



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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**December 1, 2008**

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President Joanna Harrington called the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to order. Larry Hansmeier presented our invocation and led in our opening songs. Jim Hyde was Wrangler.

We welcomed Steve Hicks and Janet Stewart from the Columbia club as well as Glynn Wheeler and Matt Taylor from the Kennewick club.

Marilyn Hyde was our lucky raffle winner.

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

Carolyn announced her sister's birthday. Dick Nordness announced his son's birthday. Larry Hansmeier noted that Glynn Wheeler is perhaps our oldest local Kiwanian with his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Glynn acknowledged Larry's brag. Rick Kilgore said he forgot his badge today and wondered how many others did also. Wayne Underwood said that when he and Donna went to ring the Salvation Army bell they found Larry Hansmeier ending his shift singing Christmas carols—definitely a class act to follow. He also found reason to compliment Texas Tech once again and was looking forward to their upcoming bowl game.

Marilyn Hyde said that like Rick, she was without her badge. Don Barnes enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving with his son and grandchildren. He also noted that the WSU Cougars had finally been put out of their misery. John Lawson noted that a grand-niece had just celebrated her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Steve Hicks announced the Columbia club's auction for their meeting Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Jo Harrington noted prior member Laura Mayovsky just gave birth to a baby boy. Dick Nordness also noted Oregon's victory over the Cougars.

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

#### **Interclubs**

Sarah Longan organized an Interclub at the Pasco club, Thursday at the Pasco Red Lion.

#### **Where Were You?**

It turns out we are missing one of our club attendance sheets from last Summer. So before you toss out your 2008 calendar, please take a look at July 14<sup>th</sup>. If you think you probably attended the meeting, please email [Rick Kilgore](#) so that he can reconstruct our club records.

#### **Coats for Kids**

Wayne Underwood reminded us that Coats for Kids (as well as mittens, hats or cash) will be collected this season at both of our holiday meetings—the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas music event and the December 29<sup>th</sup> Holiday party meeting. Donna Underwood will be managing our collection this year. Don't forget to bring along your donations.

#### **Committee Meetings**

A Membership meeting will be held Friday at Bamboo Gardens.

There will be a Administrative Committee meeting, Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Crow's Nest. There will be a Board of Directors meeting, Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45, at the breakfast room outside the elevator.

### **Christmas Cards**

Laurel Piippo from the Richland club passed along this suggestion to consider—When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to the address below:

*A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20307-5001*

If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much will get. It does not matter if you agree with war or not, just remember they are fighting for all of us.

### **Membership**

Don Barnes reminded us again that it is important for each of us to make the first step and take responsibility to find and invite potential new members to our meetings whenever possible.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at the parking lot just east of the hydroplane at the freeway off ramp into the park.

### **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.

### **Thank You from MCRF**

Jo Harrington announced a "Thank You" card received from the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation for our Youth Services committee donation of half of the Dinner Dance proceeds.

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

**George Mendoza  
Virgie Robinson Elementary School**

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

**Anthony Oucharek  
Tri-City Junior Academy**



*Anthony Oucharek*

In introducing Anthony Oucharek, Principal at the Tri-City Junior Academy, it was noted that he was unusual in singing right along with us to *Oh Canada*, perhaps our first non-Kiwanian to do so.

Anthony explained that he was born and raised in Saskatchewan. Before leaving Canada, he was traveling too much for his job. The choice of his new home in the Tri-Cities where he could spend more time with his family has proved to be a good move.

[Tri-City Junior Academy](#) is a local, Christian-based school in Pasco for Kindergarten through High School (currently K-11). A day care facility is being added. The school is supported by the three local Seventh Day Adventist churches and is open to Seventh Day Adventist and other local families. He sees Christian education as a good way to deal successfully with problems that are common to both public and private schools. As a religious based school, he has more latitude to deal with the issues affecting local schools.

His goals include providing strong adult role

models who truly care for youth and instilling a sense of responsibility in his students. Within the framework of his relatively small school, he has tried to make the best use of resources to provide an effective, motivational, and life-directing educational experience.

He used his own life story as an example of how his own potentially troubled youth can benefit. He found and was influenced by the adults in his life and developed a sense of historical perspective.

Young people today are becoming less likely to finish high school and move on to higher education than their parents. Children need to be guided and directed, to be kept busy and supervised. If they don't have time to get into trouble, they will be less inclined to do so.

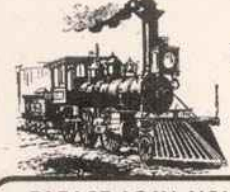
We no longer have a farm economy to keep kids busy. We rely increasingly on athletic and service programs. It is most important to involve children in these pursuits and to have them work and interact with adults.

His school requires volunteerism, participation in a music program, and a physical education program. He stressed the importance of "social learning" interactions. Kids are involved in neighborhood projects that help develop a sense of purpose.

We can involve kids in our club activities where it is appropriate. If our mission is to help children, we need to involve them, not keep them separate. They need to learn to work with us and learn to respect the role of adults.

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