



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Elect Andy Perdue opened the meeting. Larry Hansmeier gave our invocation.

Our guests this week were: Sandra Paradiso who helped speaker Lorrie Tufford set up for the meeting, Neal Smiley from the Pasco club and four from the Kennewick club – Marilyn Davis, Lee Williams, Marge Price, Olja Djuranovich.

We circulated our once monthly K-Kids Supplies collection this week.

### **Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags**

Jo Harrington was wrangler.

Dick Nordness called attention to his "wife's anniversary". Cliff Brown and family (including brother Doug) enjoyed a jet boat trip through Hell's Canyon last week. He also called note to Doug's birthday during the 2 weeks he is taking off from the club. Marilyn Hyde announced that she would be nominating Brad Klippert for club membership.

Dale Green's oldest daughter Raella is now a teenager. Jonna Hansmeier's recent award as Professional of the Year for ARC of Tri-Cities was brought to our attention by Larry Hansmeier. John Lawson bragged about his granddaughter's birthday. Andy Perdue put in a dollar to celebrate his third Father's Day.

Jo Harrington's granddaughter celebrates a 20th birthday. Lauren Hedeem has returned from 2 graduations at Seattle Pacific and Bellingham on a trip to the West side of the mountains. Mark Blotz expressed pride in his son Zach's graduation and his successful concurrent participation in the

Running Start program. Mark also enjoyed being "treated" to golf on Father's Day. Marge Price honored her granddaughter's graduation with honors from Arizona State.



Cliff Brown won this week's raffle. He donated the proceeds to our club's foundation.

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

#### **Special Things We Did for the past 2 Weeks**

Pasco Kiwanis has "opted in" to participation in our November Dinner Dance. This means all six local Kiwanis clubs will be part of the event this year.

#### **Committee Meetings**

The J&S Committee met following the regular meeting to discuss participation in the Water Follies, plans for July 4th, and upcoming work party activities.

Youth Services is scheduled to meet after next week's regular meeting.

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#### **KHHH "5th of July" Plans**

Our 5th of July meeting will be at a special location. We will convene in Andy & Melissa Perdue's backyard ([375 Palm Drive, Richland](#)). Click the

RSVP box above, or otherwise to let Andy & Melissa know if you plan to come and if you



would like to bring anything potluck style (salads, etc.).

### **Sponsored Youth Eastgate Volunteer Needed**

Doug Brown is withdrawing from the K-Kids program at Eastgate Elementary next year. *We need a new volunteer to serve as Kiwanis K-Kids advisor if we are to keep this program going.* Coordinate with Doug if you will consider transitioning into this role beginning this fall.

### **Proposed Interclubs**

**Wed., June 30, Richland** at the Clarion - Retired Judge Fred Staples will tell us about his favorite cause, moving the county seat from Prosser to Kennewick.

### **Volunteers needed: J&S Summer Weekends**

Marilyn Hyde always has plenty of opportunities for volunteering on the J&S weekend schedules. Sign up on her board at a meeting or check the [website](#) and sign up to help.

### **Information Booth project**

We will be working the Information Booth for the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo. This will work just like last year. It involves a lot of volunteer hours, but they are spread out throughout the fair so that only 2 members are needed at any one time. The fair will be August 24-28. This is one of our club's major annual fundraising events.



### **More Dates to Save**

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

### **Next Week:**

**Art King  
The High School Dropout Rate**

### **This Week's Program:**

**Laurie Tufford  
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of  
the Tri-Cities**



*Laurie Tufford*

Vice President Dick Nordness introduced our speaker. Laurie Tufford was born in Yakima and has lived in the Tri-Cities much of her life. She has twice served as President for the Kennewick Kiwanis club. For 13 years she has been CEO for [Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Tri-Cities](#) (CCCS).

Laurie introduced Sandy Paradiso who is new to CCCS. Laurie chose to give us an overview of CCCS and take questions from the audience. She reluctantly observed that from her perspective the economy of the Tri-Cities was catching up with some of the problems that have plagued much of the rest of the country. Their services have been in more demand, with more people facing bankruptcies and foreclosures.

CCCS has been in our area since 1969. It is a member of a national foundation of counseling centers. They are a non-profit and though they have modest fees for some services, their real purpose is to support and educate the community. In 1992 a Walla Walla office was added, in 1998 Hermiston, and in 2002 Pendleton.

CCCS is governed by a board drawn heavily from the community and not just the industry. This has helped preserve their focus on the needs of individuals and families.

Bankruptcy law has changed. Counseling is now

required by law. Although this has not really been effective in reducing the number of people in bankruptcy, it does help them understand what to expect and how to cope with the consequences.

Their core services remain budget counseling and debt management plans tailored for individual situations. In many cases they are able to negotiate relaxed payment terms with creditors.

Another important and expanding component of their mission is education offered in local high school programs. The home ownership center also offers monthly home buying classes.

She confessed reluctantly, that people who need their bankruptcy education and counseling services often put off the problem until it is too late to intervene with effective help.


Laurie's tips on why people face financial hardships fell into a few categories:

- Poor money management
- Reduced income from unemployment
- Money conflicts between family members
- Substance abuse and/or gambling

She also offered advice on how to use free services to keep track of your own credit standing.

The best way for club members to help is to refer friends or family members who might need the services. Laurie also suggested hosting a brown bag seminar on financial education for employees. Wednesday night workshops are offered on a rotating series of topics. CCCS provides paycheck inserts and flyers that provide an unobtrusive way to make people aware of their services.

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## **Save the Date(s)**



*June 24 through 27*

**2010 Kiwanis International Convention** at Las Vegas.

*Monday, July 5*

**Club meeting to be held in Andy & Milissa Perdue's backyard .**

*August 24 through 28*

**2010 Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo.** Our club is responsible for the Information Booth again. This is an important fundraising opportunity for the club.

*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.