



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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

President Doug Brown presided for the October 5 meeting. Carolyn Lawson gave the invocation.

This week's guests were Glynn Wheeler from the Kennewick club and Laurel Piippo from Richland.

The once monthly collection was circulated for the SIGN project.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Jo Harrington was wrangler.

Jo is enjoying her return to the "round tables" at our luncheons. Her granddaughter was elected president of her FFA. Wayne Underwood noted that Donna was back home today recuperating from visiting her grandchildren. Laurel Piippo related a recent driving "adventure" on our streets. Andy Perdue honored Jo as having been our longest serving President-Elect. He also made note of his 45th birthday and remembered the last year. Doug Brown said that he and his daughter had attended the Mid-Columbia Symphony and urged any of us to consider attending the upcoming Richland Interclub. Phil Slusser bragged about another birthday milestone.

Speaker Oscar Garcia won the raffle and donated his winnings to our Foundation.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

Our membership committee met last week and is actively pursuing several opportunities to increase our recruiting opportunities among several

promising groups. Carolyn Lawson has agreed to become co-chair.

Other new assignments include: Sarah Longan as Club Historian, Larry Hansmeier as chair of the Community Service committee, Wayne Underwood as chair of the Interclub program, and Dick Nordness as chair of Fund Raising.

Doug Brown led the first meeting of the Administrative committee for new club year.

Meetings

The Board of Directors meeting for Thursday October 8, was relocated to Camp Kiwanis at 11:45. Bring your own lunch. All members are welcome.

Interclubs

October Interclub Calendar:

Kennewick – Camp Kiwanis

Tuesday, October 6 at noon

Our first interclub for the new club year to celebrate the new flag and pole at Camp Kiwanis.

Richland – Clarion

Wednesday, October 14 at noon

Our first interclub for the new club year. Justin Raffa, conductor of the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers, tenor Adam Shelton (doctoral student in opera performance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison), and several members of the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers will perform.

Division 54 – Camp Kiwanis

Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm

Enjoy a hosted dinner with representatives from all of division clubs. All members are welcome.

Contact Wayne Underwood if you have questions about our interclub program.

Highway Cleanup

We will do our highway cleanup project Saturday October 17 at 9am. Meet at the hydroplane near the freeway entrance to Columbia Park.

J&S Cleanup and Maintenance

We will meet Saturday October 10 at 10am to clean up the train and complete some minor maintenance tasks. Meet at the Edison Street garage in Columbia Park.

Membership

Carolyn Lawson announced that membership brochures and membership application packets were available from her or from Don Barnes.

Special Thanks and Awards

Outgoing president Jo Harrington made additional awards to Terry Loney and Sarah Longan for their contributions during the past year.

October 24th Dinner Dance

In just 3 more Saturdays!



[Doug Brown](#) still has books of tickets that you can sign out to sell (price: \$40 per ticket). This is an important fundraiser for the Youth Services Committee. Laurel Piippo continues to be our #1 ticket seller again this year. The proceeds will go to the Arc's Youth Programs and 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.

SIGN

Laurel Piippo reported that Dr. Zirkle had recently joined the TCI Kiwanis. She had books available about Dr. Zirkle and SIGN for a donation of only \$20 that would go to the SIGN project.

Next Week's Program:

Rep. Larry Haler
State legislative update

This Week's Program:

Trooper Oscar Garcia
Washington State Patrol



Trooper Oscar Garcia

Our first lesson from Trooper Oscar Garcia was an explanation of the differences between the law enforcement terms: troopers, officers and deputies. Troopers are State Police. Officers are typically city police. Deputies have been deputized, usually by a county sheriff.

Trooper Garcia is one of 2 teams of 7 troopers each based here in Kennewick. Their service area is some 400 square miles, incorporating Franklin County, most of Benton County and much of Walla Walla County. His own specialities are as a trainer and as a collision technician. He discussed his role in the Spanish language "el protector" program where he uses his bilingual skills to help educate Hispanic migrants to cultural differences in the role of the police and to encourage cooperation.

As one of two collision technical specialists, he is called on to investigate accident scenes and analyze the conditions and causes. He noted the three events that occur during a highway crash:

- the actual impact of physical objects
- the body's impact inside the vehicle
- damage to the internal organs inside the driver's or passenger's body.

After a crash a survivor might appear okay at first then succumb, suddenly, to internal injuries.

The Washington State Patrol has had a history of being hard to qualify for and enter with very strict standards. He noted some changes that have been made to draw on a sufficiently large pool of recruits.

Troopers are responsible for seeing that the highways and interstates are safe. Besides enforcing laws, that can include helping stranded motorists, changing flats, and clearing roadway obstructions. Obstructions on a freeway, even very minor ones, can cause drivers to swerve to

avoid them. This often becomes the actual cause of an accident. Sometimes it is better to just "take it head on" instead of losing control with an unsafe maneuver. He joked that his wife sometimes refers to him as a "road janitor". And troopers are not limited to just enforcement on highways and interstates. They can and do stop and cite drivers in other jurisdictions when appropriate.


Having a consistent team of troopers assigned to an area means that they learn to know the area well.

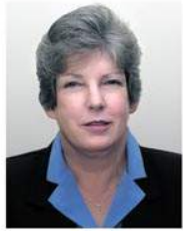
Trooper Garcia was asked about the death of Trooper James Sanders 10 years ago. James Sanders made a routine traffic stop on the evening of October 7, 1999, for which he was not required to "call in" (radio the details). However, for unknown reasons, he made a radio call with the details, including the car license number. He was shot and killed by the man whom he stopped. Because he had called in the details, his murderer was caught relatively quickly. Since that incident, troopers are required to call in *any* traffic stop.

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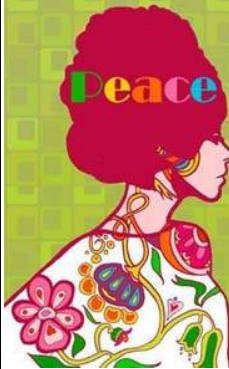
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