



Hoof Beats

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President Doug Brown presided for the October 19 meeting. Wayne Underwood gave the invocation.

We had 8 guests this week. Olja Djuranovich was in attendance from the Kennewick club as Mark Blotz' guest. Ginger and Jim Vetrano were here from Richland, as well as Art Broady and Laurel Piippo from TCI. Potential new members Bernie Borgen, B J Schroder and Art Walker were at our meeting.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Phil Slusser was wrangler.

Phil Slusser took a moment to remind us all to vote. Dale Green celebrated his anniversary as well as his youngest daughter's birthday at the end of September. Both he and his mother have birthdays coming up. Mark Blotz reluctantly put in his usual Sea Hawk buck. Laurel Piippo has 2 grandchildren with birthdays. She yielded her sales plan for holiday oranges and grapefruit to Ginger Vetrano, but she does have S.I.G.N. books and pocket sized U.S. Constitution for \$1. She praised the Mastersingers program that was held at the last TCI meeting.

Marilyn Hyde told us about the annual meeting for the Benton County Museum this Wednesday evening. It will be open to the public and include an old timer's local history contest. Larry Hansmeier's younger sister will celebrate her birthday.

Lorraine Cooper thanked Mark Blotz and Clover Island Inn for a generous auction prize for the Dinner Dance. Don Barnes said he had missed some meetings and it was time to celebrate his

son's birthday. Andy Perdue said he wanted a refund of his Sea Hawk buck. He also noted that his mother would be taking a trip to India. Doug Brown praised Laurel Piippo as our top Dinner Dance ticket salesperson. He also thought the Mastersingers program at TCI was outstanding. Jo Harrington thanked those who volunteered to help Virgie Robinson students as reading tutors.

This week's raffle winner was Art Broady.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week



Sarah Longan, Jo Harrington, Jim Hyde, Larry Hansmeier and George Mendoza

Last Wednesday, members from our Youth Services met with George Mendoza, Principal of Virgie Robinson Elementary, to develop plans for tutoring students in reading there. Jo Henderson gave attention to Lauren Hedeon, Larry Hansmeier, Sarah Longan, and Jim Hyde for volunteering to help out.

The J&S committee reported statistics showing 13,843 riders (2/3 children and 1/3 adults) for 2009 and turned in an impressive \$12,445 in total revenue to offset its operating costs and help fund other club projects.



Carl and Bridgette Underwood, Wayne Underwood & Sarah Longan alongside Wayne's "Kiwanis" truck

Saturday, Wayne Underwood led a small crew who defied forecast rain showers to complete our highway cleanup project along the freeway at Columbia Park near the US 395 / I-240 interchange. Wayne thanked John Lawson and Sarah Longan for helping with the cleanup.

October 24th Dinner Dance

This Saturday! Be there! Auction items are still being accepted.



Holiday Fresh Fruit Sales

Ginger Vetrano is back again this year from the Richland club to sell baskets of oranges and grapefruit. December deliveries are anticipated.

Virgie Robinson Math Night

Jo Harrington is looking for volunteers to help out at Math Night at Virgie Robinson Elementary on October 30th. Jo asked members to bring candy to the club meeting next week for Math Night.

Salvation Army Thank You

Marilyn Hyde read a thank you from the Salvation Army for last year's bell ringing. We brought in \$2344 last year over 5 Saturdays. *Do you suppose Marilyn is going to recruit us again this year?*

Next Week's Program:

**Rufus Friday
Future of the Newspaper Industry**

This Week's Program:

Adam Schulz – CorkWest



Adam Schulz

Adam Schulz has had a truly unique career path. He has a masters degree in music and a degree in wine making. Adam was a professional opera singer. During his European travels (particularly in Italy) he became interested in wine. He studied winemaking and worked professionally for several different wineries. Recently he took on the challenge of the only Northwest cork manufacturer.

The opportunity developed after another business failed in a cork manufacturing at a facility created by the Port of Kennewick.

Adam explained the technology behind the CorkWest products, from sustainable harvests in one of two cork forests in Portugal to the fully automated, customization of corks tailored to the needs of the wine and champagne bottling industry.

CorkWest is a good example of another innovative business incubation project by the Port of Kennewick. The business has been growing and taking advantage of it's location and has begun doing business with almost 20% of Washington wineries. The port gives new business like this a

break on rent and if they stay in business 3 years, they will own the equipment.

Besides sorting and grading, automation keeps human hands and contaminates out of the process. Corks can be branded, literally by a thermal process or printed with special soy based inks. They are treated with paraffin for sealing qualities and with silicone for improved control of the extraction parameters of the cork.

In response to questions, he observed that real corks (as opposed to twist tops or synthetic corks)

allow the wine to “breathe” minute amounts of oxygen and continue to age and grow in flavor while in the bottle. This is especially important for red wines.

Portugal remains central to world cork making. All of the machines at CorkWest come from Portugal.

Corks do run the risk of TCA contaminates that can ruin a bottle of wine, but strict sterile environments, quality control, and testing can reduce the incidence to very low levels.

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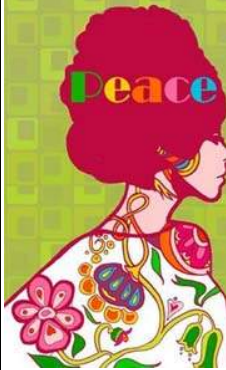
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