



Hoof Beats

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

Our guests this week were Lt. Governor Jerry Greenfield and his wife Corky Greenfield.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Alex Burden was our wrangler.

Andy Perdue managed to survive another wine and food event in Seattle. He says the drive is getting harder and harder. Andy also confirmed the arrival of this year's tumbleweed season. Dale Green's youngest daughter will be baptized this weekend. She wants to be baptized by Larry Hansmeier before he retires later this year. Dale also reported that his employer, Meier Engineering has just received an important Chamber of Commerce award. Carolyn Lawson bragged about the annual *Expanding Your Horizons* program for middle school girls. Over 120 local girls attended a variety of science and engineering oriented presentations at WSU Tri-Cities.



Corky Greenfield won the raffle this week.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

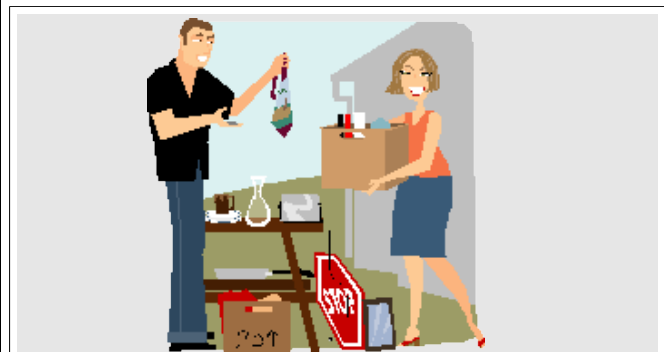
Many of our members have been active on a project aimed at identifying and hopefully influencing some persons to look into the benefits our club offers. We have invited some of these prospects to attend a meeting with us when they can. We are very hopeful that at least a few will seriously consider membership in our club.

Bernie Borgen

Doug Brown reported that Bernie was on the mend and visiting his daughter this week. He hopes to rejoin us next week. Bernie also put Doug in touch with Carl Brown one of the ex-railroaders who may be interested in helping us with the train this year.

Mendy Gragg

Andy Perdue said that the Kennewick club's member Mendy Gragg has been hospitalized at KGH and is not doing well.



Annual Club Yard Sale

Our yard sale will be held Saturday, April 17 beginning about 8am through Saturday afternoon.

So continue the challenge—clean out your garage!

Drop off your bags & boxes the week of the sale. Monday, April 12 - through Friday, April 16.

(The earlier the better)

1224 W. Kennewick (Kennewick & Mayfield).

Sarah needs one more helper Saturday morning & another Saturday afternoon.

Questions? Call 582-5856 or [email Sarah Longan](mailto:sarah@horseheavenkiwanis.org)

Committee Meetings

The Youth Services Committee met following the regular meeting. The Administrative Committee will meet at noon Thursday, April 1 in the Crow's Nest. Doug Brown announced that the main topic will be our recruitment effort.

Kiwanis One Day

Our Community Services Committee is sponsoring our Kiwanis One Day project on Saturday, April 10 at 1pm. The project will focus on school kids' "thank you" cards for our troops in Afghanistan.

Kiwanis Bowling Fundraiser

Doug Brown announced that he and Cliff Brown and their wives will represent our club April 10 in the division-wide Bowling Fundraiser that TCI member Jerrica Fowler discussed last here week.

If you are willing to join them and other club members by pledging your contribution in any amount, write a check and give it to Doug before April 10. The funds are being raised to purchase important extras for the new Tri-Cities Center For Pediatrics.



Interclubs

Wayne Underwood reported that we have been doing well with interclubs so far this year. The next will be noon Friday at the TCI club at the Clarion Hotel where the governor is scheduled to speak. Jerry Greenfield encouraged us to put together an interclub to go to the Division 54 meeting in Dayton, Wednesday evening April 14. It will be at the Dayton library. Cliff Brown added that he will be making a presentation to the Columbia Kiwanis meeting at 7am this Wednesday at Grannys.

More Dates to Save

Don't forget to check the [end of the newsletter](#) for some other important dates coming up.

Next Week's Program:

**Sgt. Randy Maynard, KPD
Cooper's Corner**

This Week's Program:

**Brian Ace
Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation**



Bryan Ace

This January, Bryan Ace was named the new Executive Director of the [Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation](#). He is still getting comfortable filling Marc Harden's old position. But he is also enthusiastic and ready to make his own mark and bring his fresh ideas to building on the mission of the Foundation.

Bryan's style shined during the presentation he gave us. Although our club is not unfamiliar with the Reading Foundation, we were made to think about the areas of emphasis Bryan conveyed.

Bryan's number one point: **Read to a child, 20 minutes every day!** From birth on, children need to be surrounded by an environment rich in literacy. 90% of a child's brain is "wired" by the age of 5. Early childhood exposure to varied educational opportunities are critical to development. Children **learn to read** between kindergarten and third grade. From forth grade on they **read to learn**. Becoming a successful reader is critical to most jobs as an adult. It is also key to understanding the processes that make our democracy work.

The techniques used in interacting with small children is a critical factor in their success. It is important to teach adults the importance of

speaking to young children, not just **speaking at** them.

The 20 minutes per day of reading to a child brings other benefits with it: it is relationship building, it is a learning experience for the child, and it is a bonding activity.

Bryan was pleased with the multi-language book we had him sign for Head Start. Parents need tools in their native language to share with their children. The goal is to Empower parents and caregivers to be able to read to the kids.

Bryan recommended the books by Fielding, Kerr and Rosier, and Lynn Fielding's *Extraordinary Parent*. These books help bring adults onboard to the importance of early reading experiences for children.

What is important is to provide both the equipment and the training to parents and caregivers to make them effective as the first teachers to young children. The Foundation gives out about 30,000 books each year, but what is important is to see that they do not just sit on a shelf. The books are tools to be utilized when you take the time to read to a child.

Bryan promised to help advertise our November Dinner Dance that benefits the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation.

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Save the Date(s)



Saturday, April 10

Kiwanis One Day service project: school kids “thank you” cards for the troops. Meet at Kennewick First Christian Church (19th and Olympia).

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 Edison St. building at Columbia Park.

Friday, April 23 8:30am to 12:10pm

Park Middle School Career Day

Friday, April 30 4:30pm

J&S train at Handicap Fishing Derby at Columbia Park.

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.

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day, no weekly meeting.

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.

Monday, September 6

Labor Day, no weekly meeting.

Saturday, November 6

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