



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwaniis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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**The August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting** was called to order by President, Larry Hansmeier. Jonna Hansmeier provided our invocation and Terry Loney served as our Wrangler. Larry reminded us that this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month, time for donations to our K-Kids Schools program. We have over \$500 available for the Eastgate and Virgie Robinson schools.

One of our guests was Robert Rector who accompanied his wife Judy, this week's speaker. Glen Wheeler, Stan Case and Gary Earp were here from Kennewick; Geri Ajifu and John Abasold, recent arrivals from Hawaii were Sarah Longan's guests; Joi McNamera was introduced by Marilyn Hyde – they became friends as members of the first County Fair Court in 1949.

Thank you, raffle winner Geri Ajifu, for the donation of your winnings to our Foundation.

### **Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags**

Andy Perdue congratulated the team that pulled together to help serve hundreds of pancakes before the Parade Saturday.

Dick Nordness verified the safe return of his grandchildren home to Slovenia. Sarah Longan thanked Doug Brown for introducing her friends to our community's river recreation. John Lawson thanked all the club members who contributed time this weekend to one of our many events and projects. He also contributed the J&S fuel budget for Friday's Partners and Pals rides. Wayne Underwood remembered the anniversary of his first date with his wife, Donna. He was pleased with the Parade water and juice sales.

Mark Blotz said the buses downstairs were for the Neville Brothers Tour passing through the Tri-Cities. He reminded us that last week was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Golf Tournament, then on Wednesday Clover Island had 1500 lunches to cater, Thursday the Salmon Bake, Saturday the Louie Louie Festival. He couldn't find enough time to take advantage of the PNW Convention.

Stan Case praised a job well done by Rick Kilgore supporting the convention facilities. Stan also brought raffle tickets for a \$5000 water feature. Robert Ramirez thought perhaps Stan was going to try and sell a few more Salmon Bake tickets. He also added that Art Brody from TCI was another facilities over-achiever working the Convention with Rick.

Doug expressed thanks for help with the Partners and Pals event, and for the help selling ice water at the Parade. Those sales benefited from the hot day. He also noted that the Hansmeiers, the Underwoods, and Sarah Longan proved their proficiency tubing in the river.

Jo Harrington's brother celebrated a birthday. She reminded us again of the golf tournament and offered thanks for all who stepped in to help her during her dad's last days. She thanked the club for all the prayers, for those who attended the service, and for the donations made to the Foundation. Jo directed a \$25 donation she had received to the Foundation to remember her father and added another \$100 to it. Robert Rector apologized for bringing Wayne Underwood safely back from a power parachute flight.

## Announcements and Coming Events Signup Sheets Circulated

### Interclubs

This week will have a Milton-Freewater interclub.

### The Horse Heaven Hills Hat Auction

**Next week** Wayne Underwood will auction a *nearly* unique **Horse Heaven Hills Kiwanis** baseball cap. One of just two made. He'll keep one for himself, and *all of you* are invited to bid on the other at our next meeting.

Your money will go to our Projects account to help fund our youth and community activities (we're starting the new fiscal year a little "dry"). If you can't attend, email Wayne your bid, and beat out the live bidding ([wduwa@charter.net](mailto:wduwa@charter.net)). Better yet, be there for his live and lively auction.



### Committee Meetings

Youth Services will not have a committee meeting next Monday. Committee members should watch their email for announcements for another meeting to discuss the Kickin' It Up for Kids Dance and other committee business.

There will be a J&S Committee meeting Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest.

### District Convention

Jo Harrington and Sarah Longan were thanked for their participation as convention delegates. Our club received a number of awards with patches to be added to our banner. We were named a Distinguished Club for 2006-07, an Outstanding Club for the same period, a Round Robin for completing interclub visits, a 2008 Convention Patch, as well as Distinguished President and Distinguished Secretary pins.

### A Busy Weekend

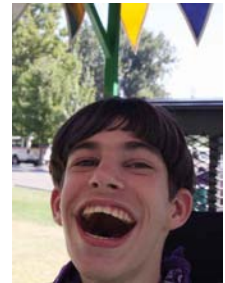


Things were already underway by Thursday. This year's Salmon bake was huge and great fun with food, music, wine and friends. Thank you to Mark Blotz and everyone else who helped by selling tickets to this fundraiser or just attending. Go to <http://gallery.photosbyharold.com/p721961640> for some great photos.

