



Hoof Beats

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President Joanna Harrington called the February 16 meeting to order. Doug Brown presented the invocation. Larry Hansmeier was song leader. Mark Blotz was our Wrangler.

Our monthly collection for the K-Kids School Supplies project was circulated.

Our guests this week were Nathalie Cyrus a German exchange student and guest of Doug Brown, and Interclubs from both the Kennewick and TCI clubs. From Kennewick: Bill Kendrick, Pat Jones, George Jones, Tom Moak (this week's speaker), and Marge Price; from TCI: Donna Glass, Bob Ellis, Carol Roberts, Richard Nipper, and Norm Olson. We also had guests from the Columbia Club: Ken Brutzman and Bill Thompson.

Donna Glass was our raffle winner. In addition, two Chinese scarves donated by Jim and Marilyn Hyde were awarded in runner-up drawings.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Bob Ellis treated us to an FBI joke. Carol Roberts noted with some concern that her son turned 60 on Valentine's Day. Bill Kendrick noted George Jones 92nd birthday. Pat Jones congratulated George. George noted that his birthday was still a few hours away. Jo Harrington also congratulated George and noted another granddaughter's birthday and her own anniversary.

Tom Moak had an Abe Lincoln story to share for Presidents' Day. Doug Brown congratulated his guest, Nathalie Cyrus for achieving honor student status at Southridge and managing to accomplish it in a foreign



language, English. Dick Nordness congratulated Mark for offering the 2nd best lasagna in town.

Announcements and Coming Events

Committee Meetings

The Administrative Committee will meet Thursday, March 5 at noon in the Crow's Nest and Board of Directors on Thursday, February 12 at 11:45 in the Quarterdeck Room.

J&S

Dick Nordness announced a J&S meeting following the club meeting.

Membership

Jo Harrington reminded us all of the continuing importance of inviting new member candidates to a club meeting.

Camp Kiwanis Workday



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

Perfect Attendance

Jo Harrington announced that attendance awards would be made at the club's anniversary meeting.

The Board recognizes that not all members are concerned with recognition for perfect attendance. To avoid unnecessary record keeping, members who want their attendance recognized are asked to notify [Don Barnes](#), chairman of the Membership Committee or any other Membership Committee member.

Tri-Citian of the Year Banquet

Our former Lt. Gov, Ken Brutzman, is seeking a volunteer from each local club to serve on the steering committee for the next Tri-Citian of the Year Banquet to be held on April 4, 2009. The steering committee meets each Tuesday at 5 pm. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact [Jo Harrington](#).

Interclubs

Sarah Longan noted that on Friday, 2/13/09, we had a Valentine's Day Interclub at the Virgie



Robinson K-Kids in Pasco. Attending from our club were Jo Harrington, Larry Hansmeier, Sarah



Longan and Doug Brown. Jo and Larry treated the club to some special goodies and a good time was had by all. Principal George Mendoza was in attendance.

Sarah also noted the celebration planned at the Kennewick Club to honor an 80 year history of past Kiwanis Presidents.

TCI will be holding an informational meeting on their Foundation's scholarship and grants program.

Please check your calendars...

February Interclub Calendar:

Tuesday February 24 – Kennewick Club, noon at Leo's to honor past club presidents

March Interclub Calendar:

(note – no Division 54 meeting in March)

Tuesday March 3 or March 24 – Walla Walla – *Let's choose one of these dates at our next club meeting!*

Eastgate K-Kids send their love to Iraq

Our Eastgate K-Kids made this year's Valentine's Day extra special for some of our soldiers in Iraq.



They handmade dozens of cards for the troops of a U.S. Army Brigade Recognizance Team serving in Babil Province south of Baghdad.



The K-Kids sent each soldier in the unit about 6 cards, each unique and heart-felt.

Spring Cleanup Yardsale

Don't forget our coming Spring Yardsale

fundraiser. Find some items to set aside for the project.

Help Out with J.A. Hula Bowl

[Doug Brown](#) circulated a sign-up sheet asking for club member participation at the annual Junior Achievement [Hula Bowl fundraiser](#) (March 2-7).

Mike Harrington

Jo Harrington reported that Mike was feeling enough better after his surgery to be able to go back to work part time. He sends his thanks for the get well wishes from the club.

Foreign Exchange Dance

Jo read from a thank you note received from Marcella Hansen with the PAX Academic Exchange for our sponsorship of their use of Camp Kiwanis for the foreign exchange students dance. Special thanks was given to Doug Brown.

Lost Jewelry

Doug Brown announced that Clover Island staff had found a pendant earring after a club meeting in mid-December.

Our Program Next Week :
Francis Buck
Columbia Basin Dive Rescue

This Week's Program:
Kennewick Mayor Tom Moak



Tom Moak

Doug Brown introduced Kennewick Mayor Tom Moak. Tom told us a little bit about himself, his

30 years with the Library and his passion for local history. He also outlined his many ventures in local and even State politics.

He has played a key role in identifying historical buildings in Kennewick and commemorating them with plaques. In 1985, he chose his own home which had formerly belonged to Dr L.G. Spaulding, Gene Spaulding's grandfather. He also began the historical home tour in downtown Kennewick.

Tom says that he characterized himself politically as everybody's second choice. But he was recently chosen as mayor after Jim Beaver was elected to a County Commissioner position.

Tom described the role of mayor by likening the city council to a basketball team. In that sense, he is the point guard – he handles the ball, but lets others take credit. He proposed team positions for the other council members that fit their personalities and styles.

Three weeks ago the council held a planning retreat to identify what should be the city's priorities and concerns. Tom outlined the top projects. They were selected based on: Economic Stimulus (from the city's perspective); Quality of Life; Economic Development (for both Kennewick & the Tri-Cities area); Infrastructure needs; and an Urban Design *character* for the city.

- **Southridge Ball Fields** – the remaining fields need to be completed. There are 2 of 6 so far. The expected cost is \$8.5 million, but tournaments lead to tourism which leads to income. The market target focus is tournaments, especially for young girls in the 10-12 year old range, a demographic more likely to travel to our area accompanied by family members.

- **Hildebrand Blvd** – needs to be completed with at least 2 lanes and eventually 4. It will serve expected growth in the Southridge region of the city. The expected cost is \$5.5 million.

- **Bridge to Bridge** – The city needs to move ahead with the basis of the 2003 planning concept.

The expectation is to bring back the magic of the river to the area. Some steps have been done, this year \$100 thousand is set aside for planning. A contract to develop a Master Plan is anticipated.

- **Hansen Park** – West Kennewick is underserved in the development of local parks. Hansen Park is still unfinished another \$850 thousand is needed.

- **Fire Station** – A new fire station is needed to serve the South and West portions of the city. The goal is to have a fire station within 4 minutes travel time. The cost is approximately \$4 million.

- **Steptoe St.** – This will better link West Kennewick with Richland. This year work is expected on the Gage to Center Parkway link. Then Center Parkway to Clearwater and finally Clearwater to 10th.

- **Vista Entertainment District** – This is still an evolving vision. It describes the Convention Center location. It is hoped it could become a centerpiece. This is conceived as a mixed use Urban Park. There would be a walking path to Lawrence Scott Park. The City Council would prefer that the carousel be placed there instead of in Columbia Park. Decisions still need to be negotiated regarding the airport property. It is already served by the transit center and the convention center. It may be possible to incorporate some kind of water feature.

- **Community Center / Aquatic Center** – This has long been a vision for the city.

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