



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington called the February 2 meeting to order. Terry Loney presented the invocation. Larry Hansmeier led our songs. Phil Slusser was Wrangler.

Donna Underwood gathered signatures for a card to Mark Blotz who is attending his father's funeral.

Our monthly collection for the SIGN project was circulated

Our guests this week were Bill Kendrick and Bob Woehler from the Kennewick club.

Phil Slusser donated his raffle prize to the J&S project.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

John Lawson reported that he and Carolyn were looking forward to cruise in the Caribbean next week. Wayne noted that the Iraq elections were a positive sign of an increased level of peace returning to that region.

Don Barnes reported another family birthday. Katherine Loney said Terry's birthday will be next Friday. Terry Loney thought the Super Bowl had been a great contest this year. Larry Hansmeier noted that he and Jonna were engaged on Groundhog day in 1965. Phil Slusser's granddaughter invited him to a father-daughter dance.

Jo Harrington said that her staff had achieved the first step towards a new accreditation for the business. She also noted that Doug Brown would lead next week's meeting as Mike will be undergoing a surgery. Mike Harrington's sister

had passed away last week and Jo donated \$50 to the Foundation in her name.

Doug Brown also reported having heard from an "on the ground source" that the situation in Iraq was becoming increasingly stable. He also said that his wife Elena Brown will be working to support the local Exchange Student program.

Awards

Starfish Award

Jo Harrington presented a Kiwanis *Starfish* award to Donna Underwood for her hard work getting our Young Children Priority One project with the Kennewick Head Start kids underway.



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.

YCPO

Donna Underwood announced a brief YCPO meeting after the club meeting for those who would be working with Head Start.

Membership

Don Barnes reminded us of the importance of inviting new member candidates to a club meeting.

Camp Kiwanis Workday



Wayne Underwood announced the Division 54 workday April 4th to help maintain our Camp Kiwanis facility. *Volunteers needed! Let's all do our part to support this valuable resource.*

West Pasco Kiwanis?

Bob Woehler announced that the past Lt. Governors had met and were looking into establishing a West Pasco club. He was soliciting recommendations for possible new members to be contacted.

Interclubs

Sarah Longan reported that we met our Interclub goal for January. Now it's time to plan February.

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

J&S Photos

John Lawson reported that we had received 58 photos taken in 2001 from Paul Parish that show the train when it was being built. Click the image to view them.



www.flickr.com/photos/HHHKiwanis

Spring Cleanup Yardsale

Don't forget our coming Spring Yardsale fundraiser. Find some items to set aside for the project.

Our Program Next Week :

Phil Slusser – Emergency Services

This Week's Program:

Paul Shelp

Benton-Franklin Dispute Resolution Center



Paul Shelp

Doug Brown presented our speaker, Paul Shelp, to introduce us to both the [Benton-Franklin Dispute Resolution Center](#) and to the mediation processes they use to resolve conflicts

The Dispute Resolution Center brings the mediation process as a tool to help resolve most any kind of conflict. Most often, the conflicts stem from dividing assets in a divorce, developing and amending parenting plans for children, landlord-tenant disputes, customer-merchant disagreements, and disputes between neighbors. The Center bases its standing on a 1998 Washington State law. It is established as a 501c(3) non-profit organization and is supported by the Benton and Franklin county commissioners. It relieves the court system from having to resolve many matters that might otherwise be litigated.

Dispute mediation services are provided to the public on a sliding scale fee structure based on ability to pay. The cost of a three-hour mediation session ranges from \$24.75 to \$160.00, based on a

sliding fee schedule. Funding comes from a fee imposed on small claim court cases.

Paul characterized mediation as:

- a formal process
- relying on neutral mediators
- voluntary participation by the parties
- facilitation
- communication
- negotiation
- resolution
- addressing specific problems or issues

The mediation process is neutral. Communication among the parties drives resolutions. It is also confidential. Records of what was said are not retained. Mediation can prove to be a convenient and quick way of resolving issues face-to-face.. Mutual agreement is essential. Used properly, mediation can be powerful and effective.

The formal written settlement agreement that is the desired result is a legally enforceable document.

Although the mediators are volunteers, they are well trained and certified. There is also a continuing education requirement. The skills focus is communication and how to manage conflict.

There are 19 Dispute Resolution Centers available throughout the state of Washington. So they are available to anyone in the state. Paul cited statistics that settlement agreements are achieved in 8 out of 10 cases after 1 or 2 sessions. 90% rated the service as good to excellent.

Mediation is beginning to be used in other areas of dispute:

- “Community Conversations” as sponsored by the *Tri-City Herald*
- victim-offender mediation
- parent-teen mediation
- elder mediation
- parent-teen classes
- conflict management classes
- group facilitations

The Center currently has 38 volunteer mediators who have handled at least one case within the last three years. However, because of the expected growth in demand the its services, particularly for parent-teen and workplace mediation, more volunteers will be needed.

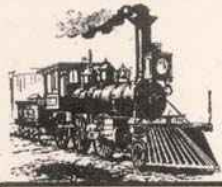
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