



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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Our October 27 meeting was called to order by President Joanna Harrington. Larry Hansmeier led the opening songs and pledge. Wayne Underwood gave the invocation. Rick Kilgore was Wrangler.

Guests were Bob Wohler from Kennewick, Honorary Member Robert Ramirez, and Shawn Cirignano, our frequent guest.

This week's raffle prize was donated to the Foundation by Terry Loney.

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

Mark Blotz donated a "Seahawk buck". Wayne Underwood and Robert Ramirez joined in a Texas Tech alumni brag.

Phil Slusser had missed 8 meetings and 3 family birthday brags. In light of all the campaign "noise" on TV he also gave thanks to whoever it was that invented the mute control.

Larry Hansmeier will be celebrating his birthday this week. Bob Wohler said he had picked a good weekend to give away his Husky tickets. Jo Harrington's grand-daughter was honored to participate on-stage at a FFA event. Jo also gave recognition to her sister's birthday.

Andy Perdue has been collecting Husky and Cougar jokes and shared one with us. Doug Brown reminded us we can all celebrate the success of Southridge High School football.

Rick Kilgore said his youngest daughter was at another birthday milestone. He also said that anyone who was so inclined after the election, could help at the annual take down of the

Demonstration Garden next Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that he had forgotten his name badge and challenged other "badgeless" members to kick in an extra dollar. Shawn Cirignano apologized for being late to the meeting.

### **Announcements and Coming Events Signup Sheets Circulated**

#### **Virgie Robinson Elementary**

Jo Harrington thanked all who had donated bags of candy for Thursday's Harvest Eve Math Night.

Jo circulated a signup sheet. More volunteers are still needed to help out. **Math Night** is Thursday, October 30. The **Book Fair** is during the school day the week of November 10-14. Jo also announced a **Science Night** event scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Contact [Jo Harrington](#) if you can help with one or more of these events. She urged the club to help meet the critical shortage of volunteers and give one of our K-Kid schools a big boost.

#### **Committee Meetings**

There will be an Administrative Committee meeting, Thursday November 6 at noon in the Crow's Nest. The November Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday November 13 at it's new time, 11:45, in the Clover Island breakfast room near the elevators. All members are welcome at both meetings.

There will be a Youth Services meeting immediately following next week's club meeting.

## **Interclubs**

Our second October Interclub, with the Eastgate Elementary K-Kids was held last week. The Walla Walla trip is being rescheduled to November.

## **Auction**

A remaining pumpkin centerpiece from the Youth Services Dinner Dance was auctioned. Andy Perdue made the winning bid.

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## **Next Week**

**Candice Bluechel – Work Source**

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**Connie Hache –**



**Junior Achievement®**



*Connie Hache*

Doug Brown introduced our speaker, Connie Hache, Regional Director of the Junior Achievement Program.

She noted that we probably all already knew that Junior Achievement was a volunteer based program for grades K-12 in our schools. Junior Achievement depends on it's March Bowling fundraiser. They are always looking for volunteers to help teach the curriculum and others to help behind the scenes with the bowling fundraiser. Team sponsorship is another way that organizations can help out.

Junior Achievement's program teaches students principles of basic economics, budgeting and entrepreneurship that have meaning to them now and give them a basis that will serve them well when they become adults. They are introduced to how to spend and save wisely. Even very young children can learn to identify the differences between wants and needs. The volunteer instructors work closely with classroom teachers to instill a degree of financial literacy. The [ja.org](http://ja.org) website is a good place to learn more about what Junior Achievement does and to gain some appreciation for the scope of its programs. The [Student Center](#) section of the website gives a good idea of what content the students are exposed to.

Connie used the current economic crisis as an example to talk about how the principles taught in Junior Achievement might give our next generation a basis to avoid repeating the mistakes that have led to our present situation. It can be part of the solution.

Robert Ramirez, Carolyn Lawson and Doug Brown have all been working as volunteer instructors for the Junior Achievement program. They each commented briefly and all felt they had gained personal satisfaction from their work with the students, typically for an hour a week over a period of six weeks. They appreciated the excellent classroom materials provided that made the instruction process relatively simple. Carolyn also noted the content tie-ins with the PBS television series, *Biz-Kids*.

The programs, especially for middle school are typically done in the Fall. Other classes are scheduled in the Spring. In most cases a volunteer works just one of those cycles per year. In most cases volunteers can be matched to schools and age levels they prefer.

Other questions addressed how Junior Achievement has evolved in the past 50 years. Some schools utilize a 15 week JA Company Program that involves more direct experience in actually running a business. DECCA students are also used as instructors in some elementary programs.

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