



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington called the January 26 meeting to order. Wayne Underwood gave our invocation. Larry Hansmeier led our songs. Jonna Hansmeier was Wrangler.

Our guests this week were Bill Kendrick from the Kennewick club and Jane Kassuba from TCI.

Marilyn Hyde won our weekly raffle drawing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Wayne Underwood noted that many of us had just come from a kickoff meeting to support the local Head Start school. It looks like this is going to be a great service project for the club. Working with these young kids is going to be rewarding for all.

Andy Perdue was back in attendance after beginning a chemo treatment program. His third session begins tomorrow. Andy said his daughter just celebrated her 5th birthday and agreed with Wayne about the rewards of young children. He also sported his new hair-do.

Phil Slusser reported that he had missed some recent meetings. Carolyn Lawson bragged about bringing husband John along for a week long Caribbean cruise and business meeting next month. Marilyn Hyde said that she thoroughly enjoyed a celebration for Secretary of State Sam Reed in Olympia. Sarah Longan thanked everyone for their continuing help in meeting our Interclub commitments.

Mark Blotz presented a Clover Island Inn brag. They had gotten a letter from Allegiant Air thanking him for taking in two planeloads totaling 175 passengers after the Bellingham Airport had

been closed due to fog.

Alex Burden thanked Doug Brown for helping some 50 exchange students arrange a party and dance at Camp Kiwanis. Doug then returned his thanks to Alex and to Sarah Longan for their help. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening thoroughly. He also noted that the Eastgate K-Kids had developed a Valentine's Day project to support our troops in Iraq with valentines from the kids.

Awards

Starfish Award

Jo Harrington thanked Dick Nordness for his initiative and hard work to get the J&S ready for operation this Spring. She presented him with a special *Starfish* award.



Thanks Dick, from the whole club.

Announcements and Coming Events

Committee Meetings

Jo Harrington announced the Administrative Committee Thursday, February 5 at noon in the Crow's Nest and Board of Directors meeting Thursday, February 12 at 11:45 in the Quarterdeck Room.

Membership

Membership growth is always important. We have a goal of adding at least 6 new members in the coming year.

Spring Cleanup Yardsale

Jo Harrington reminded us of the upcoming Spring Yardsale fundraiser. She also thanked Wayne Underwood for volunteering the use of his barn to store goods prior to the sale.

Interclubs

Sarah Longan thanked Donna and Wayne Underwood, Andy Perdue and Dick Nordness for making an Interclub at the Kennewick club last week..

Will one of these Interclubs fit into your schedule?

***** February Interclubs *****

CAMP KIWANIS Columbia Park–**Feb 11** (Wednesday) 6:00pm: This is the Division 54 meeting and the meal is complimentary to all attendees.

K-KIDS–**Feb 13** (Friday) : Virgie Robinson Elementary School, Pasco (Valentine's party, no meal)

RICHLAND–**Feb 18** (Wednesday) at Noon: Clarion Inn, Richland

Our Program Next Week :

Paul Shelp

Benton-Franklin Dispute Resolution Center

This Week's Program:

Dave Bond – Kennewick School Bond



Dave Bond

Superintendent Dave Bond took time from his management role at the Kennewick School District

to present background information for our decisions on the upcoming school bond election. Dave has a long history of leadership and success with the Kennewick School District, moving over his career from Kamiakin High School to the District office.

He wanted us to understand the difference between a bond elections (used only for construction or replacement of buildings and infrastructure) and levy elections (which provide funds for operation).

The District's last bond issue was in 2001 for the construction of the Kamiakin High School. By recent historical standards, the District has waited longer than usual between bond issues. KSD is getting “behind” on keeping our older buildings up-to-date. As we experience population growth and as older buildings “wear out” the District needs to upgrade and expand. Besides a number of older buildings that need repairs and updates, there are approximately 600 “unhoused” students that are being met with increasing numbers of portable classrooms and overcrowding in existing classrooms.

“If approved by voters, the funds will be used to construct and equip a new elementary school on land the district owns in the Badger Canyon area; renovate and expand Canyon View, Southgate, Sunset View and Cascade elementary schools; improve network and wireless capacity; and make health, safety, educational and infrastructure improvements district-wide. State matching funds would go toward renovating Lincoln elementary if they are made available by the state.” He cited examples from Canyon View and Southgate. Besides buildings, infrastructure is more than the new politically correct word. Examples of other kinds of infrastructure problems that need to be addressed are outmoded and inefficient HVAC (heat, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems, leaky plumbing in fire suppression systems and electronic and telecommunications systems.

Some underlying design considerations are energy savings and other efficiencies; better use of square footage that trades off larger rooms for excess hallway width. Kennewick is trying to move

towards incorporating multipurpose rooms. Today some schools are forced to have kids take meals in their classrooms or in adapted hallways.

Multipurpose rooms can also serve as community space for non-school events. Often tiny gymnasiums need to be replaced with larger facilities.

If approved, the bond issue would add slightly less than \$5 per month to an average home's tax bill.

Dave discussed how current loan rates are very favorable and how some of the improvements will be met by State of Washington matching funds.

KSD.org's web page, "[Capital Projects and Facilities Planning](#)" has more information and photographs if you are interested.

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