



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Doug Brown opened the November 30 meeting. Jonna Hansmeier gave our invocation.

Richard Lathim from Pasco and Olja Djuranovic from Kennewick were our guests this week.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Wayne Underwood was wrangler.

Dick Nordness' son in Costa Rica is 36 today. Andy Perdue thought the Huskies deserved a buck today. He also bragged about the Thanksgiving event Mark Blotz arranged for needy families at Clover Island. Jim put in \$1 because he didn't buy a raffle ticket today. Mark Blotz said that some 400 people attended the day before Thanksgiving dinner. He thanked Andy for helping to get the word out. He also had a SeaHawks buck.



Marilyn Hyde was our raffle winner this week. *But we all suspect her husband Jim had something to do with it.*

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

This Saturday completed the second of our five bell ringing Saturdays at Yokes to help fill the Salvation Army red kettles with cash. It's becoming a great annual tradition for our club and it's gratifying to see lots of dollar bills going into the pot.

Meetings

A Youth Services meeting was held after the

regular meeting. There will be an Administrative Committee meeting Thursday, December 3 in the Crow's Nest at noon. The Board of Directors will meet at Clover Island at 11:45, Thursday, December 10.

Help for a Local Cancer Patient

Jo Harrington circulated the 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 Saturday, December 12 at 10 am. The address is: 19605 S. 2048 PR SE, Kennewick.

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- Drive east on W. Columbia Drive (as if going to Finley)
- Turn right on N. Gum St.
- Continue onto E. Chemical Dr./WA-397
- Turn right on Perkins Road (if you cross Haney Road, you went too far!)
- Take the 2nd right onto 2048 PR SE
- 19605 will be on the right

Coats for Kids

Donna Underwood is collecting coats for our Coats for Kids collection. Bring in a coat, or bring Donna money to buy a coat. There's just 3 more weeks left.

Salvation Army

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

Next Week's Program:

Rick Casqueiro
How Sparkling Wine is Made

On the Horizon:

December 21: Coats
for Kids collection



December 28: Book
Exchange

This Week's Program:

Hank Sauer
Reading *The Polar Express*

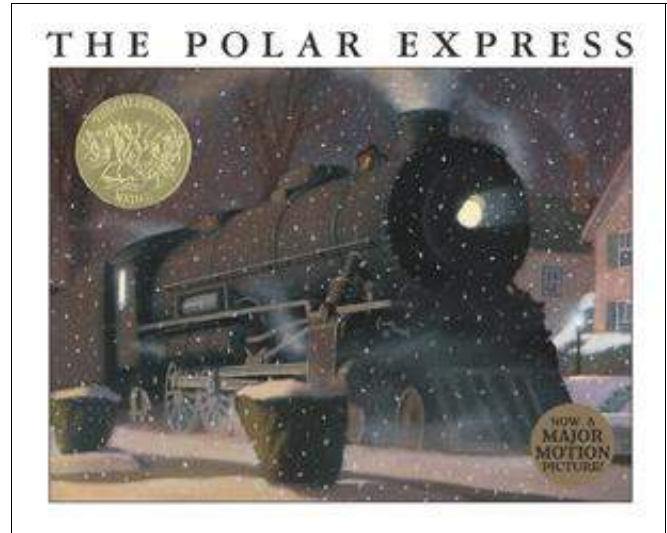


Hank Sauer

Hank Sauer, from the Kennewick club, has a list of achievements much too long to itemize. He has been an educator, an entrepreneur, and Kennewick's Man of the Year for his countless volunteer and leadership hours.

At our meeting he entertained us and helped set a holiday frame of mind by reading from author Chris Van Allsburg's classic book, *The Polar Express*. This book has been one of Hank's great passions for many years now. Over the years, he has read to a total audience of more than 8000 listeners. He has 22 more readings scheduled for this year. This year he started on March 16 and he will have read to about 1000 listeners.

The author has adopted "Fritz the dog" from his first book as a kind of trademark. Fritz appears somewhere in every Van Allsburg story. He is a hand puppet on a bedpost in *The Polar Express*.



Hank concluded by recounting some of the small differences between the book and the motion picture. Hank mentioned enjoying the [Polar Express ride on the Mount Hood Railroad](#) in Oregon. Sign up early in the year if you want to go. It fills up quickly. Click the link provided above to visit the website.

Hank gives all members of his audiences their own Christmas silver bell to remind us of the story's message. *Believe!*



Merry Christmas.

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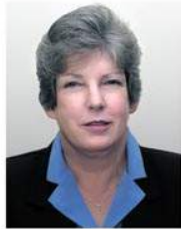


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