



Hoof Beats

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President Doug Brown opened the meeting at Camp Kiwanis this week and presented our invocation.

This week guests were Tom Marak and Phil Hostetler. Both expressed interest in working on the J&S and attended Saturday's training session.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Dale Green was wrangler this week.

Carolyn Lawson said she had received a top Real Estate award for customer satisfaction. Larry Hansmeier's grandson will be 6 this Thursday. Doug Brown called attention to Jo Harrington and the recognition she received at the PEAK awards presentation. He also Thanked Lorraine Cooper and John Lawson for helping him at Park Middle School's *Career Day*. Cliff Brown will be out of the country for about six weeks.

Alex Burden's best friend is proud parent of a new baby. He added some praise for the Tri-City Americans conference victory this year. Mark Blotz also noted how well the Americans performed this season. Jo Harrington's grandson celebrates a birthday this month. She also announced with regret that she and Mike are closing the store next month and are determined to become happy retirees.

The Tri-City Americans got another boost from Don Barnes. He also lamented that he had forgotten about the meeting here and had gone first to the Clover Island Inn. Marilyn Hyde explained why Jim gets to celebrate two birthdays this month. Wayne Underwood had to give his condolences to the Tri-City Fever. Larry

Hansmeier said that Jonna was unable to attend because of a funeral.



Jim Hyde won this week's raffle.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

Thursday evening, Jo Harrington led a small band of Kiwanians with her to the PEAK awards ceremony where our club received special recognition and an award for efforts at Robinson Elementary and our club's active K-Kids program there. She was accompanied by Doug Brown, Jim Hyde, Larry Hansmeier and Sarah Longan.

Friday, we presented "How to Find a Job" For Park Middle School's annual career day. Doug Brown, Lorraine Cooper and John Lawson gave students pointers on finding a job and building a resume. Approximately 40 students attended.

Saturday morning was J&S training plus a bit of maintenance. Several of Bernie Borgen's railroading friends attended and are looking forward to helping out with the train. They had some good suggestions too. We have now added reflective tape to our "cow catcher" on the front of the train to help us avoid skinned shins.

Club Elections

Our slate of officers were elected by acclamation. The changes in club officers will go into effect October 1.

Andy Perdue – Club President
Dick Nordness – President Elect

Lorraine Cooper – Vice President
John Lawson – Treasurer
Mark Blotz – Board of Directors

Committee Meetings

Doug Brown convened a meeting immediately after the regular meeting. We reviewed the options for jobs we can bid on at this year's Benton Franklin fair. We identified some of the alternatives we may want to consider bidding on. We will do further analysis before submitting a bid. We then discussed how to best followup with persons identified by Convention and Trade Center mailings.

Interclubs

We completed a planned interclub with the Pasco club, Thursday April 22.

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:

**Karrie Napier
Pet Therapy at KGH**

This Week's Program:

**Dick Nordness & Alex Burden
J&S Dreamland Express**



Alex Burden and Dick Nordness

J&S Co-chairs, Dick Nordness and Alex Burden introduced us to a new presentation on the J&S

Express that has been prepared with an idea to future presentations to other Kiwanis clubs and other interested groups.

The J&S operates weekends from May through September. The J&S was built and named to honor Trooper James Saunders who was shot in the line of duty a little more than 10 years ago. Gene Spaulding gave us some added background on the event. Our club took over ownership of the train in 2007. We have had ridership of approximately 14,000 or more per year.

Revenue earned by the J&S goes to sustain its operation and to fund both KHHH projects and our Foundation. Sponsorships are important to the project. We have both "in-kind" sponsors who help us with direct support and cash sponsors who contribute \$500 for sponsorships.

Besides offering rides to local children and families, we offer special operations that can be purchased by organizations or individuals. We also operate "beneficiary weekends" where ticket sales go to a selected local service group. Last year we supported the ARC of Tri-Cities. This year we will support the Tri-City Food Bank.

The J&S operates as a committee of our club, but to be successful it depends on many volunteer hours drawn from the club and friends of the club. Normal weekend operations utilize volunteers for:

- Daily Coordinator
- Engineer
- Conductor
- Ticket Sales

With a little training, almost anyone can qualify for one or more of these jobs.

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Save the Date(s)



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.

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.