



# 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](http://www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org).

**The September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting** was called to order by President Larry Hansmeier. This week, Sarah Longan led the invocation, and this week's wrangler was Mark Blotz.

This week's guests from other clubs were Kathy Kilgore representing the Columbia club and 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest. Her guest, Pamela Sparks was also from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest. Dick Petersen, Wayne Bell and Steve Osborn represented the Kennewick club. Richard Lathim was in attendance from the Pasco club, and Laurel Piippo, from the Richland club. We also welcomed Shawn Cirignano who visited our club again.

Larry circulated our K-Kids Schools collection and reminded us that we were able to provide both schools with nearly \$290 each this year to be used to purchase school supplies for needy students.

Dale Green held this week's winning raffle ticket. He donated his prize to benefit the Youth Services Committee.

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

Marilyn Hyde said her husband Jim was off to Australia until early next month. She has a number of plans to put into effect before he returns. This will include new sod for the lawns, repair of a grandmother clock and refinishing of a family room table.

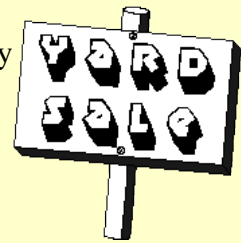
Laurel Piippo will celebrate another birthday Thursday. She also bragged that her grandson's role helped the San Diego Chargers achieve their victory over the Seattle Seahawks.

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### **THIS SATURDAY MORNING!**

#### **KHHH Yard Sale**

Andy Perdue has obtained a table for the club at the Tri-City Herald's September 20th Community Yard Sale (**in the Tri-City Herald parking lot, next to the Reese building, Saturday morning from 8am until noon**). Sarah Longan is our team coordinator for this project.



All the funds from our sales will go to our club. Thanks to those who have already contributed items for the sale. But we can *all* try to find a few nice things that are underfoot at home or in our garages that will entice shoppers to open their wallets. **Furniture is very desirable! All items need to be in working order without need of repair.** You can drop off goods during this week, call or email [Sarah](#) at (582-5856) for details.

There are still more ways you can help (call or email Sarah for details), we need:

- Loan of a printing calculator with tape
- Volunteer for 1st shift sales (7:45-9:45)
- Volunteer for 2nd shift sales (9:30-11:30)
- Volunteer for closing (11:15-1:00 +/-)
- Help with transportation of items

For transportation assistance of sales goods, contact Sarah by Thursday evening (or you can drop them off at her home). For further information, contact [Sarah Longan](#). *Don't miss out on this painless way to help finance our club's projects.*

Jo Harrington held an early 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party for her granddaughter and was impressed by the friends she brought.

Andy Perdue reminisced that just one year ago he and Melissa were in India holding their new daughter in their arms and barely noticed the hot and humid weather there.

Mark Blotz finally had his first experience with the Pendleton Roundup. He was also very pleased with Clover Island's Pablo Cruz concert which had a turnout of about 850 people.

**Announcements and Coming Events  
Signup Sheets Circulated**

**Clover Island Events**

Mark Blotz presented the club with a \$410 check from Kennewick Kiwanis for our participation with the *Salmon Bake* in August. He had a second check for \$150 from the Clover Island Inn to donate to the club for providing a parking shuttle service with the J&S Express during this month's *Pablo Cruz Concert*.

**Interclubs**

Andy Perdue reported that our club had met its Round Robin requirement with the visit to the Dayton club. In spite of the fact that some people had trouble locating the church where the meeting was held, the Dayton club provided free meals for our Kiwanians and more singing than any other club.

**Yard Sale**

Sarah Longan circulated a signup sheet for Saturday's yard sale. Volunteers will have 2 hour shifts. She would like to find a calculator with a paper tape to use. See the notice on the previous page.

**J&S Express**

The last run of the train is scheduled for the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Hyde circulated the J&S volunteer signup sheets for the remainder of our current operating year. Please help out if you can.

**Laurel Piippo**

Laurel announced tickets that she had tickets available for several upcoming events. She had tickets available for our Kick'n October Dinner Dance for \$40 each. Also, Richland Kiwanis is sponsoring a Travel/Adventure series for \$25 for a season of 5 tickets, and also tickets for an October stage performance by her cousin. She also had a handout for a Shriner's sponsored Screening Clinic for young people.

**Youth Services Dinner Dance**

Many of our members are now selling tickets for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Kick'n It Up for Kids* October Dinner Dance. Buy your tickets now!

*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 – September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

State Attorney General Rob McKenna – “Identity Theft”

**Coming in 2 Weeks – September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Induction of new club officers

## Alissa Watkins – “Gleaning”



Alissa Watkins

We welcomed Alissa Watkins founder of the Fields of Grace program. They are a faith based volunteer organization located in Richland and affiliated with the West Side Church. They serve the community by gleaning surplus crops to donate to the needy through a partnership between local farmers and 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest to provide fresh produce to area food banks serving those in need.

Gleaning is going over a field that has just been harvested and hand-gathering a usable and often significant remainder of the crop that remains. They provide fresh local produce to area food banks. Hunger in our region tends to be an “invisible” problem. Needy people are reluctant to tell friends or neighbors of this type of problem. Hunger can have a real impact on children, who comprise about half of those in the U.S. experiencing *food insecurity*. Obtaining fresh produce for food banks is always difficult. As our food industry becomes more efficient, there is less waste, less to be gleaned by volunteers such as Fields of Grace. But local farmers have stepped up, and often donate part of their regular harvest to supplement the program.

The actual gleaning is accomplished by volunteers. It is important that they receive some basic training before they go out so that they know what is expected and what to avoid, so that no damage is done during the gleaners harvest. This

constitutes a kind of gleaning etiquette that also addresses safety issues and crop specific concerns.

The partnership with 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest provides a distribution channel to the food banks.

Almost any local crop is suitable for gleaning.



These typically include: corn, potatoes, apples, carrots, cherries, and other fruit and vegetables. Most sources can be utilized, from

large corporate farms to small backyard operations with a few large fruit trees.

The result is almost always top quality produce, as good or better than what you might expect to find in stores.

Since it began in 2006, 2500 volunteer hours have



resulted in 100,000 pounds of produce, plus another 25,000 pounds of donated produce.

Alissa went on to talk about the variety of volunteer opportunities available through Fields of Grace. There is more than the picking, there is need for First Aid, for “quick response teams” for small operations, logistics and coordination and even a prayer team. Anyone can volunteer from youth to the elderly. It is a great family project.

There are other gleaning projects in operation in the state, notably in Bellingham and Seattle.

Alissa had a several brochures available for those interested in learning more about the program. They also have more information on their website at [www.fields-of-grace.com](http://www.fields-of-grace.com) where you can learn more about their program.

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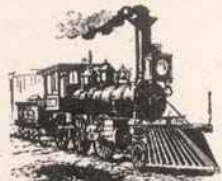
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