



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington called the November 10 meeting to order. Katherine Loney gave the invocation. Phil Slusser was our Wrangler.

We welcomed Interclubs from Pasco, TCI, and Columbia. Pasco members were: Sam Sargent, Dave Davis, Bob Greenwell, Keith Anderson and John Hergert. TCI members were: Bob Ellis, Carol Roberts, Mert Molina, Jane and Joe Kassuba, and Robert Ramirez. Columbia members were: Kathy Kilgore, BC Cunningham, and Clark Harris. Visitor, Shawn Cirignano was welcomed again, as was Jessica Anderson, Jo Harrington's granddaughter.

Dick Nordness won the raffle drawing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Wayne Underwood and Robert Ramirez, couldn't pass up another opportunity to talk up "Texas Tech", Wayne also showed the photos from the scenic flight that he and Sarah Longan and Larry Hansmeier had taken.

Phil Slusser reported that he had missed the last meeting being busy repainting his house. Bob Ellis reported having finally reached his 1000 months of age milestone. Mark Blotz said he was growing weary of Seahawk bucks. He was instead congratulating Bob Ellis' achievement and the TCI & Pasco Interclubs in attendance.

Rick Kilgore thanked John and Carolyn Lawson for helping at the annual tear down of the rose garden. Andy Perdue said he had missed meetings and also congratulated Bob Ellis.

Jo Harrington remembered Veterans' Day and her

father. Doug Brown acknowledged tomorrow's Veterans' Day and Southridge High Schools 10-0 game record. Carol Roberts' Veterans' Day thought was that her family had, she said, served in all the wars.

Announcements and Coming Events Signup Sheets Circulated

Virgie Robinson Elementary

Jo Harrington thanked Larry Hansmeier and Terry Loney who helped out at Virgie Robinson's Science Night. There are still opportunities to help with the **Book Fair** this week. Contact [Jo](#) if you can help.

Bell Ringers

It's Christmas season again. There are still a couple of shifts to fill for Bell Ringers to man shifts at Yokes Market (27th and Olympia). Contact Marilyn Hyde if you can help out.

Committee Meetings

The November Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday November 13 at 11:45 in the Clover Island breakfast room near the elevators. This is our new time and location for board meetings. All members are welcome at both meetings.

There will be a J&S meeting following our club meeting Monday, November 17th.

Club Christmas Party

The club is planning a Holiday Party this year in conjunction with our November 29th meeting. We are planning a book exchange. Bring a book that you have enjoyed and let someone else share your

experience. Also, Donna urged everyone to bring in something for **Coats for Kids**, a coat, even a cap or mittens. Donna will even accept donations, and make a purchase for you.

Interclubs

We will have an Interclub at the District meeting this coming Wednesday night at Camp Kiwanis, 6:30 pm. Sarah Longan, Jo Harrington, Wayne and Donna Underwood plan to go. All members are welcome.

CBC New Year's Eve Party

BC Cunningham from the Columbia Club is asking for volunteers to help work at fun, alcohol free New Year's Eve party.

Help with Welcome and Raffle

John Lawson circulated a signup sheet for help with greeting and sign-in help at the meetings.

Committee Memberships

Jo Harrington distributed the committee membership rosters.

Committee Budgets Limited

We all need to be aware that this year's committee budgets are based on anticipated income, much of which the club has yet to earn. Be sure to check the availability of funds with our treasurer, John Lawson, before committing to a major expense from your committee budget.

Our Speaker Next Week :

Michael Kintner-Meyer
“Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles”

This Week's Speaker:

Gary Kleinknecht – “The Ice Age Floods”



Gary Kleinknecht

Gary Kleinknecht's background is education. His passion, evidenced by his presentation, is the Ice Age floods that once (more than once, actually) devastated and forever marked our region's geologic landscape. Gary is now President of the [Ice Age Floods Institute](#), a non-profit organization of volunteers, aimed at presenting the Ice Age Floods as a key event in our past history.

Gary began with his own personal story of how he developed his own fascination in the topic. The more he learned about the floods, the more he wanted to know. His chief mentor was Dr. Bruce Bjornstad, a PNNL geologist who has studied the floods and their impact for several decades.

The last advance of glaciers was over 10,000 years ago. Ice flows advanced into Idaho and blocked the natural drainage. A huge lake developed behind the ice dam. When the ice dam failed, an immense volume of floodwater suddenly surged downstream, changing forever the landscape of much of Eastern Washington.

Virtually all of the drainage eventually backed up as it tore its way downstream, through a bottleneck formed at the Wallula Gap, south of today's Tri-Cities. The event lasted perhaps a week or so, but the scars to the landscape remain clear today. The fast moving and violent waters made the tops of nearby Badger and Rattlesnake mountains into islands in a sea of floodwater

approaching 1000 feet deep here. Most of the debris was carried far into the Pacific Ocean, though there was substantial flooding and reshaping in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

Gary illustrated his talk with photos of today's evidence of the floods: the potholes created by "tornados" of water within the flood; the Dry Falls where the flood waters hundreds of feet deep poured over a drop of up to 400 feet and more than 3 miles wide. The total cycle of the flood was repeated more than once, perhaps as many as 40 to 100 times. He illustrated some of the events with several dramatic conceptual paintings by Stev Ominski.



painting by Stev Ominski

Gary also related the story of how, almost a century ago, Harlen Bretz had visualized the events and struggled to gain consensus among geologic scientists.

The Ice Age Flood Institute is also working to establish the [Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail](#), a system of informative trails where the story of the floods can be seen and told.

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