



Hoof Beats

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President Doug Brown opened the meeting. Larry Hansmeier gave our invocation.

This week's guest was Mickey McPherson. Mickey has been to several of our meetings in the past.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Carolyn Lawson was our wrangler.

Jonna Hansmeier reported a successful Children's Developmental Center fundraiser on Saturday that collected over \$150,000. Guests at her table alone raised \$2900. John Lawson noted that today was our smallest club meeting turnout in many months. We need to encourage attendance. Dick Nordness said his US citizenship combined with his German and Norwegian heritage seemed to match up with the medal standings at the Olympics. Larry Hansmeier said that today is his church's 102nd birthday in Kennewick. Doug Brown thanked Sarah Longan and Jim Hyde for volunteering for the Junior Achievement Bowling tournament. Doug also thanked Lorraine Cooper for obtaining a public records list of retiring teachers from the last 5 years.



Lorraine Cooper won this week's raffle and donated her winnings to our Foundation.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

Andy Perdue reported that a few more tickets were sold for the Vienna Boy's Choir concert scheduled for this Tuesday. Our club sold more than two-

thirds of our quota.

The Foundation reviewed their new policy for managing collections for school supplies with Oscar Garnica who spoke to our club last month. We hope Kennewick HS will be the first school to benefit from the new program. The Foundation Board will vote on the policy next week.

Club Potluck and Auction

Don't miss this event! Save Friday, March 19 at 6 pm on your calendar. We will be holding our annual club potluck and auction again this year at Kennewick First Christian Church.



More Dates to Save

Look at the [end of the newsletter](#) for a list of other important dates.

Membership



Don Barnes and Carolyn Lawson need your help to give them names and addresses of persons who may be contacted as

potential new Kiwanis members. This "Membership Roundup" is a special District-wide push to identify new Kiwanians. Those identified will be contacted by letter and invited to a special meeting to acquaint them with what the local Kiwanis clubs have to offer. Please help by giving names and contact information for any persons you are aware of who have expressed interest in Kiwanis to either [Don](#) or [Carolyn](#) for their District session this Wednesday evening.

Committee Meetings

The Youth Services committee met following the regular club meeting. The Foundation Board will meet following next Monday's regular club meeting. The next Administrative Committee meeting will be Thursday March 4 at noon in the Crows Nest. The Community Services Committee will meet following the regular meeting Monday March 8. The Board of Directors will meet Thursday March 11 at 11:45 at Clover Island.

Glynn Wheeler Memorial Service

Larry Hansmeier announced a memorial service for fellow Kiwanian Glynn Wheeler, at 2pm on Saturday February 27 at Kennewick First Christian Church (19th and Olympia). Glynn was a long time Kennewick Kiwanian and a frequent guest at our club.

Cooper's Corner

There are opportunities for members to help monitor the Cooper's Corner room at the mall during their scheduled hours. If you are interested, contact [Doug Brown](#) or [Lorraine Cooper](#). [Click here](#) to read a brief file about Cooper's Corner.

Next Week's Program:

**Dr. John Thornton, WSU Tri-Cities
College of Business program**

This Week's Program:

**Leslie Inman and Rod Webring
Mission to Honduras**



Leslie Inman and Rod Webring

Our guest speakers, Leslie Inman and Rod Webring stepped in for Jared McCormick when he had a conflict for today's meeting. Leslie and Rod

were members of the same mission to Honduras during late June to early July last summer and gave us their perspectives on what became much more of an adventure than they had anticipated.

The Richland Church of Christ sent a mission of seven adults and twelve students aged 14 to 18 to offer their help and assistance at the small, isolated Honduran village of Trujillo. Their intent was to give back through volunteer efforts to a location with identified needs.

They talked about the cultural and environmental differences they experienced. Their church has been working cooperatively with a East Coast church that has been coordinating missionary efforts at this location.

They explained the *Little Hands Big Hearts* projects they had agreed to take on for the village:

- Spanish language children's Bible Classes
- Installing a badly needed concrete walk between two of the buildings to make it easier to go from one to the other during the annual torrential rains
- Painting a large meeting room
- They dug a trench to lay a new fresh water line and got to deal with the native tarantulas and fire ants in the process
- They installed a barb wire fence to protect the site's property from theft using fence posts from "never die" trees that would take root and grow into a solid mass in just a few years
- They installed a termite resistant ceiling in one of the buildings and a new sink
- There was also a lot of cleaning and no end of small tasks to be tended to




About the time they arrived, the then current Honduras President Zelaya decided to take a third term by overriding the Honduran constitution. Although their location was far from the political and social conflict this action was creating, they learned that the President had been arrested and the government was in some upheaval. When the airport closed they had no idea how or when they were going to get out of the country.

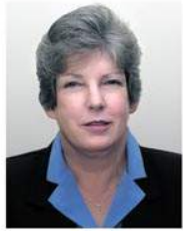
They got uncertain guidance from the State Department following the confusion of the military coup and felt as though they were largely on their own. They felt that they were fortunate on this trip that they had elected to take out a travel insurance policy. They contacted the insurer who

arranged for their group to be “extracted” from the country. They were told to be ready to leave on a moment's notice. They were then contacted by an Argentinian specialist and a team of Honduran driver/security guards. Their group formed a small convoy of SUVs. After passing through blockades they were taken out of the country to El Salvador just before the borders were closed. Travel was then arranged from there to get them all back home safely.

In spite of the problems the team experienced they are, with perhaps some trepidation, ready to go back again on a future mission trip to help the people of Trujillo.

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Save the Date(s)

A lot of important dates have been identified for a variety of club activities during this coming year.



Friday, March 19 6pm

Club Potluck and Auction at Kennewick First Christian Church.

Saturday, April 10

Kiwanis One Day service project: care packages for the troops.

Saturday, April 17

Club Annual Yard Sale at Sarah Longan's home on Kennewick Ave. Watch for more information.

Saturday, April 17 and April 21

J&S work party and safety training at Columbia Park.

Friday, April 30 4:30pm

J&S train at **Handicap Fishing Derby**

Saturday, May 1 10am

Official first day of operations for the train, starting an early extra shift for the 1st day of the **Kids Fishing Derby**.

Saturday, May 1

Kiwanis Zone Conference at Moses Lake. If you are interested in representing the club, contact Doug Brown. Costs are paid by the club.

Wednesday, May 12 5:30pm

Division 54 at Camp Kiwanis Our Club is host for the dinner and business meeting. We plan to have the J&S there at 5:30.

June 24 through 27

2010 Kiwanis International Convention at Las Vegas. Jo Harrington will be our club delegate.

August 26 through 29

2010 Kiwanis PNW Convention at Spokane. This overlaps with our club's participation in staffing the information booth at the fairgrounds. We might not have a member delegate to send to Spokane.

Saturday, November 6

Kickin' It Up for Kids dinner dance at Clover Island.