



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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**February 23, 2009**

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Remember, there is always more information about our club on our website at [www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org](http://www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org)

President Joanna Harrington called the February 23 meeting to order. Sarah Longan gave our invocation. Larry Hansmeier was song leader. Wayne Underwood was Wrangler.

Our guests this week were: Bill Kendrick from Kennewick; Bill Thompson, Clark Harris and BC Cunningham from the Columbia club. We also welcomed guests Shawn Ciriganano and Vicky Willingham.

Belva Whitlock was our raffle winner and donated her prize to the Youth Services Committee.

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

Jonna Hansmeier reported that the Children's Development Center fundraiser had raised a record *\$157 Thousand*.

Dale Green will be a bowler at the Junior Achievement Hula Bowl. He needs sponsors to help reach his pledge goal. You can sign up online on the [Junior Achievement Website](#), simply enter *Dale Green* in the "Find Bowler by Name" box and make your pledge. Or you can give Dale a check for the event and let him do the work.

Phil Slusser praised the Tri-City Americans Hockey for their victory this weekend. Sarah Longan showed off a large basket she had made. BC Cunningham was able to get in touch with Mark Blotz again.

### **Award**

Jo Harrington presented another *Kiwanis Starfish* award, this time, to Lauren Hedeon for his recent time and effort spent with the kids at Virgie Robinson.

## **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. Youth Services will meet Monday, March 2 following the regular meeting. The Membership committee will meet Friday, March 6.

### **Membership**

Don Barnes reminded us that membership depends on our initiative to invite potential members to the club.

### **Camp Kiwanis Workday**



Don't forget to help out on the Division 54 workday scheduled April 4<sup>th</sup> to maintain our Camp Kiwanis facility. ***Volunteers needed! Let's all do our part to support this valuable resource.***

### **Greeter & Ticket Sales**

John Lawson circulated a sign-up for volunteers to help with ticket sales and greeting guests for March, April and May.

## Interclubs

Please check your calendars...

### **February Interclub Calendar:**

**Tuesday February 24** – Kennewick Club, noon at Leo's to honor past club presidents including our own Larry Hansmeier and Dick Nordness.

### **March Interclub Calendar:**

(note – no Division 54 meeting in March)

**Tuesday March 3** – Walla Walla – *Coordinate with Sarah Longan for car pool plans.*

## Bookfair at Virgie Robinson

Jo Harrington announced a need for volunteers to support the Bookfair at Virgie Robinson March 9 through March 15. Contact [Jo](#) for more details.

## 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

Lorraine Cooper reminded all of us about the upcoming Junior Achievement Hula Bowl. [Doug Brown](#) is coordinating club sign-ups shifts (March 2-7). There is more information on our website about the [Hula Bowl fundraiser](#).

## **Our Program Next Week :**

**Phoenix H.S. students  
Student projects at Phoenix High School**

## **Project Based Learning**

**Student Centered**

**Self Directed**

**Phoenix High School**

## **This Week's Program:**

**Francis Buck  
Columbia Basin Dive Rescue**



*Francis Buck*

Lorraine Cooper introduced our speaker, Francis Buck representing the Columbia Basin Dive Rescue Team (CBDR). Rather than focus on his own wealth of personal and professional diving experience, Francis directed his presentation to what Columbia Basin Dive Rescue is and what it does. He also talked about general water safety issues to keep in mind when enjoying our area's river resources.

CBDR, unlike the dive rescue services of many areas is an all volunteer, non-profit organization *not* another arm of law enforcement or the fire department. They are affiliated with the Washington Department of Emergency Management, but as volunteers, not employees. They are not part of any local jurisdiction. Their mission is three-fold:

- Search & Rescue;
- Search & Recovery; and
- Water Safety & Prevention.

They accomplish this on a carefully managed budget of just \$70,000 per year. Roughly half the funds come from public sources and the rest from public support.

CBDR serves one of the largest regional areas. Their service area is Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties in Washington as well as Umatilla and Morrow counties in Oregon. When needed

they can send teams to other areas, Yakima and even Western Washington.

In the past 15 years, it has been realized that in cold water rescues, it can be possible to revive victims after up to an hour. Our area was one of the leaders in working with a US Coast Guard expert in putting this knowledge to work in cold water rescues.

The team regularly assists law enforcement and fire departments.

Francis asked us to consider what happens when someone is drowning. They become quiet, their focus in on trying to breathe, not on yelling and screaming. Thrashing and splashing about may become more focused on just struggling to bob back to the surface for air.

Prevention is a big focus of the group—to avoid the prospect of either rescue or recovery. They operate the Lifeguard Larry water safety program.

Important considerations for all of us are:

- Use a buddy system, someone to rely on
- Life jackets do save lives
- Boaters need a float plan—tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back, let them know if your plans change... ALWAYS
- Be prepared when conditions suddenly change
- Learn where there are safe places to swim
- Understand and prepare for hypothermia conditions
- In an emergency, call for help first, don't rush out unprepared and become another victim.

CBDR volunteers invest 20 to 22 hours per month for training. They support 28 different agencies and go where and when they are needed. There are presently 14 members (varies over time from 10 to 22).

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