



# 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 opened the November 23 meeting. Dick Nordness gave our invocation.

Neal Smiley was our guest this week from the Pasco club.

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

Sarah Longan was wrangler.

Gene Spaulding has another birthday to celebrate. He "recalled" his birth by C-section. Mark noted that his son is turning 18. Don Brown said that he had filled in "bell-ringing" at Yokes for Terry Loney and was not aware that Terry was having another procedure done on his heart. He then praised the Tri-City Americans for Friday and lamented Saturday's game.

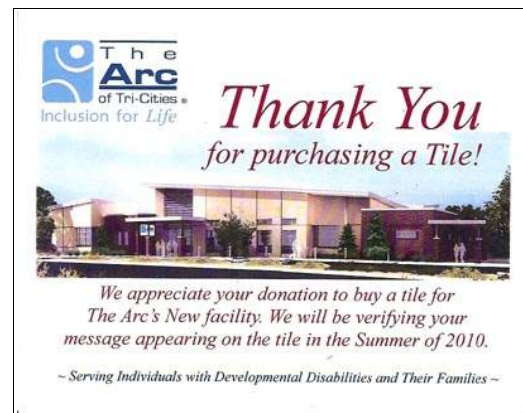
Bernie Borgen noted that at one time his wife had referred to a very young Gene Spaulding as "a cute little guy". That would have been a while back. Jo Harrington granddaughter has chosen WSU for her college studies. Andy Perdue celebrated his first haircut for the year. Doug talked about the Foreign Exchange Students party and said that some of the students were looking forward to another party before they head back next year.



Jim Hyde was our raffle winner this week. *How does he win so often?*

## Announcements and Coming Events

### Special Things We Did Last Week



Our club received this thank you note from the Arc of Tri-Cities for the donation we made with proceeds from our J&S weekend fundraiser earlier this year. We will have a tile engraved with our club's name when the new building goes up.

Youth Services also received a special thank you card from the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation for our donation from the October dinner dance.



We sponsored a party for local foreign exchange students at Camp Kiwanis on Saturday evening.

We reserved and opened the building for them, and the students did the rest. There were almost as many countries represented at the party as students! They attend local high schools, and it was the first social occasion involving all of them.

### **Holiday Bread Auction**

Andy Perdue was auctioneer for six homemade loaves of holiday bread provided by Sarah Longan. The money raised will go to Youth Services for the Southeastern Washington Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

### **Meetings**

A brief board meeting was held following the regular meeting to approve the home clean-up project that Jo Harrington proposed (suggested by Randie Tufford) to be accomplished December 12.

### **Salvation Army**

Our annual Salvation Army project at Yokes is underway. Check [our club website](#) if you are unsure about when you are scheduled.

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

Jo Harrington circulated a signup sheet to help clean up a home so that a local cancer patient can qualify for a needed wheelchair. A few more volunteers are being sought. The project will be held December 12. This is the project that was discussed last week by Randie Tufford.

### **Coats for Kids**

Donna Underwood reminded everyone that we need to bring in Coats for our Coats for Kids collection. Bring in a coat, or bring Donna money to buy a coat.

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

**Hank Sauer**  
**Reading *The Polar Express***

### **On the Horizon:**

**December 21: Coats for Kids collection**



**December 28: Book Exchange**

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

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



*Trooper Oscar Garcia*

Trooper Garcia returned to our club again this week. This time he focused on Winter Driving: what we need to do, what we need to have and what we need to think about. Driving safely with proper gear can avoid accidents and save lives. In our area, there have already been 53 fatalities this year. Half of those can be attributed to driver's lack of attention.

We don't face really severe winter conditions here in the Tri-Cities. But winter conditions can bring us problems that we (and the other fools on the road) may not be fully prepared for.

He discussed long lists of Things to Do, Things to Have, and Driving Tips. He identified and elaborated on some of those that seemed most important for us.

- Have your car winter ready and running reliably
- Pay special attention to your tires – more traction is better, winter traction tires may be your best choice
- We tend to overlook our wipers – clean and replace as needed / bring an ice scraper
- Have a cell phone, but don't use it while driving
- Have chains if you will be driving in deep snow or ice or passes where they are required
- Flashlight / blankets / safety triangles or flare / don't run your gas tank low
- Don't rush – slow down – leave twice usual space between cars
- Focus your attention on driving / anticipate problems / look at conditions ¼ mile ahead
- Don't panic / slow down so you don't need to hit the brakes / learn to use ABS brakes

- with steady constant pressure
- Look and steer in the direction you want to go in a skid / ease off accelerator and brake / steer smoothly and progressively
- Wear your seat belt

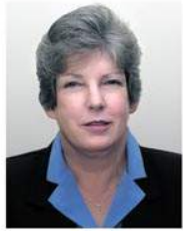
We also discussed some other considerations.

- Windshield deicer works
- Consider a battery booster as alternative to jumper cables
- Flares can be a fire hazard
- Slow down, allow extra time to reach your destination safely
- Be careful on bridges
- Be cautious using the new Blue Bridge traffic circle this winter
- Stay attentive to driving

We're looking forward to finding a reason to bring Trooper Oscar Garcia back again for another informative session.

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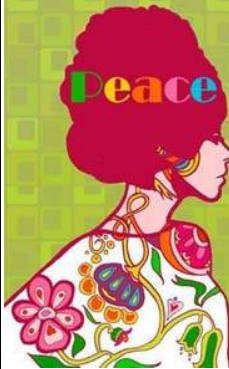
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