



Hoof Beats

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If you have an announcement, advertisement, or article you'd like included, contact one of our editors.

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

President Joanna Harrington presided at our July 27 meeting. Wayne Underwood gave our invocation and Phil Slusser was our Wrangler. Don Barnes, won the weekly raffle and donated the proceeds to our Foundation.

We circulated the monthly collection for the School Supplies program for our K-Kids Schools.

Glynn Wheeler from the Kennewick Club was our guest again this week.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Lorraine Cooper reported that her nephew's Babe Ruth League team won the State Championship. Andy Perdue daughter, Niranjana, continues her streak of soccer goals. He also cautioned that KID would be shutting off irrigation water to work on a serious canal leak. He also celebrated his news assignment at the Water Follies.

Dale Green's daughter Raella will be performing in her first band concert Wednesday. Larry Hansmeier's youngest daughter will celebrate her birthday. Glynn Wheeler's great-granddaughter in North Carolina was awarded a dance scholarship for her last two years of high school and four years of college. Gene Spaulding's dog is getting a new license plate for the new LG's taxi that Gene is allowed to drive. Wayne Underwood will have his daughter and grandchildren visit for the next week. Jo Harrington's 15-year old grand daughter has been in a house cleaning frenzy that has Jo worn out.

Announcements and Coming Events

Meetings

The Youth Services Committee will hold its meeting after the regular meeting. There will be a budget planning meeting Tuesday August 4th at noon for incoming board members. The Administrative Committee will meet Thursday, August 6th at noon in the Crows Nest. The Board meeting will be August 13th at 11:45 at Clover Island.

Volunteers Needed

Jim Hyde circulated the signup sheet for [J&S volunteers](#) beginning when we restart operation August 1st.



Benton-Franklin County Fair – Information Booth

Our club was delighted to be selected to staff the Information Booth at this year's Fair (August 25-29). Our [schedule for volunteers](#) has 40 time slots, and 5 are still open. Please check it if you have not yet signed up to help.

It is crucial that we answers to the questions that we are likely to encounter, including:

- What are the procedures at the "will call" window for all functions that are handled there? Which functions are handled there?
- What services are available at the window at the back of the Fair office?
- Where do I go with medical or other emergencies?
- Where can I pick up a lost child?

- Where is the nearest ATM?
- How can I contact the police?

If you think of more questions that we should be able to answer, please e-mail them to [Doug Brown](#), who will liaison with the Fair staff to get the answers before the Fair.

Car Boot Sale Canceled

Sarah Longan announced that the City was canceling its Car Boot Sale. She expects to come up with a new yardsale plan at a later date.

Interclubs

July Interclub Calendar:

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." Join Kathy and Terry Loney and Lauren Hedeem to represent our club.

Talk to Sarah Longan or call her (582-5856) if you have questions about our interclub program. Thus far, we have completed 20 of 24 interclubs for this club year. We will plan for two more interclubs during both August and September.

SOS eyeglasses

Donna Underwood reported that she and Lauren Hedeem worked hard with other Kiwanis club members to prepare 950 pair of glasses for shipment. Our club would be credited for donating 300 pair of glasses at an equivalent value of \$1500. We will continue to collect eyeglasses for next year.



Next Week's Program :

**Dr. Scott Ferris
Tsunami Relief in Indonesia**

This Week's Program:

Vic Epperly, "Regional Projects: Where do we go from here?"



Vic Epperly

Vic Epperly has lived in the Tri-Cities since 1972. He retired from Battelle after 32 years as a facilities engineer. Vic was a member of the Kennewick City Council for 7½ years during the 1980's, and served as Mayor in 1986-87.

His interest in regional projects started more than five years ago when he attended one of the public meetings put on by the citizens group Regional Aquatics Center Task Force.

There is a lot of agreement that the Tri-Cities region needs certain facilities and amenities such as a Performing Arts facility and new Public Swimming Pools to improve the quality of life. We are behind other large population centers in the State. Taken together, Kennewick, Richland and Pasco would be the fourth largest city in Washington.

It is difficult for citizens to know what is being done with respect to regional projects and there is no really effective forum for public input and involvement in the decision making process. There are two basic forms that our local government can follow to establish regional projects:

- the Public Facilities District (or the “Super Public Facilities District variation)—sales tax based
- and the Metropolitan Park District—property tax based.

Vic is an advocate of a simpler and more open Metropolitan Park District form. He contrasted the two forms based on taxation authority, legal status, open government and other factors.

Vic also presented a petition he is circulating asking The city of Kennewick to call for a regional meeting to look at all sides of the issue for how to best structure Regional Recreation Projects. He wants to see this idea move towards a ballot issue to address a set of agreed to projects. A Metropolitan Park District can be established by a simple majority vote that would also establish an authorized property tax rate.

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