Mariners game for her birthday and was perhaps the oldest child who “lost his mommy” for a brief time at Safeco field. Doug noted that he had visited an Oregon Kiwanis camp for special needs kids last week. He thanked John Lawson for helping set up at the Special Olympics Softball Tournament Saturday. He also praised the new newsletter format.

Jo Harrington thanked club members for their participation at the Budget meeting, she also thanked Della from the VIP staff for taking over her shift. Jo bragged about birthdays for her niece aged 17 and her granddaughter aged 15. She also donated a dollar to praise her dad. Jo thanked members for their understanding as she is often called away on short notice to attend to her father's failing health. Norm Olson said he was happy to be able to stay home for once for a weekend with nothing that had to be done. John Lawson congratulated Phil Slusser's efforts to provide souvenir ID buttons for the J&S Express at the parade.

Announcements and Coming Events Signup Sheets Circulated

Committee Meetings

There will be an Administrative meeting, Wednesday August 6th and a Board meeting Tuesday August 12th. Both are at noon at Clover

Island. All members are welcome to attend.

Join the Parade

John Lawson announced that there were still some opportunities to add more children to ride the train in the Benton-Franklin Grand Parade on Saturday the 16th. Kiwanis family members and friends can be invited. Get signup forms from John or call him at 586-0285.

Salmon Bake

Tickets and ticket books are still available for this year's Salmon Bake. Don't be left out.

Buy wine, sponsor Kids Day

Andy brought in wine available for \$15 per bottle for sponsorship of this year's Kids Day. Get some now. Get more next week. A number of bottles were successfully dispersed to aid the program. We learned what a great program Kids Day is just last week.

J&S Express

Marilyn Hyde circulated the J&S volunteer sheet for the next few weeks. A few more volunteers were still needed. We have the volunteers for the parade on the 16th. But as usual, we always have vacancies to fill for our regular operations too. Sign up if you can.

New Weekend Hours for J&S

beginning August 16, we are shifting our schedule back 1 hour to be able to provide rides from **1pm to 6pm**

Marilyn's sign-up sheets for volunteers will reflect the new hours

Salmon Bake

Ticket sales and receipts need to get to Mark Blotz today or tomorrow so they can finalize the catering arrangements for this year's Salmon Bake. We're all looking forward to a big turnout August 14th.

SOS Glasses

Mark Blotz also announced that Belva Whitlock at KeyBank had collected 66 pair of used eyeglasses for the Kiwanis SOS project and they

were ready to be sent off.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Live, On Stage

Laurel Piippo (Richland Kiwanis) has handouts and tickets for an October 16th performance by actress Jean Rice recreating Eleanor Roosevelt on stage. Laurel can be reached at 943-3415.

Kiwanis Golf Tournament

Norm Olson noted that although our club didn't field a golf team for the tournament, they were still looking for volunteers to staff 2 hour shifts. He brought a signup sheet to share with us.

Coming Next Week

Scott Keller from the Port of Benton.

Norm Olson

The Orlando Convention & changes at the PNW District



Norm Olson

Past Lt. Gov., Norm Olson was our club's official delegate to the Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando. He discussed some of the highlights from the Convention and also spoke about changes that are taking place in the Pacific Northwest District. Norm has been a Kiwanian for 23 years. He is from the Tri-Cities Industries club.

Norm and his wife used some extra time around the convention in Orlando. It had been sometime since he had taken a flight on United. He was surprised at just how *economy* an economy ticket had become. From their condo base in Orlando

they were able to be tourists (shopping, looking for alligators, watching and watching out for lightning and truly torrential, though brief, downpours). They enjoyed the trip and wished they had grandchildren along.

Changes coming out of the convention include the option for clubs to have 2 year terms for officers, electronic ballots by email, and a strong emphasis on developing and really making use of diversity within the clubs. Diversity means a mutual respect for ALL, and to *include* not just tolerate others. It is especially important to get everyone into the mainstream and to really *use* their ideas.

Good leadership was and will continue to be emphasized. Resolve issues, don't just complain about them. Leadership means getting the right people on the bus, and in the right seats. Club success involves setting goals, identifying solutions, and planning how to get it done.

Sylvester Neal will be a strong KI vice president

and we can expect him to bring some of the local issues to the table. For example, it is likely that SIGN will become an international program. Sylvester heads the Africa project and Norm took some time to explain how different life was for Kiwanians in Africa. He invited everyone to look into the African partnership.

Norm went on to discuss the District Governance issues. It has been difficult for officers with 1 year terms to provide strategic management to our very large district. Other Districts have been using Trustees with 3 year terms successfully. Our Division would have 12 Trustees. The proposed changes in governance that Norm discussed will be voted on at our District Convention.

[Ed. note: These changes are described in a [document](#) provided by Governor Rich Jensen and available on our club website. Our club delegates to the convention this month are Jo Harrington and Sarah Longan.]

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