



Hoof Beats

Kiwaniis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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

President Elect Doug Brown presided for our August 10 meeting. Our invocation was delivered by Dick Nordness.

Wow! We had a lot of guest this week. Dale green brought guest Jay Ashbaugh. Lt. Governor Jerry Greenfield and Corky Greenfield were here from the Richland club. Glynn Wheeler visited from the Kennewick club. Bob and Marlene Schweighardt, Steve Hicks, and BC Cunningham were present from the Columbia club. Bob Greenwell, Richard Lathim, Ian Mitz, Ron Bruce and Neil Smiley were here from the Pasco club.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Carolyn Lawson was our wrangler for the day.

Phil Slusser praised Mark Blotz for the quality of the food that we are always served at Clover Island. Andy Perdue brought us the next episode in his daughter's blossoming soccer career (the early years). He was also celebrating his medical prognosis from the cancer he had been treated for. Andy also sat out an assortment of wine to help boost donations to Kids Day.

Jim Hyde is celebrating his 58th anniversary with Marilyn. Sarah Longan noted that the weekend train crew had pulled through to overcome a few minor obstacles that they faced. Glynn Wheeler's sixteen year old great granddaughter has received a full scholarship in dancing in North Carolina. Mark Blotz thanked Phil for the "commercial". He also bragged about his long weekend traveling from the Wild Horse in Pendleton to Seattle with his son for a Mariner's game and home again.

Lorraine Cooper's nephew Justin celebrates a win

in the Babe Ruth League regional finals. She is looking forward to the opportunity to see him on TV at the league's World Series playoffs. Larry Hansmeier, with Jonna, will be traveling to a family get together next week. Doug Brown reminisced Pasco High's 40 year reunion. Wayne Underwood wanted us all to know he was not henpecked. He just gave Donna \$15 for Kids Day because he wanted to.

Guest speaker Kim McCartney won our weekly raffle and donated his winnings to our Foundation.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week



Our membership dedicated the proceeds from the J&S operations this past weekend to the Arc of the Tri-Cities for their capital campaign. We had a busy weekend with a greater than usual ridership of 680, and earned a total of \$524.34. An extra thank you to the members who worked the train last weekend: Dick Nordness, John Lawson, Lorraine Cooper, Phil Slusser, Sarah Longan, Belva Whitlock and Mike Harrington. Also, special thanks to our other volunteers: Jerry Whitlock, Larry & Jenifer Haler, Roberto Figueroa and Joan Lambert.

Doug Brown reported a meeting with City staff and builder Steve Dean. He is encouraged that the plans to build a "station" for the train in Columbia Park seem to be moving forward.

Meetings

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, August 13th at 11:45 at Clover Island. Committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend. All members are welcome.

The Membership Committee will met following the regular meeting.

J&S Volunteers Needed (always)

Jim Hyde circulated the sign up sheet for [J&S volunteers](#). More volunteers are needed this weekend.

Kids Day

Andy Perdue has found a sure fire way to increase donations. He offered a free bottle of wine from his collection to all who made a donation of at least \$15 to the Kid's Day charity during our meeting.

Fuel Card Auction

John Lawson announced he had entered a drawing at Meyer's Auto Tech when he paid the bill for the J&S wheel bearing maintenance. He was notified a few days ago that a \$100 Chevron fuel card was waiting. Since the train uses propane instead of gasoline, Larry Hansmeier served as auctioneer to convert the card to something we could use for the train. Jim Hyde placed the winning bid which will go towards our propane expenses.



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. There will be a short orientation to be scheduled one evening before the fair. Our [schedule for volunteers](#) has time slots still open. Please check it if you have not yet signed up to help.

Interclubs

August Interclub Calendar:

Kennewick Club – Leo's, Kennewick

Tuesday, August 25th at noon

Cindy Morris will speak about the reopening of the Children's Museum at Broadmoor Mall complex in Pasco.

We still need two more volunteers to achieve an Interclub.

Jo Harrington, Andy Perdue and Mark Blotz visited Columbia club last week 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 more interclubs during September.

Other division 54 clubs' speakers for August:

TCl Fridays Noon - Clarion Hotel

8/14 - Vicki Carwel, *WSU-Tri-cities*

8/21 - Adrienne Deen, *Kids Day*

8/28 - Suzanne Heaston, *Vit Plant*

Kennewick Tuesdays noon – Leo's

8/18 - Brett Jay & Andy Troxel, *HS football*

Pasco Thursdays noon – Red Lion

8/13 - M Leggett, C Cadwell & D Clayhold, *Vista Field*

8/20 – Cindy Morris, *3 Rivers Childrens Museum*

8/27 – Dennis Kreid, *Chernobyl reactor stabilization*

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.

If you don't plan to sell tickets yourself, you can purchase individual tickets at the sign-in table during our regular meetings.

Next Week's Program :
Tom Roach: Immigration

This Week's Program:
Kim McCartney
Current Reclamation Yakima Basin
Water Resource Activities



Kim McCartney

Kim McCartney grew up in South Dakota on a farm. His interests in water reclamation and planning brought him to Yakima in 2004 to help address feasibility and environmental documents for the federal Bureau of Reclamation acting with a congressional mandate to act. The State of Washington also elected to participate in the studies.

The reclamation study goals were:

- Improved water supply for irrigation water rights
- Improved fish habitat
- Meet future municipal water needs

Their tasks were:

- Consider the Black Rock alternative
- Other Yakima Basin alternatives
- Yakima River pump exchange alternative
- Technical information & hydrologic analysis

There are five existing reservoirs. Three along the I-90 corridor and two more along Highway 12. They provide less than half the needed buffer for irrigation during dry years.

They looked in detail at the Black Rock reservoir proposal that would create a large reservoir south of Priest Rapids Dam that would be fed by Columbia River water to help serve the agricultural and other needs of the Yakima Basin. They also looked at the Wymer reservoir and the Yakima River Pump Exchange plan. All plans met the 3 goals that had been stated. However, none of the alternatives were economically justified based on the established federal guidelines.

Kim then went on to talk about the Phase II plan for the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project. The details of how this would work are still taking shape and citizens still have an opportunity to influence what will happen. He provided two websites with more complete information:

www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/storage_study/index.html

and,

www.usbr.gov/kpn/programs/yrbwep/meetings/index.html

The first provides more detail on the feasibility study itself. The second is for information on what the 2009 work group is doing now.

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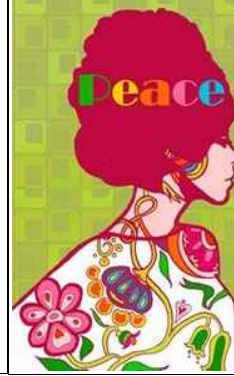
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