



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

President Doug Brown presided at the December 7 meeting. Carolyn Lawson gave the invocation.

Heather Burden was husband Alex's guest. Darin Oman visited with us from the Pasco Club.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Dick Nordness was our wrangler.

Larry Hansmeier confesses that his daughter is celebrating her 40th birthday. But he and Jonna will be taking a quick trip to the East Coast to watch their granddaughter dance the lead role in *The Nutcracker*. Sarah Longan said that she finally sold the remaining mirrors she has been storing for a future garage sale. She designated the proceeds to Youth Services for her favorite SEWCDHH group. Andy Perdue told us a story about daughter, Niranjana's Christmas tree decorating adventures this year. He also had to brag about the SeaHawks victories. Doug Brown took his daughter to an ATV corn maze for an adventure/misadventure. Carolyn Lawson's youngest sister had her 50th birthday this past week.



Bernie Borgen was our raffle winner this week.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

Larry Hansmeier added his own tradition of holiday caroling to his shift as bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Yokes this past Saturday. He was doing his part to help us meet our club's

commitment for three shifts on each of the five Saturdays before Christmas.



At this week's Administrative Meeting we discussed a few new club projects that could be developed:

- Partnering with other Kiwanis clubs to sell tickets for a special Vienna Boy's Choir concert early next year.
- Establishing a local Kiwanis golf tournament sometime next year.
- The J&S has been asked to operate the train for a full day during the Parade of Homes in September.
- We will be planning a club potluck and auction fundraiser again for early next year.
- J&S will be looking into offering birthday party events.

The Youth Services Committee met and authorized gifts of \$250 each to: Special Olympics (for

transportation of athletes to the State Tournament); Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery; SEWSCDHH (for Camp Hands Up); and Cork's Place.

Meetings

The Board of Directors will meet at Clover Island at 11:45, Thursday, December 10. Club members are welcome to attend. There will be a short meeting of the Young Children Priority One committee immediately after the meeting to consider some donations. The Community Services committee will not meet this month.

Interclubs

Pasco - Thursday, December 17 at 11am at the Red Lion Inn: The Chiawana High School choir will perform

Help for a Local Cancer Patient

Jo Harrington has helped organize a home cleanup project so that a local cancer patient can qualify for a needed wheelchair. The project will be held Saturday, December 12 at 10 am. The address is: 19605 S. 2048 PR SE, Kennewick.

Driving directions from Washington and Columbia Drive in Kennewick:

- 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

Salvation Army

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

Crab Feed at Camp Kiwanis

Darin Oman was selling \$35 tickets for a 7 pm Crab Feed at Camp Kiwanis on January 29 and 30. Purchase tickets from Pasco Kiwanians or contact [Darin Oman](#) (521-1200).

Coats for Kids

Donna Underwood is accepting coats for our annual Coats for Kids collection. Bring in a coat,

or bring Donna money to buy a coat. There are just 2 more weeks left.

Dues Due

Our annual membership dues renewal was sent out by email to members last week. Please pay your \$110 during December or make payment plans with the Club Treasurer, John Lawson.



Your renewal will cover your membership from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. We collect dues during December to accommodate the reporting schedule for Kiwanis International. If you need your email resent or if you wish to have a printout, contact John. Send your payment to our PO Box or bring it with you to a meeting.

Next Week's Program:

**Teri Kessie – Chiawana High School
plus a special performance by the choir**

On the Horizon:

December 21: Coats for Kids collection



December 28: Book Exchange

This Week's Program:

Rick Casqueiro How Sparkling Wine is Made



Rick Casqueiro

Rick Casqueiro has a long and impressive professional and educational resume in the wine making industry. Andy Perdue's introduction noted in conclusion that "Rick makes a lot of people happy".

Sparkling wine *a.k.a.* "champagne" to some of us, is arguably the best beverage for celebrating—just about any kind of celebrating—and it makes for superb food pairings with just about anything with subtle flavor. Rick recommends sparkling wine to enhance dining pleasure with everything that's not bitter, sweet or spicy.

"Champagne! In victory, one deserves it...In defeat, one needs it."

Rick took some time to explain the terminology as well as the complex and time-consuming *méthode champenoise* that distinguishes "house style" premium sparkling wines such as those from [Domaine Ste. Michelle](#) where Rick is the winemaker.

Méthode champenoise is very different from the bulk produced "naturally fermented" sparkling wines. The "fermented in the bottle" champagne making process has evolved from 1696 to 1920 to reach its present state of development.

Rick also presented us with some entertaining trivia to ponder:

- 1150 grapes per bottle
- 4-5 bottles per vine
- 40+ million bubbles per bottle
- "Brut" is drier than "Extra Dry"
- and a memorable story on the dangers of flying corks.

By tradition, champagne comes only from the Champagne region in France with local grapes. In Germany there is SEKT, in Spain there is Cava, in the New World there is sparkling wine. Our local grapes here in Washington State provide the basis for Rick's equally fine sparkling wines.

Wine Auction

Rick donated a basket with one of each of the sparkling wines he produces at Domaine Ste. Michelle. Larry Hansmeier served as auctioneer for the club fundraiser. Jim Hyde provided the winning bid.

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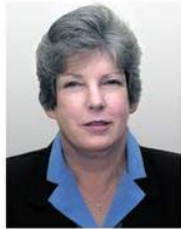
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