



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Doug Brown opened the meeting. Carolyn Lawson gave our invocation.

Our guests this week were two prospective members. Carlos Ruíz returned for a second visit. Kelly Gammon was invited by Don Barnes.

The once-monthly K-Kids Schools collection was circulated this week.

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

Dick Nordness was wrangler.

Dick Nordness and his wife enjoyed a relaxing few days at Coeur D'Alene. John Lawson reported that he and Carolyn went camping near Grand Coulee. John added that their grandson will be 14 this week. Mark Blotz enjoyed the Elton John concert in Yakima. He also has broken ground (and a KID pipe) for his new house. Mark offered two pair of Dust Devil tickets for tonight's game accepted by Wayne Underwood and Carlos Ruíz. He also praised our speaker Larry Haler for knowing the words to *O Canada*.

Jo Harrinton's granddaughter will be a 16 year-old driver. Husband Mike's birthday is the 24th. Jim Hyde declared that today is Marilyn's birthday.

Andy Perdue missed our last meeting for a "work related" Riesling Rendezvous. They also celebrated daughter Niranjana's "half-birthday" at her urging. He thanked the J&S team who volunteered for the weekend's Tri-Cities Food Bank fund raiser. Doug Brown was joined Tuesday by Sarah Longan and Alex Burden for the J&S at the annual ARC picnic. This weekend was a big celebration for his dad's 90th birthday.



Don Barnes won this week's raffle and donated the proceeds to our Foundation.

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

#### **Special Things We Did**

The first of several J&S print ads appeared in the Tri-City Herald last Friday and promoted our fundraising for the Tri-Cities Food Bank. That weekend, we earned nearly \$500 for the program.

Last Tuesday, the J&S gave about 300 free rides at the ARC family picnic in Columbia Park.



*J&S at ARC picnic*

Last minute planning continued for the this weekend's J&S participation at the Water Follies.

#### **Committee Meetings**

The J&S Committee met after the regular club meeting. Next week Youth Services will meet after the club meeting.

#### **Interclubs**

Wayne Underwood has volunteers for the upcoming interclubs to Walla Walla, July 21, and in Pasco July 27.

**More Dates to Save**

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

**Next Week:**

**Norm Olson  
2010 Kiwanis International Convention**

**This Week's Program:**

**Larry Haler  
Past, Present and Future of Hanford**



*Larry Haler*

Besides his role as a State Representative, Larry Haler has had a long career of Hanford work experience. He drew on that experience to strengthen his presentation. The material itself was developed by the the current set of six Cleanup Mission contractors.

Larry has gained a lot of personal knowledge about Hanford history. The onset of World War II made the Manhattan Project a massive and very secret all-out time-sensitive push to develop the technology and engineering to produce the world's first nuclear weapons. Hanford's role was to develop the production reactors to produce the enriched uranium and later plutonium needed.

From 1943 to 1945, some 51,000 people worked continuously on the project, but only about 200 people knew the project's true purpose. The

support logistics were almost as impressive as the nuclear engineering itself. The legacy of plutonium production has created a huge mass of radioactive waste products. In those days, we were learning as we went, and there was constant pressure to accelerate the project.

The cleanup and restoration has proved to be a much larger undertaking than the original tasks. Even today, the project employs nearly 12,000. Larry provided insight into the technologies and progress of the cleanup efforts. The sheer amount of waste produced is difficult to comprehend. For instance, each day at the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility they are burying about 600 20-ton truckloads of contaminated soil in a lined repository.

He emphasized not just the direct economic benefits of the massive expenditures within our local area, but the interaction with external economy that feeds many of the activities.

Larry explained that plans for the 300 Area (the part of the nuclear reservation closest to Richland) include tearing down the legacy structures by 2012, and turning the land over to the Port of Benton in 2015. By 2015 the cleanup should reduce the original 586 square miles of contamination to about 75 square miles. In the 2050-2062 timeframe, the waste cleanup project is expected to finally complete.

One interesting sidebar to Larry's presentation was the roles of some very talented women whose work was often overlooked in the historical record. He focused on Leona Woods who did important work for Enrico Fermi.

Larry also considered the impact of recent \$2 billion in immediate spending increases to the number of jobs in our local economy. He cited some 4300 new jobs and another 285 jobs that were retained.

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**Save the Date(s)**



**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.