



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington called the March 23 meeting to order. Larry Hansmeier gave our invocation and served as song leader. Sarah Longan was Wrangler.

Our guests this week from the Kennewick Club were: Bill Kendrick, Glenn Wheeler, Red Rutherford, Joe Kuhns, Marge Price, Bob Ellsworth, and Waltaen Corson. We also welcomed Richard Lathim from the Pasco Club, and Shawn Cirignano.

Dick Nordness added this week's raffle winnings to his retirement portfolio.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Glenn Wheeler announced that tomorrow will be his 50th anniversary with Kiwanis, WOW! Dick Nordness said he plans to be a retired restaurateur at the end of this month. Alex Burden announced his sister-in-law's birthday. Perhaps more importantly, he will be attending a sales convention in Las Vegas next week. Lauren Hedeem offered a laugh with a medical joke. Lorraine Cooper plugged the KSD bus tour coming up this Thursday. Doug Brown noted that his older brother plans to relocate to Tri-Cities after a stint in Africa.

Announcements and Coming Events

Transit service to Clover Island

Sarah Longan circulated a petition to help get bus feeder service to Clover Island.

J&S meeting

A J&S committee meeting will be held

immediately following the regular meeting.

J&S Work Party



April 18th, 10am (Saturday) – J&S work party. We have a few maintenance tasks to take care of before the train begins operation just 2 weeks later. Come prepared to get a little dirty (we'll be doing a bit of lubrication and replacing a few tires). *Meet at the Edison St. garage in Columbia Park.*

Camp Kiwanis Workday



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

Membership

Carolyn Lawson suggested we consider Lifetime Kiwanis membership status. It will reduce your Kiwanis International renewal bills forever. Contact Don Barnes for more information.

Interclubs

Interclub opportunities and speakers of note:

March Interclub Calendar:

Wednesday, March 25 – Richland Club, noon at the Clarion Hotel. *Join Dale, Larry, Dick and Don.*

Tuesday, March 31 – Kennewick Club, noon at Leo's. *Linda Boomer, "Energy."*

April Interclub Calendar:

Thursday, April 2 – Pasco Club, noon at Red Lion. *Vickie Carwine – Washington State University.*

Thursday, April 16 – Pasco Club, noon at Red Lion. *Darrol Clark, "Renewable Energy"*

Tuesday, April 28 – Kennewick Club, noon at Leo's. *Sylvester Neal, our Kiwanis International Vice President will be the speaker.*

Tri-City Herald Parking Lot Sale



Don't forget our club's Spring Yardsale fundraiser **April 25th**. Find some items to gather together for our project. If you have large items let Sarah Longan know as soon as possible.

Wayne has volunteered his barn for storage before the sale. We will accept most anything in *gently used* condition. Contact [Sarah](#) for details.

Phoenix High School Learning Exposition

Learn more about the innovative programs at Phoenix High School. Join faculty staff and students. Tour the community classroom, meet students & staff and discover how you can be a part of the Phoenix learning community. Thursday, March 26th, 2009 at 418 South Vancouver Kennewick, WA 99336 Telephone: 222-7400.



Club Doughnut Sale

You can help our club "fatten" its accounts! The key is *Krispy Kreme* doughnuts! We're looking for a member (you) to lead the sale of these yummy treats by collecting advanced



orders. Lorraine Cooper has already agreed to do the hard part by driving to Spokane and pick them up! If you are willing to lead this project, contact [Doug Brown](#).

October 24th Dinner Dance

Mark your calendars for our 3rd annual

Kick'n It Up for Kids

dinner dance at the Clover Island Inn. Please plan to attend and to invite your friends! All profits will go to the youth programs of the Arc of Tri-Cities and the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation.

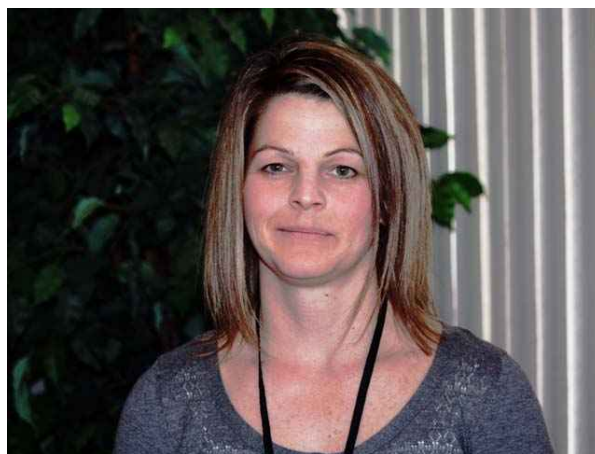


Our Program Next Week :

Dave Deeney
Northwest Public Radio
& KTNW Public Television

This Week's Program:

Jacque van Wormer
Benton-Franklin Juvenile Court



Jacque van Wormer

Jacqueline van Wormer focused her presentation on the Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice System around a [Models for Change](#) project she leads at the Juvenile Justice Center. Jacque brings a very strong academic and professional background to the project. The program is funded by a grant from the MacArthur Foundation.

While the vision of our court system is to *never give up on a child*, Jacque pointed out that early interventions are the most successful. There are some hard core cases that resist the system, but 70-

78% of our local youth only go through a diversion program just once, often for relatively minor crimes such as shoplifting small items.

Some of this change has been brought about by initiatives within the system to work more closely in cooperative partnerships. There is also a focus in looking for stronger policies to keep kids from moving deeply into criminal behaviors. The “prime age” for hard core criminal behavior is 14-24. There are not enough resources, but we can and should focus on early interventions. Grants are making the system more responsive and involve alternative interventions.

Jacque talked about models being used by our Juvenile Justice System, intervention alternatives for those with high, medium and low risk to reoffend. Truancy rates, especially in late elementary and middle school are indicators. And truancy is a real problem in the Tri-Cities. There are about 900 truants reported to the local courts, but there are more realistically 2000-3000 school age youth who are not in school.

There is disproportionate representation of minorities in Criminal Justice. In our area this is often Hispanic youth. Language and cultural differences that tend to increase the problem. Although youths may acquire English skills quickly, that is often not true for their parents. Also, in some families that may have one or more undocumented members, there is a perceived need to stay in the background, away from contact with any part of the government. Mental health issues often tend to be difficult for many Hispanic families to acknowledge.

There are differences in what people interacting with Juvenile Justice perceive as needed from their perspectives. Hispanics often want strategies and skills to minimize gang influences. The white population is often more concerned with the effects of drugs. In both cases there is a need for many students to be able to transition into good jobs that may not require advanced education. There has been discussion of alternative high

school programs to help better address educational needs of this population.

Benton/Franklin has had a strong history of collaboration and the use of evidence based intervention practices. Programs need to be matched to needs. We have seen a significant and general decrease in arrest rates in most categories.

Jacque invited us to contact her for more information or to become involved in mentoring programs.

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