



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Doug Brown opened the November 16 meeting. Terry Loney gave our invocation.

This week's guests were: Charlene Reynolds, guest of Jonna Hansmeier; Ann Green, guest of Dale Green; Randie Tufford, guest of Jo Harrington; and David Sholin from the Richland club.

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

Bernie Borgen was our wrangler.

Bernie placed a very early birthday brag, about four months in advance. Jonna Hansmeier praised Mark Blotz for the Clover Island Thanksgiving Dinner project. Jim Hyde thanked Doug Brown for driving to the Walla Walla meeting and donated his gas contribution. Marilyn Hyde also noted some excitement (for her) during the drive.

Doug Brown won the Walla Walla raffle and got bragging rights for donating it to our club. He praised the Clover Island Inn's thanksgiving dinners project. Lorraine Cooper got her picture and an article in the *Herald* today.

Dale Green noted wife Ann's birthday. Andy Perdue reported that our club now has a facebook page. He also lamented having to look beyond the SeaHawks to find a team he could brag about. Mark Blotz told us all a bit more about the plans for thanksgiving dinners for needy persons. If we know of someone in need, they are welcome. It will be a buffet held Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the day before Thanksgiving from 4-8 pm. Please call ahead (586-0541) so that they will be prepared for the crowd. 20 of the Clover Island staff have volunteered their labor.

Jo Harrington earned a brag as a chaperone accompanying teens to the Portland Rose Garden where they joined some 7000 other teens at a Christian conference.



David Sholin was our raffle winner this week.

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

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

Doug Brown reviewed some of the decisions from last week's Board of Directors meeting.

- We will be looking into expanding the October dinner dance into a larger Division event that would produce even more money for local youth projects.
- The club will be collecting donations for a Holiday tip for Peg, our regular server at Clover Island. Donna Underwood will be accepting donations beginning this week. We will finalize our collection at the Club's holiday program on December 21.
- We will be doing a "Coats for Kids" collection again this year as Christmastime approaches, Keep an eye out for bargains you can donate. Donna elaborated on the project and suggested a \$13 coat from WalMart. The collection will be completed at our December 21 meeting.
- We are discontinuing the highway clean-up project.

We held an interclub at Walla Walla last week. Thanks to Doug Brown, Wayne Underwood, Jim and Marilyn Hyde.

Donna Underwood has been soliciting ideas for a holiday gift for our Head Start project kids.

### **Meetings**

A J&S meeting was held following the regular meeting. The main focus was enlarging on a procedure for non-standard events. Dick Nordness is planning the winter maintenance; Andy Perdue will take the lead on the long delayed sound system.

### **Salvation Army**

Our annual project at Yokes for the Salvation Army starts next weekend. Marilyn Hyde has volunteers scheduled for all the time slots. Our volunteer schedule is on the [club's website](#).

### **Begger's Banquet & Virgie Robinson Book Fair**

Jo Harrinton said she had received information for this year's Begger's Banquet for Safe Harbor. It will be held this Friday evening at Three Rivers Convention Center. Tickets are \$35. Contact Jo if you are interested in attending.

The Virgie Robinson book fair is this week. Jo is looking for volunteers to help Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

### **Help for a Local Cancer Patient**

Randie Tufford said that a local cancer patient will be getting a wheelchair, but he will not be eligible until his home is made "wheelchair accessible". In this case, it is largely a cleanup project, but one which he is not physically able to undertake. Randie would like to organize a clean-up crew for him with a tentative date of Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

### **Shirts and Hats**

Wayne Underwood will be placing another order for Horse Heaven Hills shirts and hats (\$25 and \$20 respectively). Let Wayne know if you want to get in on the order.

### **Next Week's Program:**

**Trooper Oscar Garcia, WSP  
Winter Driving Tips**

### **On the Horizon:**

**December 21: Coats for Kids collection  
December 28: Book Exchange**

### **This Week's Program:**

**Jaynee Levy  
Mid-Columbia  
National Wildlife Refuge Complex**



*Jaynee Levy*

After college, Janee Levy found her way to the Tri-Cities from 13 years in South Africa to the Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and in the past 2 years to the local US Fish and Wildlife Service. She is now based out of the recently remodeled Burbank Headquarters facility (visit their website at [nwr.mcmary.wa.us](http://nwr.mcmary.wa.us) for more information).

The McNary National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is part of the [Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Complex](#), the biggest complex of National Wildlife Refuges in the United States. Jaynee reviewed some of the key features of each of the local refuges.

- Cold Springs NWR in NE Oregon
- Columbia NWR reaching South from Potholes Reservoir into the Central Columbia scablands. Jaynee identified the Columbia NWR as her favorite for

beautiful scenery.

- McNary NWR south of the Tri-Cities along the Columbia basin.
- Toppinish NWR consisting of 3 parcels in the Yakima Valley.
- McNay Creek NWR in Eastern Oregon south of Pendleton.
- Hanford Reach National Monument and Saddle Mountain NWR North of the Tri-Cities.
- Conboy Lake NWR North of White Salmon.
- Umatilla NWR along the Eastern Columbia River between Washington and Oregon.
- She also mentioned the newly designated Ice Age Flood National Geographic Trail.

Jayne focused much of her talk on the new McNary headquarters in Burbank and the Hanford Reach with special emphasis on the wildlife. The NWRs, except perhaps those in Alaska, are islands of natural habitat surrounded by developed lands. Some of the serious problems they face here are vandalism (of all types) and trying to control invasive species within the habitats. On a more positive view, she discussed the roles of volunteers within the system. There are many opportunities from education to oversight to outdoor work projects.

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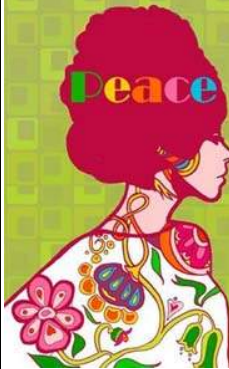
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