



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington called the June 1 meeting to order. Larry Hansmeier gave the invocation, Kathy Loney was Wrangler. Larry won our weekly raffle drawing and donated the proceeds to our Foundation.

Also at this week's meeting were: Yolanda Garcia and Meg Thompson, guests of Sarah Longan; Cindy Mathus, guest of Terry Loney and representing Creekstone, who is signing on as a J&S sponsor; and guest Tom Bailey.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Kathy Loney and Dick Nordness both had granddaughters with birthdays. Dick's brother is also a year older. Dale Green bragged about the success of two back-to-back fundraisers for youth at his church this weekend. Don Barnes added his granddaughter's birthday as well as his son's college graduation. He congratulated Sarah Longan for coordinating our successful club yardsale. Sarah thanked everyone who helped her make it work. Marilyn Hyde's daughter celebrated her birthday today. Marilyn also reported on the train and noted a new volunteer, Roberto Figueroa. Carolyn Lawson welcomed Cindy Mathus and thanked Creekstone for sponsoring the train. Larry Hansmeier noted that today was Jonna Hansmeier's birthday. He also thanked Dale, his wife Ann, and John and Carolyn Lawson for their help with the youth at the church. Alex Burden noted the Richland Bombers championship status. Jo Harrington thanked all the helpers at the yardsale. Doug Brown acknowledged his letter to the editor. He went on to praise the successful efforts of the Special Olympics swim team at the State championships this weekend.

Announcements and Coming Events

Meetings

Our club will be hosting the Division 54 dinner meeting June 10th at 6 pm. Terry Loney will be taking the lead in organizing our food service. A number of members volunteered to help get ready beginning at 4 pm.

The Admin Committee meeting will be noon Thursday, June 4 at the Crow's Nest. The Membership Committee will meet noon, Friday, June 5 at the Bamboo Garden. The Board meeting will be at 11:45 the following Thursday, June 11 at the Clover Island Inn.

Young Children are Priority One at Headstart!

Project Headstart capped their school year with a celebration last Thursday. Our YCPO chair, Donna Underwood brought a dedicated team of Kiwanians to the Benton Street Headstart



preschool program during the year. In the photo, young Jordan, proudly shows off the "tattoo" Donna has applied to her arm. The kids and their

parents were treated to food, books, awards, an inflatable trampoline, firemen and fire trucks. A good time was had by all. Besides Donna, our Kiwanis Helpers during the year were: Doug Brown, Sarah Longan, Phil Slusser, John Lawson, and Wayne Underwood.

Donna noted that our club at the Benton St. Headstart are the only group volunteering in any of the Headstart schools in our area.

Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo



Don't forget! We won our bid for the Novelties and Information booth at the fair. This will require 170 hours donated by our club (basically all day long, all week long), but it will be easy duty and calls for just two people at a time. Our club will earn about \$1,350 in just 6 days! Please mark your calendars and plan to help by signing up for a couple of shifts. The Fair is the last week of August. Doug Brown will have more details and begin signups for the shifts soon.

Yardsale

Saturday's yardsale concluded today with the auctioning of 2 Christmas items for those who couldn't make it to the sale. Dick Nordness and Donna Underwood placed winning bids. Sarah Longan reported the final dollar total of \$827.34. Carolyn Lawson had placed the closest guess to the actual dollar amount and will win a bottle of wine donated by Andy Perdue.

Jo Harrington honored Sarah's hard work with a Kiwanis Starfish award. Sarah attributed the success to the many donors & folks who helped with the sale in the heat as well as the rest of the club who supported in many ways.

K-Kids Garden at Virgie Robinson

Volunteers are needed at 4 pm Friday June 5th at Virgie Robinson. Jo Harrington invited us to join the K-Kids in planting a tree and some other plants and placing



up a K-Kids sign. There will be pizza for the kids and workers.

Painting Project at CDC

We will be painting three rooms at the Children's Development Center at 9 am Saturday June 13. We will be done before lunch. Volunteers are: Larry and Jonna Hansmeier, Lauren Hedeem, Carolyn and John Lawson, and Alex Burden.

Eyeglasses, eyeglasses—bring more eyeglasses

The S.O.S. box (Save Old Spectacles) at our meetings has some donations, bring more! We're collecting used but still usable eye glasses for redistribution in third world countries.



Interclubs

June Interclub Calendar:

Virgie Robinson K-Kids

Friday, June 6th at 4pm

Virgie Robinson Elementary to plant a tree, other shrubs, put up a K-Kids sign, and eat a pizza.

Dayton Club

Thursday, June 25th at noon

First Congregational Church – Dayton. Join our car pool caravan to Dayton. Contact Sarah Longan for details.

New Sponsors for J&S and Hoof Beats

Terry Loney signed up our first independent J&S Express Sponsor, *Innovative Mortgage Inc.*, located in Kennewick. These sponsorships will be used to offset the cost of operating the train and so that more earnings can be devoted to our Kiwanis community and youth projects. Innovative Mortgage joins Paul Parish Ltd and Pasco Tire Factory in earning our thanks for helping us be successful with the J&S Express.

Sarah Longan has signed up Donna Knapp, owner of *Threads* in Marineland Village for sponsoring a newsletter ad. If you're looking for new or recycled vintage clothing, take a look at her shop and thank her for advertising in our newsletter.

Thank you Terry and Sarah.

Next Week's Program :
Bob Smith
Hanford Secret Weapons Project

This Week's Program:
Heather Moon & Erik Ramey
Regional Service Corps AmeriCorps



Heather Moon & Erik Ramey

Heather Moon and Erik Ramey are representatives from the Regional Service Corps which is part of the AmeriCorps National Service Network. Erik presented an overview of their local programs and explained how their members integrate into a variety of local service programs. Heather focused on what she has done in AmeriCorps and why it has been a fulfilling experience.

Erik Ramey is a Tri-Cities native. He attended Eastern Washington University studying to become a teacher before signing up as a literacy tutor for Regional Service Corps-AmeriCorps in

the Pasco School District. After two years at Longfellow Elementary, he became Program staff for Regional Service Corps. He obtained three Presidential Volunteer Service Awards while serving in AmeriCorps. One was the Lifetime Achievement Award that involved over 4,000 hours of community service and still remains active in volunteer service of many forms.

Erik touched on many of the local programs and needs that AmeriCorps tries to address with its programs. There are currently about 20 local volunteers, but this is expected to nearly double. Besides the personal satisfaction the program brings to volunteers, there are some tangible benefits also including health care and help with college loan programs.

AmeriCorps looks for people of all ages who are able to deal with apathy, conflict, confidence, have a sense of humor and a *can-do* attitude. Volunteers will improve skills in leadership, problem solving and small group dynamics. AmeriCorps accepts programs ideas that can make our country safer, smarter or healthier.

Heather grew up in Oregon, and is now a Regional Service Corps-AmeriCorps member at Phoenix High School in Kennewick. She attended OSU before moving to the Tri-Cities for her husband's job. She had planned to join AmeriCorps after college and was happy to learn that Tri-Cities had a Regional Service Corps when she moved here. Although she had anticipated working with young children, she quickly adapted to filling the needs of High School students in literacy and math.

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