



Hoof Beats

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President Joanna Harrington called the November 24 meeting to order. Sarah Longan gave the invocation. Larry Hansmeier led our opening songs. Carolyn Lawson was our Wrangler.

We welcomed an Interclub from Walla Walla: Donald Priest, Dick Swenson, Charles Clizer, and Ray Davidson. There were three members from Kennewick: Red Rutherford, Dick Petersen, and Hank Sauer. Laurel Piippo represented the Richland club.

Don Barnes donated his raffle winnings to our Foundation.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Wayne Underwood reported that Texas Tech had given him nothing to report this week. Andy Perdue missed a meeting due to the flu. Gene Spaulding had celebrated his and his son's birthdays with a week in Las Vegas. Dick Nordness and his wife had photos in the paper and made the KNDU-TV news. He said he is expecting to sell the Spaghetti Establishment and finally retire.

Don Barnes offered a Cougar dollar, and said he would be traveling over Thanksgiving to visit with kids and grandkids. Mark Blotz's son Zack turned 17, and the family is planning a road trip over the holidays. Laurel Piippo praised the success of our club's *Kickin' It Up for Kids* ball in October. She is selling tickets for a New Year's Eve gala for \$75. She also reported that her grandson had advanced to the San Diego Chargers starting roster.

Larry Hansmeier's grandson will be 2 years old, on

Tuesday. Doug Brown noted that our Foundation had received it's 501c3 designation from the IRS and thanked John Lawson for the work he contributed to make that happen. Jo Harrington reported that she had easily survived a trip with 4 teen girls to an event with thousands of screaming girls.

All of our Walla Walla guests had a brag. Dick Swenson noted that in a group this size it became a virtual certainty that two people would have the same birthday. He shares the same birthday as Gene Spaulding. Ray Davidson said Walla Walla would be glad to have us visit for a meeting. Charles Clizer enjoyed the Apple Cup on television this year, the first he had missed attending in more than 20 years. Hank Sauer said that now all of the Walla Walla group had been able to brag.

Announcements and Coming Events Signup Sheets Circulated

Interclubs

Sarah Longan reported that we had completed two Interclub meetings during November.

Donation Jar

A donation jar was circulated for a Christmas gratuity for our regular waitress, Peg. We expect to circulate it one more time in December.

Committee Meetings

A Youth Services meeting was held after the regular meeting.

There will be a Administrative Committee

meeting, Thursday December 4th at noon. There will be a Board of Directors meeting, Thursday December 11th at 11:45.

Membership

Don Barnes stated that the way to grow the club membership and maintain a vibrant club was for each of us to take the first step and accept responsibility to find and invite potential new members to our meetings whenever you can.

Highway Clean-up

Remember, a number of us have volunteered to help clean our club's section of highway adjacent to Columbia Park, at 9am, Saturday December 6th.

Club Christmas Program

Don't miss our pre-Christmas meeting, December 22nd. 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 29th 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.

Head Start

Donna Underwood urged volunteers to get their application materials back to her so that she can turn them over to the Head Start Program and we can then begin helping out at the local site. The project is sponsored by our YCPO committee.

Our Speaker Next Week :

**Anthony Oucharek
Tri-City Junior Academy**

This Week's Speaker:

**Doug Brown
"A Visit to a Hutterite Community"**



Doug Brown

Club President-Elect, Doug Brown presented a fascinating look at a visit to one of Eastern Washington's Hutterite Communities near Moses Lake.

Hutterites are a religious and cultural groups living in various communities or colonies located in Canada and the United States. There are currently five such colonies in Washington. Doug recently visited one colony located in Eastern Washington.

Hutterites are in some ways similar to but in many other ways different from the better known Amish culture. Hutterites tend to adopt and embrace technologies that make their lives better. They even operate their own [websites](#). But like the Amish they tend to isolate themselves and live together in tight knit secular groups. In the colony Doug visited, only one person had joined from outside the group. The group does not recruit members, instead it grows as the families grow. They do boast one of the highest birth rates in North America.

Another characteristic of the colonies is that they are very thrifty and communal and do not utilize debt. They are mostly agricultural and quite self-sufficient and self-reliant, but they do not hesitate to utilize equipment and specialized professional services when they are needed.

The Hutterites formed in Europe during the Protestant Reformation period. They have suffered a lot of religious persecution during their history. They have a strong pacifist tradition that has also caused them problems.

Like the Amish they have their own distinct Germanic dialect. The Moses Lake colony owns and operates approximately 15,000 acres. They are committed to the value of hard communal work for their common good. They limit the size of their colonies to 150 people, when they approach that size they plan and split off a "daughter colony" in a new location. Their savings and industry are such that coming up with \$20 million to accomplish this, is not a real problem.

Young people are not baptized until the age of 20. They do not marry before they have been baptized.

They school their children within the colony and utilize teachers from outside the group to help guide the young students through high school. In general, they do not go on to university studies but become part of the colony's workforce.

The club has begun a new practice of donating books to our Young Children Priority One committee's local Head Start Program. We will ask our speakers to sign a dedication in each book we donate. Doug signed our first donated book.

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