



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington called the November 17 meeting to order. Doug Brown gave the invocation. Sarah Longan was our Wrangler.

We welcomed this week's guests: Kathy Kilgore and BC Cunningham from the Columbia Club; Glenn Wheeler from Kennewick; Shawn Cirignano; and Ann Green, guest of Carolyn Lawson; our Honorary member, Robert Ramirez also represented the TCI club.

Rick Kilgore was our lucky raffle winner.

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

Dale Green announced his wife, Ann's birthday. Ann Lawson bragged about Ann Green as a music director. Jim Hyde was pleased with his success as a "beggar" at the Beggar's Banquet and donated the money he had collected. Marilyn Hyde bemoaned Jim's tattered "beggar" outfit that he wore to the banquet and hopes to dispose of it the first chance she gets.

Doug Brown and his daughter await his wife's return from a month in Germany to help after the passing of her father at the age of 101. Don Barnes lamented the coming Apple Cup rivalry between WSU and UW. Shawn Cirignano commented on his progress towards completing his second CD.

**Announcements and Coming Events  
Signup Sheets Circulated**

### **Interclubs**

We had an Interclub at the Division Council at Camp Kiwanis. Sarah Longan scheduled another Interclub for 7 am Wednesday at Columbia.

### **Committee Meetings**

A J&S meeting was held after the regular meeting.

### **Virgie Robinson Elementary**

Jo Harrington gave special thanks to Kathy Loney, Sarah Longan and Belva Whitlock for their help at Virgie Robinson's Book Fair.

### **Membership**

Don Barnes reminded us that it is the job of every one of us to find and recruit potential new club members and help build our club. Because any new Kiwanis membership relies on an invitation by an existing member, we must each take the responsibility to seek out candidates and invite them to join us at a luncheon meeting.

### **Highway Clean-up**

Rick Kilgore recruited volunteers to help clean our section of highway adjacent to Columbia Park, at 9am, Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bell Ringers**

Marilyn Hyde solicited more volunteers to help with shifts as Bell Ringers this holiday season. Thanks to all who volunteered for this service project.

### **Club Christmas Program**

Don't miss our pre-Christmas meeting, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Larry Hansmeier and Wayne Underwood are planning an up-lifting musical event.

### **Club Holiday Party**

We are planning a Holiday Party this year in conjunction with our December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be collecting **Coats for Kids** so bring a coat,

even a cap or mittens, or book or toy. Donna Underwood will even accept donations, and make a purchase for you. There will also be a book exchange for members. Doug Brown will provide more information as we get closer to the event.

### **Merged Committees**

The Board of Directors voted to merge the Fund Raising and Benton/Franklin Fair committees into one.

### **New Directors**

Don Barnes has been named to fill Teri Moore's term on the club's Board of Directors.

### **Head Start**

Donna Underwood compiled a list of volunteers to help with the young children at the local Head Start branch. The project is sponsored by our YCPO committee.

### **Beggar's Banquet**

Carolyn Lawson reported a well attended and apparently very successful Beggar's Banquet fundraiser for the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery. Our Youth Services committee purchased a table for ten members.

### **CBC New Year's Eve Party**

BC Cunningham from the Columbia Club is asking for volunteers to help work from 5pm to midnight at a fun, alcohol-free New Year's Eve party.

### **KHHH Foundation News**

We have finally received our KHHH Foundation's elusive "501c3" designation from the IRS. This means that for most purposes, donations made to our club's Foundation scholarship programs are eligible as tax deductible contributions. Eligibility for deduction status is retroactive to July 23, 2007. In some cases, employer matching of your contributions may be available.

### **Our Speaker Next Week :**

**Paul Shelp**

**Benton-Franklin Dispute Resolution Center**

### **This Week's Speaker:**

**Michael Kintner-Meyer**  
**"Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles"**



*Dr. Michael Kintner-Meyer*

Dr. Michael Kintner-Meyer is expert in today's topic. He is presently Senior Research Scientist at the Richland facility of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. His work, and our discussion look at part of one of PNNL's missions—increasing our country's energy capability and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

He looked at the issues from the perspective of why *we* should want electric vehicles now. Why, like Boy Scouts, we should take action now and "be prepared" for our country's future needs in energy independence and economic strength.

The U.S. energy economy is heavily biased towards petroleum (40%). Most of that is used to support transportation. If you consider the entire supply chain, petroleum is an inefficient and wasteful source of energy. About 80% of the energy potential is wasted.

Ever growing oil imports are the only way we have been able to keep up with demand. Now over 63% of oil is imported. The oil gap is growing so fast that no domestic production alternatives can hope to keep up. Much of our oil supply is from regimes that we cannot count on in the future. We spend roughly \$1,000,000,000 per day to foreign suppliers feed our petroleum demands.

Dr. Kintner-Meyer presented an analysis showing that if we were to exploit the petroleum reserves in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge it would make only a small, temporary difference in our growing dependence on imported oil. Larger impacts could be expected for aggressive increases in corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards. However, neither would be sufficient to reverse our increasing dependence on imported oil.

Transportation use is equivalent to 75% of our imported oil. If we can reduce just that demand, we can make a huge difference in our oil dependence. Most petroleum is used to create gasoline which powers our cars, SUVs, pickups and vans.

Besides that, Transportation is, by a wide margin, the biggest contributor to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. So we stand to gain in reducing our environmental carbon footprint as well as reducing our economic and strategic dependence on the world oil market.

Michael showed how the plug-in hybrid electric

vehicle can quickly move us away from our needs for foreign oil. Auto makers are and will respond during the next couple of model years. It might be a good idea to wait for the new technology to come to the showrooms in 2010-2011. Plug-in electric hybrids will let us draw our local day-to-day transportation energy from the existing electric power grid. When we need to go further distances the hybrids can transition into gasoline-electric mode like today's hybrids.

The new vehicles will be more expensive, but there will be tax credits to help make the transition. Also, electric power is much less expensive than equivalent petroleum power. At current electricity rates in the Northwest, driving a PHEV would be like driving a gas-powered car and paying about \$0.75 per gallon.

Michael also explained how the existing power grid can be better managed with "smart grid" technologies to give us most of the power for the conversion with the existing power grid.

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