



Hoof Beats

Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Doug Brown opened the meeting. Dick Nordness gave our invocation.

Our guests this week included prospective member Carlos Ruiz, and Kennewick member Dick Peterson . Guests Kathye Kilgore and Pamela Sparks represented 2nd Harvest.

The once-monthly S.I.G.N. (Surgical Implant Generation Network) collection was circulated this week since we didn't have it available at last week's picnic.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

Carolyn Lawson was wrangler.

John Lawson had to brag that the garage door for the train had been repaired. *It works great!* This was confirmed by several other members. Dick Nordness felt the non-Kiwanian volunteers made in an especially valuable contribution of their time this weekend. Four of our retired railroaders volunteered on Saturday, State Representative Larry Haler and his wife Jennifer worked a shift on Sunday. Wayne Underwood added a J&S weekend story about John showing off opening the door singlehandedly and echoed praise for the Haler's help.

Sarah Longan reported the hatching of a pair of swallow chicks located on top of the electrical box at the concession building in the park. Larry Hansmeier noted



that his wife, Jonna would be returning home after a 4 day trip to Vale, Colorado. Loren Hedeem attended the marriage of his oldest grandson. Doug Brown said his wife Elena was enjoying her Spanish heritage with Spain's World Cup victory. GESA has recognized Carolyn Lawson with their Realtor of the Month award.



Jo Harrington won this week's raffle. She donated the proceeds to our Foundation.

Announcements and Coming Events

Special Things We Did

The Board of Directors met last Thursday. Work is underway to produce the first of several J&S/club ads to be run in the Tri-City Herald in coming issues. Our first ad is schedule to run this Friday (7/16).

One issue of importance to all was discussed at the meeting. It is Kiwanis International's new annual member dues schedule. To comply with the new guidelines we will access next year's membership dues in August - September. The official club membership year for all clubs will be Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

President Doug Brown reported that the new schedule represents a financial "hit" to clubs like ours that have been on alternate schedules. The board voted to authorize a 25% one-time discount that members may choose to utilize. That means you can elect to pay your next year's dues for \$82.50 rather than the usual \$110. We will provide more information on this later.

Committee Meetings

The Community Service Committee met after the regular club meeting.

The J&S Committee will meet after next week's meeting.

Interclubs

Wayne Underwood noted the upcoming interclub to Walla Walla, July 21.

J&S Food Bank Weekend

This coming weekend will be operated to benefit the Tri-Cities Food Bank. All J&S proceeds from the weekend will be donated to the Tri-Cities Food Bank.

More Dates to Save

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

Next Week:

Larry Haler
Past, Present and Future of Hanford

This Week's Program:

John Neill – Tri-Cities Food Bank

Dick Nordness had no shortage of material in his introduction of John Neill. John is a well established community volunteer. John retired from several decades in banking in February 2009. He is a past chairman of TRIDEC and immediate past president of the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia. He is also the new vice chairman of the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau. He became Executive Director of the [Tri-Cities Food Bank](#) in May 2010.



John Neill

John did add that he sometimes has a hard time saying *no*, but the food bank is a job that he truly enjoys and believes in. Tri-Cities Food Bank is a 100% volunteer organization. With no payroll they are able to maintain a very low overhead. Only about 1% relative to income, with food donations valued at \$1.00 per pound.


110 volunteers provide 16 tons of food in in a week. They operate out of three locations: Kennewick, Richland, and Benton City. Kennewick has the greatest need for services. John offered a nod of appreciation to the 2nd Harvest staff in attendance and stated that they rely heavily on them to provide the goods they distribute.

It can be difficult to work with so many volunteers. Some are seniors, some are working court ordered community service, some are local high schoolers gaining community service credits toward graduation. Drivers with near perfect driving records are among the most difficult to identify and recruit.

John is new to his job at the food bank, but the facility began in 1974. It is a United Way agency and also accepts cash and grocery contributions as well as some government grants. When possible, they get contributions of unsold food from local grocery stores as well as sliced bread from Snyders and Orowheat. Seasonally, they also get some produce from local private gardens. The food bank normally receives about 50% of its food donations from local grocery stores, although those donations have decreased lately. John attributed this decrease to economic conditions.

Recipients need only show up with identification showing residence in the service area and documenting family size. There is no proof of income required. Quantities are based on family size and are intended as a supplement of about half the food requirement. They also try to operate the facility so that it has a grocery store atmosphere where people can *shop* and choose what best meets their needs.

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July 17 through 18

J&S proceeds to benefit the Tri-Cities Food Bank.

July 23 through 25

2010 Water Follies. We will be operating the J&S as a parking shuttle.

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.