



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington called the January 12 meeting to order. Jonna Hansmeier gave our invocation. Larry Hansmeier led our songs. Donna Underwood was Wrangler.

The SIGN collection was circulated this week since we missed it at our previous meeting.

Our guest this week was Shawn Cirignano.

Alex Burden donated his raffle winnings to our KHHH Foundation.

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

Wayne Underwood was going to compliment his wife Donna but had second thoughts after she "volunteered" him. Shawn Cirignano said that he was receiving forklift training at the Tri-City Herald. Dick Nordness was thankful that the big earthquake in Costa Rica didn't affect his family there. Doug was impressed at the care received by his brother who was in Mali with his wife and baby. They were airlifted to London for treatment of a serious asthma attack. Wayne finished the brags with a joke asking where to find good looking women when you're older.

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

#### **Committee Meetings**

Jo Harrington stated that the J&S Committee will meet immediately following the regular club meeting. Youth Services Committee will hold a meeting next Monday immediately after the regular club meeting. The Board of Directors meetings will be held Thursday, January 15 at 11:45 in the Quarterdeck Room. The monthly Division 54 meeting will be held at Camp Kiwanis Wednesday evening January 14.

### **Interclubs**

Sarah Longan asked for our continuing regular participation in meeting our Interclub schedule.

Will one of these January Interclubs fit into your schedule?

#### **\*\*\* January Interclubs \*\*\***

#### **CAMP KIWANIS Columbia Park—Jan 14**

(Wednesday) 6:30pm: This is the Division 54 meeting and the meal is complimentary to all attendees.

**TRI-CITIES INDUSTRIES—Jan 23** (Friday) at Noon: Clarion Inn, North Richland

### **Membership**

Don Barnes asked us to always keep an eye out for potential new members we can invite to our meetings.

### **Spring Cleanup Yardsale**

*Spring is on the way!* Have you set some candidate yardsale items aside? Our club will be holding another Yardsale fundraiser this Spring and we'll want your items donated then.

### **Our Program Next Week :**

**Carl Adrian**

**Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC)**

**This Week's Program:**

**Eric Lipp & Mark Hammer  
Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center**

This week's guest speakers were Eric Lipp and Mark Hammer from the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center. Eric is the Assistant Detention Manager for the program. Mark operates the Restorative Program Group.



*Eric Lipp*

Eric gave us a good introduction and overview of our bi-county Juvenile Justice System. It is important to realize that Juvenile Justice deals with a wide variety of youth: boys and girls, from 12 years old to 18. Their problems can run a gamut from non-criminal truancy to murder. Besides truancy which accounts for perhaps 800 cases per year, there are youth who have dependency issues and home problems that can include neglect and abuse. Of the 4500 cases per year, the system handles an average of 42 detentions at any point in time. Detentions are usually for about 8 days, but may be shorter or much longer when a case is being held for the adult court system. Diversions for "minor" crimes account for about 1400 cases per year.

Detention alone is not a solution. There are some individuals whose lives are turned around by exposure to a detention, but those are the exception, not the rule.



*Mark Hammer*

Mark's focus was on the **Restorative Work Crew** program that is his responsibility. Currently, this is the system's only real alternative to detention. It seeks to find ways to change behavior.

The Restorative Work Crew was started in the 1990's with 2 staff who served mainly as work crew supervisors. Budget cutbacks led to downsizing the program to only 1 half-time position. Mark took over the program on a full-time basis in 2007. He is assisted by 4 to 5 part-time staff.

The Restorative approach is based in large part on Clark County's programs. The thrust is to reconnect the kids to the community:

- Provide youth an opportunity to right their wrong by giving back to the community;
- Reconnect with the community; and
- Challenge youth to view their role in the community in a different way.

Mark relies on Accountability, Integration and Change. He gave examples of programs that have shown promise and provided mentorship:

- Working with the Master Gardeners;
- Working with the Tapteal Greenway Association;
- Working with Friends of Badger Mountain;
- Helping with monthly distributions at 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest;
- Yard care help for elderly through Catholic Family Services;
- Helping make improvements for Kennewick residents under the City Code

Enforcement program;

- Clean up projects in Downtown

Kennewick after weekends or city events;

He closed with a discussion of Kennewick's innovative Graffiti Abatement Program. The program began in 2003 and has grown about fifteen-fold. The program is sponsored by the Kennewick Police Department who has recently

provided an expensive hot-water pressure washer. It is sometimes a challenge to get through to the kids that citizens are thankful for removal of the graffiti. He works hard to change their thinking to where they can accept thanks given by the community.

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