



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President-Elect Andy Perdue opened the meeting. Dick Nordness gave the invocation.

This week's guests were Jane Kassuba from TCI and an interclub from Kennewick: Olja Djuranovic, Bob Kelley, Wayne Bell, Rus Burtner, Marge Price, Clyde Painter and Clem Walker.

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

Phil Slusser was wrangler this week.

Phil Slusser noted that he had missed a few meetings. Last week's Herald also published an old picture with his son after a fire at the old JC Penney building in Kennewick. Alex Burden and his wife will both be celebrating birthdays. Lorraine Cooper announced that the Kennewick School District is starting up their school tours again. The first will be to both the Tri-Tech Skills Center and Vista Elementary.

We were reminded of Elvis' birthday by Dick Nordness. Don Barnes had a story to about his granddaughter's introduction to jogging. She seems to like it more than expected. Jane Kassuba was a big Elvis fan. At 13, she cut her waist length hair to emulate his ducktail style. Wayne was in the military in the 50's and saw Elvis from a distance at a GI concert.

Bernie Borgen's new blue Horse Heaven Hills cap is up for sale, it doesn't fit him well enough. Bernie also thanked Clover Island for the new pocket calendar. Andy Perdue will help celebrate Niranjana's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. He also claims that after about the first 40 bottles of Chardonnay, the wine tasting he went to in Northern California last week was almost like work.



Alex Burden won the raffle and donated his winnings to our KHHH Foundation.

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

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

The Head Start project team representing our Young Children Priority One committee delivered books to all the children at the Kennewick Head Start Preschool.

J&S committee chair Dick Nordness drove the engine to Paul Parish's facility for annual maintenance. Paul has donated his automotive staff's time to the train again this year to keep us running smoothly. That certainly earns a big 'thank you' from our membership.

Our club has received "thank you notes" from the United Way, "Our Babies Can't Wait" program and from the Children's Developmental Center for the donations we made last month. Both contributions were made through our Young Children Priority One committee in December.

You may have noticed one of the ads on KNDU/KNDO TV offering to produce a free public service announcement. Vice President Dick Nordness submitted an entry for our club. Keep your fingers crossed.

Alex Burden has circulated a draft of a new brochure for the J&S "special events" to the J&S committee members.

## Interclubs

**District Meeting** – Wednesday, January 13

6 pm at Camp Kiwanis.

**Pasco** – Thursday, January 14

12 pm at Pasco Red Lion: Lou Arguello speaking on "FBI Operations in the Tri-Cities".

**Richland** – Wednesday, January 27

12 pm at Clarion Hotel in Richland. The program is the "Academy of Children's Theater".

## Calendars

Olja Djuranovic brought some pocket-sized leather bound calendar/appointment books from the Clover Island Inn to hand out to members.

## Meetings

The Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, January 14 at 11:45 at Clover Island.

## Kiwanis Dues are Due

If you haven't yet paid your annual membership dues renewal of \$110, please do so or make arrangements with Treasurer John Lawson for a deferred payment plan.

## Next Week's Program:

**Dave Lemak**  
**Columbia Basin College's new Bachelor of Applied Science four-year degree**

## This Week's Program:

**Jerrica Fowler, Miss Tri-Cities**  
**Foster children**  
**(plus a piano performance!)**



*Jerrica Fowler*

This week's speaker, Jerrica Fowler, is the current Miss Tri-Cities, a local Kiwanian (at TCI), and a Psychology student at WSU Tri Cities. She was accompanied by Dot Stewart who has long represented and been a force behind the Miss Tri-Cities program.

Jerrica gave us a little background on the Miss Tri-Cities program as well as herself and her experiences. The whirlwind of the pageant still seems like a blur, she says. She does recall pledging to cut off her hair if she lost, and she's thankful that she didn't have to follow through with that.

The real topic of her speech was her involvement in the Benton-Franklin CASA program. CASA is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocate. CASA is operated by the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center staff. Advocates are assigned to a young child, often in a foster care situation, who need someone to become a constant

and effective spokesperson...to “speak for the child” to the court. Their emphasis is to determine what actions may seem best for the child without regard to other competing views. They also follow one child's case year to year so that they can provide a constant influence in a situation where cases are often shuttled about and reassigned.

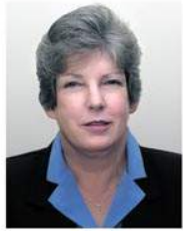
Jerrica folded in a lot of examples drawn from her own troubled family life on how real the need is for programs like CASA. There are only about 100 volunteers in our area serving more than twice that many children. The Tri-Cities limits the program to ages 0-8 due to budget and the availability of volunteers.

In closing, Jerrica treated us to her own rendition of “Midnight Rhapsody”. She has been playing piano most of her life.



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