



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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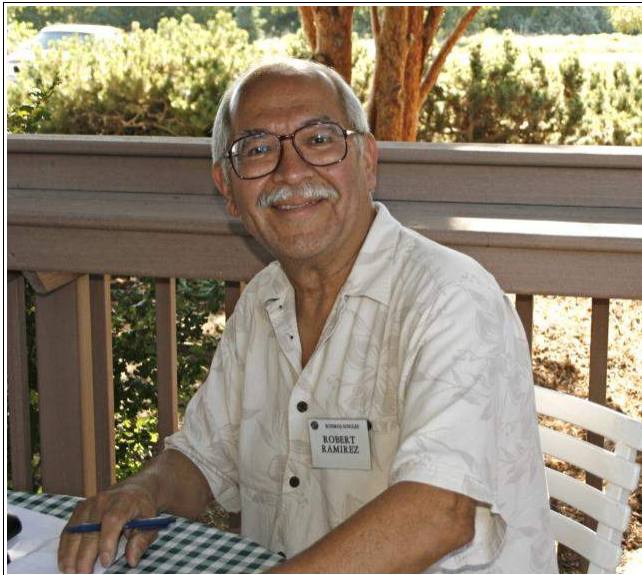
Remember, there is always more information about our club on our website at www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org

President Doug Brown opened the meeting. Dick Nordness gave the invocation.

This week's guests were Nancy Beitel from Richland as well as six members from TCI: Marilyn Taylor, Norm Holliday, Bill Glenn, Norm Olson, Kirk Williamson, and Jane Kassuba.

The K-Kid's School Supplies collection was circulated.

Remembrance



Robert Ramirez

Long time Kiwanian, Robert Ramirez passed away Sunday evening following a heart attack and stroke he experienced last week. Robert has been an honorary member of our club for the past two years. He was a very active member of the TCI club and most recently moved to the Pasco club where he led the formation of the Chiawana High School Key Club.

A memorial is planned Wednesday January 27 at 11 am, at Christ the King Catholic Church, in Richland.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Jim Hyde was our wrangler.

Andy Perdue worked another wine tasting (merlot). He also noted that it was six years ago on this date when his daughter's birth mother left her at the orphanage she was ultimately adopted from. Kirk Williamson's granddaughter celebrated a first birthday.

Lorraine Cooper spoke out for the Kennewick Masonic Lodge #153 Breakfasts that fund the very popular "Bikes for Books" reading program. Tickets are \$10. They are held the last Sunday of every month from 8 am to noon at the Lodge (601 W. 6th Ave) across from Kennewick High School.

Doug Brown recognized some extraordinary fund raising efforts by our sponsored Eastgate K-Kids. Their next objective is to put together another set of well wishes for a military unit (this year at a base in Afghanistan).

Many Kiwanians took this time to make a donation and convey one of their own personal memories of Robert Ramirez.

Kirk Williamson	Sarah Longan
Norm Olson	Marilyn Taylor
Wayne Underwood	Nancy Beitel
Donna Underwood	Bill Glenn
Jo Harrington	Jane Kassuba
Norma Holliday	Doug Brown



Bill Glenn won this week's raffle.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

The J&S Committee began working to coordinate with the City of Kennewick to prepare for the coming May-Sept season. The train was picked up from winter maintenance at Paul Parish, Ltd. The first week of regular operation will be the weekend of May 1 and 2. We expect to do some further maintenance and trial runs prior to that time.

Tickets to Vienna Boys Choir Concert

This is a great fund raiser for our club and an opportunity to experience this world renowned group. The Vienna Boys Choir is putting on a second concert following their sold out first concert the day before.



Tickets are \$20 (\$10 students). The event will be at 7pm, Tuesday February 23 at Faith Assembly auditorium in Pasco. Most proceeds will go directly to local Kiwanis projects.

Haiti Disaster Relief

There are still an opportunity to add to our club's donation to Dr. Zirkle's Richland based S.I.G.N. program, which we already support, as the vehicle for our club's assistance to Haiti Disaster Relief. S.I.G.N. was selected because they already had a mission scheduled to Haiti, and the Surgical Implant program was especially well suited to provide needed effective and proven medical assistance and training to facilitate the care of local Haitians suffering from serious fractures that might otherwise be permanently disabling.

[Click here to read the January 14 Tri-City Herald article.](#)

Our club is donating \$200 from the Administrative fund. Members have designated additional funds to supplement our giving. Online credit card donations may also be made at the SIGN-Post.org website.

Quilting Show

Jane Kassuba noted that the Tri-City Quilters will be staging a local show at the Convention Center in March. She is also looking forward to speaking to our club on quilting at a future meeting.

Interclubs

The Richland interclub previously scheduled for Wednesday, January 27 was cancelled.

Some possible interclubs for February are:

- Wed. Feb. 3, Richland K, Clarion Hotel – Dr. Farley on “Records of the Soviet Holocaust”
- Tue. Feb. 9, Kennewick K, Leo’s – Dr. Jecha, B-F Health Dept. on H1N1 virus”
- Wed. Feb. 10 Richland K, Clarion Hotel – Claude Oliver on ”Need for a mental health crisis center”
- Wed. Feb. 24 Richland K, Clarion Hotel – Sue Delucci on “Child abuse, Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery, laws we need”

Meetings

The Youth Services committee meeting was held after the regular club meeting. The agenda included planning and scheduling for the fall dinner dance.

The KHHH Foundation Board will meet after next week's regular club meeting. Any club member is welcome to attend. The Administrative Committee will meet February 4 at the Crow's Nest. The Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, February 11 at 11:45 at Clover Island.

Kiwanis Dues are Due



A few of 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.

Next Week's Program:

**Oscar Garnica
Changing demographics at Kennewick
High School**

This Week's Program:

Dave Bond – Kennewick School District



Dave Bond

Kennewick School District Superintendent, Dave Bond built his presentation around the two-year maintenance and operations levy currently presented to Kennewick voters.

He differentiated the purpose of a levy from last year's school bond. Reduced to simplistic terms:

- Levys are for *learning*—school programs, activities, instructional support, maintenance and transportation, generally for a 2-4 year period.
- Bonds are for *building*—new schools, major remodels or major facility upgrades, not basic education. They are generally financed over a 15-20 year period.

This levy is for \$19.3 million in 2011, \$20.6 million in 2012. It will leave almost all homeowner's taxes at or very near present levels. His intent was to show us that the school district

was being a good steward of their budget and of the education of the student population.

The State does not fully fund public education. Levies are the way the important aspects of schooling that are not legislatively defined as basic education. They also earn “equalization” funds from the State budget to help make up for the relatively lower property values outside of the major metropolitan centers. This year's levy makes up almost 13% of the operating budget, levy equalization brings that total to almost 19%.

The levy has become so important to the operation of our schools that failure to meet voter approval would have devastating effects on our school programs. The school budget has already been trimmed of excess, he assured us. Unless the state and federal government step up to more fully fund public education, then acceptable schooling depends on continuing and supporting the 2 year levy system.

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