Rick Kilgore coordinated our efforts assisting with the logistics for the PNW Convention. Jo Harrington and Sarah Longan have been our club delegates and plan to present what they gleaned at our next week's meeting.

The J&S Dreamland Express was operated for a special event for The ARC of Tri-Cities Partners and Pals picnic on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Doug Brown took the lead on making this a success. He was assisted by Phil Tracy who has driven the train in past years and by John Lawson. We had our share of enthusiastic, happy riders and the wheelchair lift got a real workout.



Andy Perdue successfully organized our role in running the Fair Board's free pancake breakfast between the morning run and the parade. He was able to tap a number of our members to help out. Dick Nordness, Lorraine Cooper, Ketra Stumpf, Donna Underwood, and Terry Loney all assisted.

On Saturday our train was in the Benton-Franklin



Grand Parade. All the kids had fun as did the adults who supervised them. Our youngest riders in the parade were Pam Carrier's grandchildren, John and Ali Carrier. Doug Brown's daughter, Carmina rode shotgun in the cab. Thank you John Lawson, Jim Hyde, Phil Slusser, Donna

Underwood, Dale Green and Dick Nordness.

Doug Brown and Wayne Underwood did a brisk business for the club selling cold water and juice from their 4-wheeler ORVs during the parade. They were ably assisted by Ketra Stumpf and Nathalie Cyrus, a German exchange student at Southridge High School. Their effort earned the club almost \$320 and deserves our appreciation.

Despite an unusually hot weekend that was very busy with other events, our volunteers still turned out with enthusiasm to help run the J&S train.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Golf Tournament**

Kathy Kilgore has asked that we recognize their very successful fund raiser last Monday. She was assisted by Jo & Mike Harrington, Rick Kilgore, and Ketra Stumpf from our club.

### **Youth Services Dinner Dance**



*Our second annual benefit dinner dance will be the evening of Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Clover Island Inn. Tickets are \$40, and proceeds will benefit the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation and the Youth Programs of the Arc of Tri-Cities. Live music will be provided by the great Highland Drive band. For further information, contact Doug Brown at 539-0076.*

### **Coming Next Week**

Jo Harrington & Sarah Longan will present a PNW District Convention report.

## **Judy Rector Haiti - a Country of Contrasts**



*Judy Rector*

Judy Rector's role in the Mona Foundation's world wide programs took her on a site visit to Haiti. It was her first time in Haiti and proved to be a moving experience for her.

Haiti is the first independent black country in the Western Hemisphere. It is also poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Unemployment is 80%, and only 50% can even go to school even to 5<sup>th</sup> grade level. Only a few progress beyond that.

Everything in Haiti must be locked and guarded. There are virtually no public services or infrastructure. The few services are typically very cheap. The Tap-Tap bus, usually just a pickup, is used for public transport, but the roads make any journey slow and difficult. Junk and garbage accumulate everywhere. There are few shops. Commerce is done by street vendors. Electricity is unreliable. Poverty is so bad that \$1 a day will hire a maid and in Haiti slavery is still a reality. Charcoal is almost the only available source of heat, and it's production is bringing ruin to Haiti's vegetation creating a stark contrast to its neighbor, the Dominican Republic. Goods or almost anything are typically moved by wheelbarrow or handcart. UN Peace Keepers are charged with keeping civil order, but this is little more than quelling public riots.

Schools are typically started up almost intrapreneurially as a way to help give their children a chance for a better life. There are no

rules, anyone can establish a school. But in general, the families have no money to pay for school services. A classroom is often little more than a shed. What they ask for is: Teacher Training; Security (simply doors and windows to keep out thieves); and nutrition for students who come to school without food or water.

The country is run largely to the benefit of members from about 14 elite families. There is a

lot of racism in Haiti. In general a lighter skin means increased status. There are few white people in the country. Most religion seems to be a blend of Christianity and Voodoo. Few Americans ever visit Haiti, mostly just missionaries, teachers and doctors.

Learn more about the Mona Foundation from it's website [www.MonaFoundation.org](http://www.MonaFoundation.org).



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