



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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Our October 20 meeting was called to order by President Joanna Harrington. Larry Hansmeier led the opening songs and pledge. Doug Brown delivered our invocation. Jo circulated the K-Kids Schools collection this week.

Dale Green was this week's Wrangler.

The Guests were Bob Ellis from TCI, Ginger Vetrano from Richland and Shawn Cirignano, a frequent guest.

Alex Burden won this week's raffle and donated the proceeds to Youth Services.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Bob Ellis had been a long time honorary member of the Atomic City club. He was at the club's final board meeting when it disbanded. They were in the process of getting rid of the club's belongings. Bob was awarded a sombrero bearing a Kiwanis emblem. He related how it had been used in Atomic City. Because Horse Heaven Hills has been using a sombrero for our wrangler brags collection, Bob donated it to our club.

Dick Nordness' father-in-law celebrated his 90th birthday. Alex Burden has returned from his honeymoon cruise in the Caribbean. Don Barnes returned from visiting his grandkids along with a side trip to the Deschutes River rapids. He reported birthdays for his son, his sister and his favorite son-in-law.

Lorraine Cooper thanked Youth Services, the "best" committee for making the dinner dance such a success. She gave credit to all who helped.

Jo Harrington also thanked those who helped make Kick'n It Up for Kids happen. She then noted her sister-in-law's birthday.

Marilyn Hyde donated an Australian \$20 bill. She had missed two meetings because of her involvement in working to make Hover park (Southeast of Finley) into a real community asset offering the only good sandy beach along the river for swimming. She has been working with the Urban Forestry group to be sure the park is developed with native plants instead of becoming another expanse of grass.

Larry Hansmeier wanted to give Andy Perdue special thanks for the donation selected from his wine collection to support the auction. He wondered if we shouldn't have had more white wines for the mutual benefit of the Hydies and the club, noting that Jim Hyde had again purchased all the white wines.

Announcements and Coming Events Signup Sheets Circulated

Youth Services Dance

Doug Brown reported the success of Saturday's second annual Kick'n It Up for Kids dinner dance. Although there was a slightly smaller turnout than last year, the event proved more profitable than before. John Lawson reported expected revenues were nearly \$3000 and catering costs were held to only \$1284 thanks in large part to Clover Island including the cost of the room.

Jo Harrington awarded a "Kiwanis Starfish" for efforts above and beyond, to Doug Brown and

Lorraine Cooper to honor their work on the dinner dance. She also thanked everyone on the Youth Services Committee who worked so hard to pull the event together.

Virgie Robinson – Math Night and Book Fair

Our Pasco K-Kids School Virgie Robinson is holding a Harvest Eve Math Night on October 30th. Jo circulated a sign-up sheet. More volunteers are still needed.

Please remember to bring some bagged candy to event to be given out to the kids.

Contact [Jo Harrington](#) or [Larry Hansmeier](#) for more details.

Jo also circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers needed during the school day during the week of November 10-14 to help staff the school Book Fair. Contact [Jo](#) or [Larry](#) for details.

Annual Citrus Sale – Richland Kiwanis

Ginger Vetrano announced the Richland Club's annual Citrus Sale fund raiser. This year they have added an assorted fruits box to the available selections. She circulated a sign-up sheet and promised deliveries for the 1st week in December.

Committee Meetings

Dick Nordness asked if there was going to be a J&S meeting held following the regular meeting. It was noted that we need to schedule a J&S meeting soon.

Interclubs

There is an Interclub with the Eastgate Elementary K-Kids on Thursday October 23rd at 2pm.

Sarah Longan and Andy Purdue are coordinating an Interclub to Walla Walla Tuesday, October 28th.

Coming Next Week – October 27

Connie Hache – Junior Achievement



Jim Morache – Tri-Cities Airport



Jim Morache

Doug Brown first introduced Vicki Keller, who accompanied speaker Jim Morache, Director of the Pasco Airport, from the Port of Pasco, noting that if you needed anything, Vicki was always a good resource.

Jim Morache has been Director of the Tri-Cities Airport since May 12, 1980. He recounted that he started with the Port, the Monday before Mt. Saint Helens blew up the following Sunday.

Even at more than 2000 acres the airport needs more space, homes are encroaching on the outskirts and the overflight spaces. But, he noted that Pasco's airport was much better off in that respect than many more urban airports.

There is added development on the port land that is not just aviation orientated. They are creating a general industrial park and have other lands they lease to Lamb Weston. He noted that our club member, Don Barnes has a lease in the park.

Jim related the history of the airport from its beginning in 1926 servicing an airmail route to Boise. During WWII it became a Navel Air Training Station. The City of Pasco took over operations in 1947. In 1963, ownership was transferred to the Port of Pasco. A then modern terminal building was constructed in 1966 marking the dawn of the jet age. Since then the new terminal building has gradually grown up and

encompassed the old facility.

There are presently four carriers: Allegiant serving Las Vegas; Delta with flights to its Salt Lake City hub; Horizon flying to Seattle (they are dropping service to Portland); and United Express flying to Denver.

2007 marked the peak passenger volume to date. The current year has slowed a bit with the declining economy and without the Portland service, the estimates for 2009 traffic will be lower.

Tri-Cities Airport has invested \$24.2 million in capital improvements since 2001. Jim noted that much of this money is funneled directly back into the community. \$10 million of that went toward apron project that provides among other things a state of the art capture and treatment facility for deicing material. With the Business Park and community partnership projects leveraged with both private and public sector interests, the Port has become a leader in creating new opportunities for economic growth. There is a new fire station, two new hangars, office space and room for growth. He noted the Viperjet manufacturing facility that has already turned out almost three dozen 2 passenger jets in kit form.

Air travelers are benefited by improved terminal facilities, more restrooms and a new gift shop. They have also updated technology applied to flight safety and to keeping the public informed of flight schedule status through the [Port's website](#).

Asked about what kinds of planes the airport could handle he noted that the C5A cargo plane and the President's Air Force One 747 had used the facility. But realistically, mid-sized jets up to the size of a 757 or 767, but current passenger traffic does not support planes that large. There are also other commercial air operations and over 100 private planes. The Port is positioning itself to serve the "higher end" of general aviation.

It was noted from the audience that our airport compared very favorably with Ontario airport in the Los Angeles area.

Forecasting passenger traffic is an inexact science. Growth has generally been about 2½-3% per year. 2008 will probably not meet that level and, with the loss of Portland service, 2009 is likely to be negative. Current passenger levels are at about one-quarter million per year.

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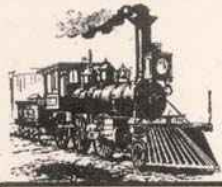
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