



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 presided at our August 3 meeting. Our invocation was delivered by Terry Loney. Jim Hyde welcomed another raffle win.

We circulated the monthly collection for the S.I.G.N. program. More than \$100 has been contributed so far this year.

Robert Ramirez from the TCI Club was our guest.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Dick Nordness was our wrangler. It was also his birthday. Don Barnes said his little brother was having a birthday. Jo Harrington seems to always have a supply of granddaughter birthdays to announce.

Doug Brown returned from a family trip to Oregon. Alex Burden's sister has a birthday to celebrate.

Carolyn Lawson thanked the members who worked on the train over this hot weekend. Mark Blotz noted that Kennewick made the national news for our record 108° heat and for the well-documented Water Follies hydroplane flip. Dick noted that the flip even made the news in Costa Rica while he visited his son and grandchildren there. Sarah Longan had a cousin she had not seen since childhood visit this past week. She also thanked the people who worked on the train this weekend and noted that on her shift one woman donated a \$20 bill after the ride.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

The Youth Services Committee donated \$130 to the South Eastern Washington Service Center of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (remember our speaker, Paula Bazinet from our July 13 meeting?). It was designated for their Camp Hands Up summer program in Dayton.



J&S operated the train as a service project for the Arc of Tri-Cities annual picnic last Tuesday afternoon. The event was attended by more than 300. We had 192 riders. Our project team was Andy Perdue, John Lawson and Sarah Longan.

Meetings

There was a budget planning meeting Tuesday August 4th for incoming board members. The Administrative Committee held its meeting scheduled for August 6th at the conclusion of the Budget meeting. The Board meeting will be August 13th at 11:45 at Clover Island.

The Membership Committee will meet next week following the regular meeting instead of on it's normal schedule.

J&S Volunteers Needed (always)

Jim Hyde circulated the signup sheet for [J&S volunteers](#).

Membership

Don Barnes won't let us forget that we bring in new members through our own initiative. Invite someone to a luncheon, *or better*, ask them to help out with one of our service projects.



Benton-Franklin County Fair

Information Booth

Doug Brown will meet with people from the Fair to further clarify our role at the information booth in August. Our [schedule for volunteers](#) has 40 time slots, and a few are still open. Please check it if you have not yet signed up to help.

Yardsale

Sarah Longan talked about the option of another yardsale in late summer or early fall.

Head Start Project

Phil Slusser said that he had confirmed the start date for Head Start volunteers as September 23.

Interclubs

August Interclub Calendar:

Columbia Club

Wednesday, August 5th at 7am

Granny's – Kennewick. Jo Harrington, Andy Perdue & Mark Blotz.

Kennewick Club

Tuesday, August 25th at noon

Leo's – Kennewick. Cindy Morris will speak about the reopening of the Children's Museum at Broadmoor Mall complex in Pasco. We need two more volunteers for an Interclub.

Talk to Sarah Longan or call her (582-5856) if you have questions about our interclub program. We will plan for two interclubs during both August and September.

October 24th Dinner Dance



It's time to start selling tickets for the October 24 Dinner Dance. [Doug Brown](#) has books of tickets that you can sign out to sell (price: \$40 per ticket). The proceeds from the dinner dance will be donated to the Arc's Youth Programs and to the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation. In addition to selling tickets, we need "*experiences and consumables*" for our live auction to be held during the dance.

Next Week's Program :

Kim McCartney
Current Reclamation Yakima Basin
Water Resource Activities

This Week's Program:

Dr. Scott Ferris
Tsunami Relief in Indonesia



Dr. Scott Ferris

Dr. Scott Ferris, a local member of the Disaster Medical Rescue Team is a consultant in Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He

was on the scene to help treat the survivors of the 2004 Tsunami that struck especially hard in the Banda Aceh region of Indonesia. On arrival, he found the level of damage and the human suffering to be extreme.

“The Earthquake

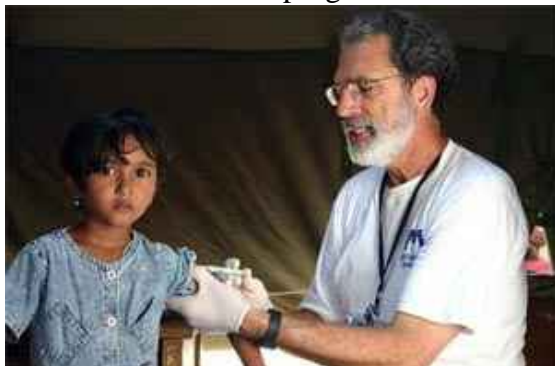
- December 26, 2004, the equivalent of 23,000 nuclear bombs was set off in the Indian Ocean, 150 miles off the Indonesian Coastline.
- This was a 9.0 earthquake, the fourth most powerful earthquake ever recorded.”

“The Tsunami

- The archipelago of Indonesia was first to be hit, 15 minutes after the earthquake.
- The Human Toll in Banda Aceh, Sumatra
 - 127,000 Dead
 - 94,000 Missing
 - 500,000 Refugees in 396 Internally Displaced Person (IDP) Camps”

Dr. Ferris commented on the level of international cooperation by other world governmental agencies. He spoke specifically about the role taken by the Danish, the Germans, the Australians and even the Afغانis.

Measles emerged as a serious problem calling for an intense immunization program. It was not



uncommon for village children to believe that if a little medicine was good, perhaps more was better.

So they had to adopt a system of marking children's fingernails so they wouldn't just get back in line for a second or third shot.

Exposure, from near drowning, to floodwater contaminated by waste and other pollutants, led to another syndrome they dubbed “Tsunami Lung Disease”. The water and contaminants that found their way into the lungs led to a pneumonia-like condition. Lacking the diagnostic tools needed to determine its cause, they were forced to treat it with an improvised “cocktail” of possibly effective drugs.

Dr. Ferris commented repeatedly on the strength of



the Muslim faith in helping these people cope with a disaster of unimaginable proportion. The culture was largely free of any risk of

theft. He observed that the mosques stood up to the floods, and that the locals felt that it was because they had been built without corruption, without skimping on materials that may have contributed to the level of damage to many other buildings. He said he had to give his respect to a people who could place enough faith in God to believe that they could still move forward after that disaster.

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