



Hoof Beats

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Remember, there is always more information about our club on our website at www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org

President Joanna Harrington called the July 13 meeting to order. Jonna Hansmeier gave our invocation and Sarah Longan was Wrangler. Our speaker, Paula Bazinet, won the weekly raffle.

Our guest this week was Olja Djuranovic from the Kennewick Club.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Jo Harrington missed the latest Board meeting, but Harrington Home Medical successfully passed its federal accreditation inspection. Andy Perdue's daughter scored 3 goals in her soccer game ([check it out on the web](#)). Jim Hyde bragged that he had driven the oldest bell ringer so far (at 77) a long time friend of his on the J&S this past weekend. Lorraine Cooper's niece celebrated her birthday.

Doug Brown was one of about 10,000 who completed this year's two day Seattle-Portland bike ride. Dick Nordness announced his wife, Karlene's birthday. Sarah Longan thanked Doug Brown and others for continuing to pursue the new train building, and urged speeding things up, before she and Jim put the old one out of commission.

Announcements and Coming Events

Meetings

There was a brief Foundation Board meeting following the regular meeting to elect a new member.

The J&S committee meeting was held following the regular meeting.

Doug Brown reminded new Board members of the Budget planning meeting at noon, Tuesday, August 4 at Clover Island Inn.

Volunteers Needed

Jim Hyde circulated a signup sheet for [J&S volunteers](#). It was also noted that we will not operate the train during the boat races the last weekend in July and that for the next two weekends, the train will be located in the City Shop yard located diagonally across Edison from the garage to provide space for the Water Follies.

We still have a few shifts that need to be filled for the [Benton Franklin Fair](#), August 25-29. Doug does not anticipate any problems filling them.

KHHH Logo Shirts and Hats

Wayne Underwood distributed our new shirts and hats at the meeting.

Interclubs

July Interclub Calendar:

TCI Club

Friday, July 17th at noon

Clarion – Richland. The featured speaker will be Micah Clark, on the Camp Patriot Program for Disabled Vets. Enough members have volunteered to make this count as an interclub.

Kennewick Club

Tuesday, July 28th at noon

Leo's – Kennewick. "Carmen Cady, a club member and professional hypnotherapist will spellbind the members with the 'Art of Hypnosis' and how professionals use it to assist people in their everyday life."

Also, on Friday, July 24th at noon, TCI will host State Representative Larry Halder will speak on the 2009 Legislative Session at the Clarion, Richland.

Please call Sarah if you have questions. 582-5856. Sarah will have information about other local club's speaker programs added to our website.

SOS donate your old eyeglasses

The S.O.S. box (Save Old Spectacles) at our meetings needs more donations! Bring used but still usable eye glasses for redistribution in the third world. Next week will be your last opportunity to donate this year.



There will be a meeting at Camp Kiwanis on July 20th to pack glasses for shipment. Donna asked for members to help from 6-7:30 pm.

Car Boot Sale

Sarah Longan is organizing our participation at the city's Car Boot Sale in Columbia Park, August 1st. You will have one more opportunity to downsize this year! Pull out books, videos, tapes, records, tools, costume jewelry, collectables to be sold during the event. Call Sarah for details. She will accept items anytime. If delivered at one of our meetings please call Sarah first at 582-5856 or [email](#) her.

J&S Storage Building

Doug Brown announced that there was progress being made towards the planned J&S Storage Building at the East end of the park.

J&S on Facebook

Andy Perdue has created a facebook page to promote the train. Check it out and become a "fan".

J&S Sponsors

Both Windermere real estate and the local Creekstone development have now signed on as J&S sponsors. A kudos to Terry Loney for his effort. There are links at the end of the newsletter to the company websites (or maps) for our sponsors. Many of our Newsletter sponsors also

have web links embedded in the image.

Next Week's Program :

Angela Reinhardt – Arc of Tri-Cities

This Week's Program:

Paula Bazinet

**South Eastern Washington Service Center
of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing**



Paula Bazinet

Paula Bazinet says that she stumbled into her job. In college she accidentally enrolled in an ASL signing course and found she had both aptitude and interest. This became a basis for her present career working to help the deaf and hard of hearing population.

The South Eastern Washington Service Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a mouthful. Its initials also create a difficult acronym (SEWSCHH). But that doesn't diminish its importance. They serve a 10½ county service area. Paula's office is located in Pasco. They serve about 1200 deaf individuals and thousands of the hard of hearing. Their mission is "to enhance the quality of life by empowering Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing individuals and their families. This is services, opportunities

and programs. [They] strive to promote greater understanding and acceptance of hearing loss and Deaf Culture through education and sensitivity training.”

One interesting statistic that Paula mentioned more than once is that the hearing problems they serve, seem to be disproportionately distributed to the Hispanic population.

A key program of Paula's organization teaches young children to sign. They also provide Case Management for adults and Life Skills for children. They also serve those who can't sign.

Outreach programs help area employers deal more successfully with the deaf and hard of hearing population. Speaking at organizations like our own also helps to spread the word and educate the general population about problems and obstacles.

There is also a program to place Public Video Phones in locations like libraries, Boys & Girls clubs, YMCA and hospitals (including KGH, locally). This allows communication in ASL.

Interpretive services are also available, but currently very understaffed relative to the need. Training is available in ASL to individuals and families.

Paula stressed the diversity of backgrounds that deafness affects

- Family
- Culture
- Language
- Education (residential schools, mainstream schooling, with or without interpreters, classrooms with other deaf students, and oral schools that teach deaf children to speak and hear with implant technology) Specialized education is often financially

out of reach for most families

- Sign languages (American Sign Language, Pidgin Signed English, Signed English, Mexican Sign Language, and others, Cued Speech) each has its own unique grammar

Paula discussed the special needs of the Deaf-Blind and those with Usher syndrome who gradually lose both sight and hearing.

She went on to discuss the forms of communication most available to the deaf and hard of hearing. It was interesting to learn the new importance of cell phones for texting. Paula then explained the process of interpretation and its importance. We need to be aware of cultural differences too. Direct eye contact is almost a requirement for their communication and physical contact to get attention is the normal behavior. Strong scents should be avoided as a distraction to an often heightened sense of smell. Overly bright backlighting can also make communication more difficult.

Paul reviewed the challenges:

- Lack of community awareness
- Shortage of interpreters
- Most deaf children are the only deaf member of a family and have few socialization opportunities with other deaf persons.

She concluded by emphasizing some of what can be done:

- Community awareness presentations like this one
- Technical assistance training to employers
- Teaching families in a home environment
- Family activities with other deaf people provide opportunities for socialization such as the Camp Hands Up program in Dayton

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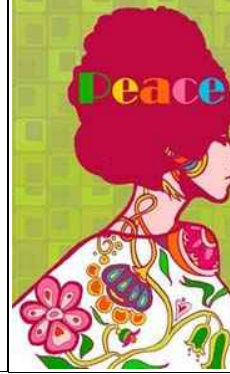
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