



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Joanna Harrington presided for our September 14 meeting. Our invocation was delivered by Terry Loney. The once monthly S.I.G.N. collection was circulated.

Carolyn Lawson introduced two guests this week: Mickey & Carol McPherson are newcomers who have chosen the Tri-Cities as their new home. Marilyn Hyde introduced her two guests who have already been very busy volunteering on the train: Bill Powney and Bernie Borgen. Bill brought along his own guest, long time friend Emma Ames. Laurel Piippo was here from the Richland club and Darroll Clark was in attendance from the Pasco club and in support of this week's speaker.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Wayne Underwood was wrangler.

Dick Nordness's granddaughter in Slovenia will celebrate her 12th birthday. Marilyn Hyde noted that she appreciated Jim's suffering during her rehabilitation. She also noted that Jim was making efforts to make the food he prepares more aesthetic and artistic. Carolyn Lawson noted that her guests, Mickey and Carol had chosen to make the Tri-Cities their home and to join her in experiencing her Kiwanis club.

Laurel Piippo offered to sell tickets for the October dinner dance; Doug Brown was quick to provide her a book of 10. Books documenting Dr. Zirkle's S.I.G.N. program are available for a minimum donation of \$20. She also noted that Dr. Zirkle had recently become TCI Kiwanian. Laurel had enjoyed and endured a 15 hour marathon of Wagner's *Rings* opera. Her grandson was recently married. Laurel also has a new shipment of her

pocket copies of the *U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence* for \$1. Finally, she wanted to compliment our club on how well we are doing with all our activities.

Phil Slusser offered a simple "Go Seahawks!" Bernie Borgen noted that he has almost 30 grandchildren, so it must be someone's birthday. Jo Harrington noted two family birthdays: granddaughter, Sarah and daughter-in-law, Cindy.

Doug Brown thanked Laurel for her always reliable ticket sales for our October dinner dance.

The always lucky Jim Hyde won our weekly raffle, even though it took him two tries this week.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week



Dale Green

Wayne Underwood persuaded Dale Green to take an "engineering" course on the train this weekend.

Lt. Governor Jerry Greenfield spoke at last Thursday's Board of Director's meeting to report on the Pacific Northwest Conference he attended in Oregon as our club's designee. Jerry will be

speaking at our club officer installation September 28th. He promised to give a brief summary at that time.

The Board also approved increasing our annual gift for school supplies to our K-Kids' sponsored schools. We are donating \$200 each to Virgie Robinson and Eastgate.

Meetings

The Foundation held a brief meeting immediately after the regular meeting to confirm Andy Perdue as new member of the Foundation Board.

There will be a Youth Services Committee following the regular meeting next week.

J&S Volunteers Needed (always)

Jim Hyde circulated the sign-up sheet for [J&S volunteers](#). More volunteers are needed this weekend. We also have a special fund raising event scheduled for Thursday, September 24th on Clover Island for the Port of Kennewick.

Project K-9

Our incoming Pacific Northwest Governor for 2009-10, Patrick Ewing, has selected "Project K-9" as his sponsored project for 2009-10. Details are available at the bottom of [our website](#). Members with an interest in this initiative should contact [Doug Brown](#).

Perfect Attendance Awards

Jo Harrington announced that any members who are seeking perfect attendance awards need to identify themselves to Don Barnes for verification by the membership committee.

Interclubs

September Interclub Calendar:

K-Kids – Virgie Robinson Elementary

Wednesday, September 23th at 11:20

This is the opening meeting for the K-Kids and lasts only ½ hour. Be there if you can.

Richland – Clarion

Wednesday, September 30th at noon

Installation of officers.

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

Other division 54 clubs' meetings of note for September:

Kennewick Tuesdays noon – Leo's

9/22 – Cory Peterson, *Future plans for Convention Center & Coliseum*

Installation of Officers

9/24 Pasco – Red Lion, noon

9/28 KHHH – Clover Island, noon

9/29 Walla Walla – Wheatland Village, noon

9/30 Kennewick – Leo's, noon

9/30 Richland – Clarion, noon

October 24th Dinner Dance



It's time to get your tickets for the October 24 Dinner Dance and auction. [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.

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

Head Start

Donna Underwood announced that September 23rd is the "start date" for our Head Start project. Volunteers can choose hours that are convenient to their schedule after that date. Any new volunteers who were not part of the group last year need to get appropriate forms from Donna.

Next Week's Program:

Dr. Larry Jecha, M.D.
Benton-Franklin Health District

In Two Weeks:
Jerry Greenfield – KHHH Installation of Officers

This Week's Program:
James A. Wise, Ph.D
Sustainable Energy and Environmental
Network of the Mid-Columbia
“New Directions”



James A Wise, PhD

Dr. James Wise is a board member for The Sustainable Energy & Environmental Network, SEEnet. Darroll Clark was in the audience to help with questions. Darroll is co-president of SEEnet. SEEnet is a non-profit “dedicated to assisting the environmental stewardship and sustainable development of energy resources and technologies, through educational activities and events, networking, tools and information”.

He said that their mission has many facets that support effective and sustainable “Earth-friendly” projects:

- an annual Energy EXPO coordinated with CBC's educational programs is held during Earth Month to influence and improve business, student and public knowledge
- relevant Earth Month activities each April highlight the many projects SEEnet adopts
- SEEnet also supports education opportunities for businesses, institutions

and others regarding benefits of designing, building and utilizing infrastructures that offer healthy and sustainable economic models, and wise use of energy resources and the environment to improve quality of life

He noted the concept of *Sustainable Synchronicity!* SEEnet is closely allied with a number of other groups in the Mid-Columbia and of national programs and initiatives that move opinions and behaviors for environmental stewardship.

There are many opportunities for anyone interested in moving us towards a sustainable planet:

- the Mid-Columbia Community for Change
- Confluence Community Action Network
- Sustainable Communities Coalition
- 509ART
- Implementation of DOE sustainability orders at Hanford
- Hanford's environmentally preferential purchasing and it's effect on local businesses
- Existing and new presidential executive orders
- Pursuit of our own individual actions for improving the planet

In a question and answer session that followed, Dr. Wise was asked to explain the case for global warming that drives much of the discussion of maintaining a sustainable Earth in light of widespread observations of apparent cooling trends. He explained how the global warming process would be expected to cause near term chaotic perturbations in the world that can be expected to result in often counter-intuitive events and observations.

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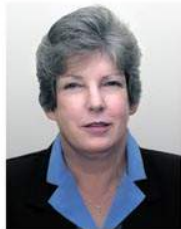
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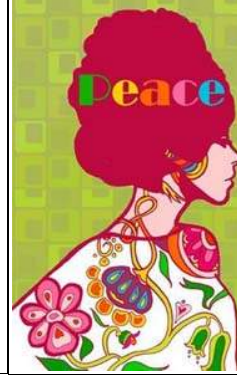
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