



# 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](http://www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org)

President Doug Brown presided for the October 12 meeting. Dick Nordness gave the invocation.

We had a lot of guests this week. From TCI we had: Bob Ellis, Marilyn Taylor, John Yegge, Dale Bartholomew and Jane Kassuba. From Pasco: Richard Lathim, Bob Greenwell, Bill Leggett, and Derek Brandes. Kennewick members were: Pat Johstone-Jones, George Jones, and Ray Shultz.

### **Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags**

Jonna Hansmeier was wrangler.

Larry Hansmeier's son-in-law turns 40. He also praised Andy Perdue's presentation at Richland last week. Wayne Underwood says he and Donna have been married 8 years. Andy's daughter had her first bicycle in the park and put the "petal to the metal". He also commented on the recent Seahawk game.

John Yegge noted a "record" for *O Canada* at 26 seconds. Bob Ellis made his 1011<sup>th</sup> month birthday Tuesday. Marilyn Taylor had to deal with her horse misbehaving during a show. Terry and Kathy Loney celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sarah Longan's daughter will be 44 this week. She recalled when she and Jim Hyde joined Kiwanis 3 years ago. She also recounted a biking incident from last week. Jo Harrington noted her brother-in-law birthday. Dick Nordness said that although today was Columbus Day, yesterday was Lief Erickson Day (...the viking who got here first). George Jones wished someone would turn off the air conditioning. John Lawson's birthday is Thursday. Jonna commented on some novel recipe ingredients for a vinaigrette dressing.

The raffle winner was Jo Harrington. She donated her winnings to our Foundation.

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

#### **Special Things We Did Last Week**

At last week's board meeting, a foreign exchange student party was authorized at Camp Kiwanis this November. The board also authorized increasing the club's annual contribution to support Camp Kiwanis to a level equivalent to \$5 per KHHH club member.

J&S had a end of the season work party to clean the train and identify any additional maintenance issues for this winter. Dick Nordness, Jim Hyde,



John Lawson and Doug Brown all put in a couple of hours on the train Saturday.

#### **Committees**

Doug Brown asked everyone to take a look at their designated committee assignments on the [website](#), either as a committee chairperson or as a committee member. Please [let him know](#) of any discrepancies.

## Interclubs

### **October Interclub Calendar:**

**Richland** – Clarion

**Wednesday, October 14 at noon**

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.

### Bikes for Kids

John Yegge is selling tickets for \$50 for the *Bikes for Kids* reading program.

### October 24<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance

*Just 12 days! If you have tickets to sell, please turn in the stubs and unsold tickets to Doug at our next club meeting. It is not too late to make those last "sales pitches for the dance! We also are in need of auction items, preferably consumables or "experiences."*



[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. 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.

### Purchase a Golf Vest

Andy Pedue showed off a sample windproof golf vest that we can acquire at a discounted price (\$25 for an \$85 vest) in a variety of sizes and colors. Wayne Underwood is checking to see if we can have them embroidered with the Horse Heaven logo.

### Virgie Robinson Volunteers

Jo Harrington said that there will be an orientation meeting 1:30 Wednesday for volunteer tutors at Virgie Robinson. Tutor will be assigned 3 kids each to work with.

The school is also looking for Pen Pal volunteers that the students can correspond with. Bob Ellis spoke up to say that his experience with Pen Pals through the TCI club has been OUTSTANDING! *Go ahead and volunteer. You'll discover that it's great fun to exchange letters with a 4<sup>th</sup> grader.*

### J&S Sponsor Photo Prints

Doug Brown had a sample photo print we plan to frame and award to our J&S sponsors. KHHH member comments for improvements are welcome.



### Next Week's Program:

**Adam Schulz**  
**CorkWest**

**This Week's Program:**

**Rep. Larry Haler  
State legislative update**



*Representative Larry Haler*

Besides representing the Tri-Cities in the Olympia legislature, Larry Haler has been a long-time Kiwanian. His talk to day was to focus on what he has been doing to represent the Tri-Cities in Olympia during the past year.

The biggest issues were the budget and how to best deal with the shortfalls. Larry talked about what he thought had been done right and what had been done wrong. Education at all levels is a critical issue. Larry takes some credit for the new S.T.E.M. high school for selected students who want to emphasize science, technology, engineering and math curricula. \$800,000 was redirected capital money to help get the school started this year. He has also fought changes that would hurt local education, especially the programs in Benton City and Prosser.

We can't overlook the needs of community colleges and universities. But some of those gains need to come by eliminating inefficiencies and ineffective expenditures.

Larry boasted that a hallmarks of the Tri-Cities are:

- quality of life
- quality of the people who live here
- a history of working together to solve problems

HB1385 is a change in the laws offering school child protection. It closes a loophole that allowed teachers and staff to have legal sexual relationships with students once they became adults. There have been 250 of these cases in the past 3 years. Under the new law protections extend to age 21 and provide for jail sentences.

Another bill provides improvements for the rail crossing near the Kennewick-Richland border. Money still has to be found to implement the changes.

The state had tried to back out of ownership of the recently completed county road 397 interconnection between Finley and I-82. A new law will help address other Public-Private partnership expenses.

Another hot button issue has been renewable resources—notably not including hydropower as a renewable resource. This puts our economy on a less than equal footing in seeking “green” energy sources.

He was also amused by a Tacoma News Tribune blog that mistakenly reported his demise before realizing their error.

The deficit has grown. He believes we have revenues but we are simply spending too much on too many things. Cuts are inevitable, but they need to be prioritized appropriately.

The shorter, 2010 session will have to address a strategy for the State's debt issues.

Larry responded to a variety of questions from the audience on everything from pensions to driving with a cellphone as a “secondary offense”. Larry favors strengthening the current law against cell phoning while driving to a primary offense.

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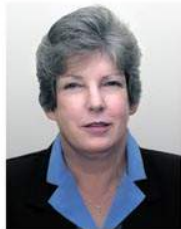
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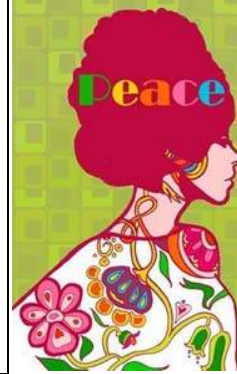
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