



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Doug Brown opened the meeting.
Wayne Underwood gave our invocation.

We had no guests on this day.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Jonna Hansmeier was our wrangler this week.

Dick Nordness reported that two grandchildren in Slovenia will be celebrating birthdays. Jim Hyde was very pleased by a little girl who gave him a big hug Saturday after riding as his bell ringer. John Lawson reported running the wheel of the back car over a curb resulting in some unnecessary excitement for conductor Dick Nordness and two young passengers. Larry Hansmeier reported that Jonna's birthday next week. Carolyn Lawson said that John had helped her AAUW club members load up a heavy caboos stove for a westside buyer. Their club earned almost enough from the sale to fund another scholarship.

Mark Blotz invited all to join the Conga line at Clover Island next Sunday (4pm on the East end of the Island) for the Jimmy Buffet tribute. He will be out of town when his son is playing baseball for the Richland High Bombers in the State championships. Wayne Underwood says that he has never been much of a fisherman, but last week he finally hit on the technique for walleyes and his beginners luck paid off with a standout catch. Don Barnes father will be 95 on Friday. Phil Slusser thanked the Clover Island Inn for their fine work for his wife's birthday party. Bernie Borgen noted his oldest daughters birthday. Doug Brown said that he was only "holding" his name tag since his uniform didn't offer a way for him to wear it. Andy Perdue said that he was supposed to have

done the program for Dayton, but at the last minute Doug filled in. He thanked Wayne for all the hard work he has done with Interclubs.



Phil Slusser won this week's raffle and donated the proceeds to the J&S.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did Last Week

The J&S Express operated as a shuttle service for the Port of Kennewick last Thursday. The port was conducting dedication ceremonies for a new waterfront statue and the new lighthouse.



No Club Meeting next week

There will be no club meeting Monday, May 31. Enjoy a great Memorial Day!

Committee Meetings

The Youth Services Committee met following the regular meeting. The Foundation Board will meet after the next weekly meeting June 7, in 2 weeks.

Display at West Richland Library



Sarah Longan provided this photo of the Horse Heaven Hills Kiwanis display she put up in the West Richland Library. It features photos of the J&S Express and shares information about our club.

Interclubs

Wayne Underwood announced that with last week's interclub in Dayton our club has already met the criteria for a *Kiwanis Round Robin* award. This means that we have held at least 24 interclubs (we have 26) during the year and that we have visited all the clubs in our division.

Robinson Elementary K-Kids Garden

Jo Harrington would like as many Kiwanians as possible to be able to attend the planting of the new K-Kids garden at Robinson Elementary. The event is planned for Friday, May 28. Plan to be there by 3:15 pm. This will also likely be our last chance to visit with principal George Mendoza who will be accepting a new position at an Oregon school next year.

Volunteers needed: J&S, SOS and Recruiting

Marilyn Hyde circulated the signup sheet for the remaining J&S jobs the two coming weekends. More positions are still available for volunteers.

Donna Underwood asked that someone volunteer to go to Camp Kiwanis on Thursday June 24 to help pack eyeglasses for the SOS (Save our Spectacles) project. Sarah Longan volunteered but needs someone to ride with.

Doug Brown said the Recruiting Team is following up on names received through our initiative with the Visitor and Convention Center. More volunteers are needed to make a few referred recruitment contacts (usually by phone) per week.

More Dates to Save

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

Next Week: Enjoy Memorial Day!
Our club will not meet on Monday, May 31.

In 2 weeks... (June 7)
Kris Watkins
Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau

This Week's Program:
Wayne Underwood
Memorial Day Program

Wayne Underwood treated us to a different twist for our Memorial Day observance program this year. In the past we have brought in active duty service members. This year, Wayne looked inside the club. We had 6 members at the meeting who each said a few things about their own time in one of our Armed Services.

Bernie Borgen was in the Air Force during the time of the Korean War. When he joined, he wanted to become a gunner. Bernie ended up working supplies in the states for his 4 year tour.

Dick Nordness spent 6 years in the Army. Initially he worked transportation. Then he was transferred to the Army Post Office to take advantage of his driving certification.

Jim Hyde joined the Navy just out of high school. He worked with radar during WWII. He was transferred to a 9 months on a dry dock in the Philippines and found his time there a little disappointing.

Gene Spaulding went to an Army military school as a youngster. But he switched to the Navy instead. He became a naval aviator, and then received training as an air traffic controller. Later he became an admiral's aide. This led to a lot of time in Washington DC and opportunities to form important contacts. He spent 6 years in the service.

Wayne Underwood went to the Navy right out of high school. After aviation electronics school he was assigned to an Air Early Warning squadron flying as First Radar Tech in super constellation

aircraft. The squadron's mission was to fly the mid-Pacific providing a radar shield between the USSR and the USA. Wayne had 4 years active duty and 8 as a reservist. He said he learned more in the Navy than he did in his time at college.

Doug Brown retired as a Navy captain with 30½ years service in the Navy. Doug wore his uniform to today's meeting.



Captain Douglas Brown, retired

The best thing about the Navy for Doug was meeting and marrying his wife Elena who retired as a Navy Commander in 1995. Doug had only intended to spend four years in the service. But he let himself be persuaded when he and Elena were able to get graduate degrees while in the service. Doug finished his career with 19 years as a reservist. He has been all over the world and held 3 commands, the last one at NATO in Virginia.

Doug went on to round out our presentation with a concise history of John Paul Jones, often cited as the father of the American Navy. This was a unique success story, building on both character, ability and opportunity. After an early start and an extraordinary early



career, he found himself again in the right place at the right time in the American Colonies at the outset of the Revolutionary War. He distinguished himself in battle and was instrumental in moving the naval war to the coast of England.

John Paul Jones' famous "*I have not yet begun to fight*" quote came out of the Battle of Flamborough Head, east Yorkshire, on September 23, 1779. Jones, in command of USS Bonhomme Richard, had engaged HMS Serapis, a far more powerful warship. As the guns of Serapis were destroying his ship, Jones maneuvered close enough to secure the ships with lines and grappling hooks. By using grenades and small arms, Jones and his crew forced Serapis to surrender even as their own ship was sinking.

Following his service in the Revolutionary War, John Paul Jones served as a Rear Admiral in the Russian Navy, and distinguished himself in action against the Turks in the Black Sea. He died in Paris in 1792, and lay in a forgotten grave for 113 years. In 1905, his body was returned to America aboard a Navy cruiser. His last remains rest in a magnificent sarcophagus in the chapel of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Doug chose to focus on another quote from John Paul Jones, one that is more well known within the Navy. "*I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast for I intend to go in harm's way.*"

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Save the Date(s)



Monday, May 31

Memorial Day, no weekly meeting.

June 24 through 27

2010 Kiwanis International Convention at Las Vegas.

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.

Monday, October 4

Our new officers begin the next Kiwanis year.

Saturday, November 6

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