



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Doug Brown opened the meeting. Kathy Loney gave our invocation.

This week was unusual in that we had no guests.

The once monthly S.I.G.N. (Surgical Implant Generation Network) collection was circulated.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Dale Green was this week's wrangler.

Lorraine Cooper reminded us about Kennewick School District's **Bus Tours**. Those of us who have already been to one, can attest that the half-day trips give citizens some good insight into what's going on in our schools. The next trip is Thursday, February 4 (8:00-noon). There are still some spots available. The schools visited will be Tri-Tech Skills Center and Vista Elementary. Call Lorraine if you have questions. Or sign up now by calling 222-5001 or [email ellen.love@ksd.org](mailto:ellen.love@ksd.org).



Donna Underwood wanted to give credit to the "band of four" who donate time to Head Start each month (44 hours in January). Phil Slusser and John Lawson, helped raise the average this month.

Wayne Underwood noted that Donna could be humble in accepting praise. He said Donna helped him sell tickets to the Vienna Boy's Choir too. Larry Hansmeier observed that tomorrow would be Ground Hog's Day, the anniversary of his and Jonna's engagement. Andy Perdue enjoyed attending his daughter's dance recital during India Republic Day celebrations. Doug Brown returned

from skiing in Utah's prime ski country where he also experimented with Polygamy (beer that is).

Loren wondered how anyone could justify passing up the opportunity to see the Vienna Boy's Choir. He's looking forward to the event.



Kathy Loney won this week's raffle.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

The club sent a special check to the S.I.G.N. project designated for the Haiti Relief effort. John Lawson reported that a total of \$397 was donated by our club.

We reported and paid our state sales and use taxes during January as well as filing our Foundation's annual IRS report. The club's report will be made before May 15. We have no federal tax payments.

The Eastgate K-Kids earned a TV spot this week for a fundraiser they did to benefit one of the school counselors.



*Eastgate K-Kids President,
Karen Navarro*

Meetings

The Administrative committee will meet this Thursday, February 4 at noon in the Crow's Nest. The Board of Directors will meet the following Thursday, February 11 at 11:45 here at Clover

Island. The Foundation Board of Directors is meeting immediately after today's regular meeting.

Salvation Army

Doug Brown read from a letter of appreciation for our volunteer bell ringers this past Christmas season. We earned approximately \$2000.

Club History

Club historian, Sarah Longan is looking for photos dating back to when the club was first formed to put into a presentation on our website. Please arrange with her to send a copy of anything that might be helpful from our club's early days (slongan@owt.com). Sarah says .jpg photos work best for her software. If you're unsure about something, just ask. She also reminded chairpersons to send her any thank you letters the club receives.

Tickets to Vienna Boys Choir Concert

Don't miss out on this 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.



Andy Perdue asked super salesman Wayne Underwood to comment on what he has done to sell so many tickets. "They are a great bargain and a real opportunity for those of us in the Tri-Cities". Wayne has been telling friends and acquaintances about the event and offering them for sale at church as well.

Andy added that we have just one more week to complete our sales efforts.

Interclubs

Richland – Wednesday, February 3

12 pm at Clarion Hotel in Richland. The program will be WSU's Dr. Farley on "Records of the Soviet Holocaust".

Division 54 – Wednesday, February 10

6 pm at Camp Kiwanis. Dinner is provided. The business meeting starts at approximately 6:30.

Next Week's Program:

Jane Kassuba

Quilting and the Tri-City Quilters Guild

This Week's Program:

Oscar Garnica

Changing demographics at Kennewick High School



Oscar Garnica

Oscar Garnica, serves as both teacher, coach and more at Kennewick High School (KeHS). He came to Kennewick from the Walla Walla school district. His special focuses here are Math and as the girl's Bowling Coach. He is also advisor to the school's Key Club (sponsored by Kennewick Kiwanis).

Oscar noted that in his math classes, students learn to apply math to real life situations: checkbooks, compound interest, investment funds and more. As a coach, he wants his kids to have fun, but also to focus on the need for maintaining good grades.

He is also a leader in the "Equity Team" and Community Outreach programs. He explained

how much the demographic of KeHS students has been changing in recent years. Most notably, he considers the increased use of the school's Free & Reduced Lunch program as the key indicator of the increased poverty in many students' families. The other big factor is Student Mobility, the *churn* of more than one-third of students moving into and out of KeHS during the year. In the last ten years, the number of students categorized as Ethnic Enrollment has gone from less than one-fourth to almost one-half (predominately Hispanic).

Oscar noted that the rising percentage of students at KeHS who qualify for free or reduced lunch, i.e., are below the poverty line, climbed from 35.3% in 2005 to 62% in 2008. The percentage of students from ethnic minorities climbed from 23.8% in 2001 to 43.3% in 2009.

Oscar has been trying to connect businesses to helping make school supplies available to needy students. Often what they need is just notebooks and pencils. But he has been frustrated by a school policy that makes it impossible for the school to provide a tax exemption number to the businesses.

Don Barnes noted that perhaps our club could help out in that process by providing a way for funds to reach the schools. That idea was brought to the Foundation meeting later in the day and is being pursued further.

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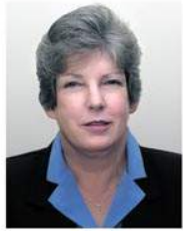


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