



# Hoof Beats

## Kiwanis Club of the Horse Heaven Hills

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President Doug Brown opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

Carlos Ruíz returned again and said he would bring his application to our next meeting. We all gave him a round of applause. Gene Spaulding brought TCI member Brenda Chilton as his guest. Kirk Williamson was also in attendance from TCI.

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

Gene Spaulding served as our wrangler.

Mark Blotz said the hotel survived another Water Follies weekend without much problem. He is also moving along with his house building project. Wayne Underwood said that even with the last car missing, we must have set some kind of record with people "packed" onto the cars with along with all their freight of coolers, strollers and whatever. Kirk Williamson recognized the birthdays of his mom and his wife. Lorraine Cooper shared that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce on July 29 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the re-opening of Canyon View elementary, which was completed on time and under budget. Her nephew will also be celebrating his birthday.

Andy Perdue endured 3 days in a "tin hut" to get his fill of hydro racing. Brenda Chilton said she has enjoyed working as conductor on the J&S, both at the Follies and during normal operations. She complemented the management of the event. Doug Brown reported birthdays for both brother Cliff Brown and Cliff's wife. After thanking the members for hard work at the Water Follies Doug added that he is leaving for a 4-day trip to Montana.

Gene Spaulding said this weekend was his second time in the pit area. He contracted to provide ambulance medical services at the 1st Water Follies 45 years ago. John Lawson estimated that we were carrying 150 to 200 passengers per hour at the Water Follies. Dick Nordness said he got the "dumb" award for the weekend by locking his keys in his truck. Wayne Underwood said he tried for the honor, accidentally recircling one of the roundabouts while he was distracted by bikinis.

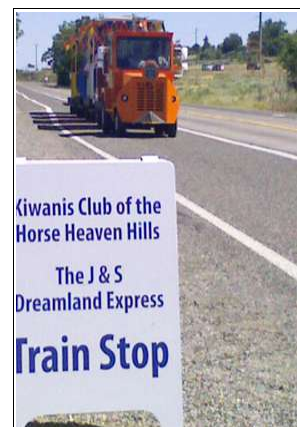


Larry Hansmeier won this week's raffle and donated the proceeds to our Foundation.

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

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

The J&S train and all the KHHH and other volunteers got a good workout at the Water Follies on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The train was operated as a free shuttle within the park Friday and between the entry gates and West parking areas Saturday and Sunday. Our operation was sponsored by the Water Follies and we gave a about the same number of rides on the weekend as we do on a normal month.



Members attended the Walla Walla Division Council meeting representing another interclub for this year.

### **Committee Meetings**

The Youth Services Committee met after the regular club meeting. Next week, The Foundation Board will meet after the club meeting.

### **Signup Sheets**

Marilyn Hyde returned to her pursuit of volunteers for the J&S weekend schedules. Andy Perdue will have signup sheets for the fair booth next week.

### **Southridge Key Club**

Doug Brown reported plenty of interest and support developing for the new Key Club planned at Southridge High School this Fall.

#### **More Dates to Save**

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

#### **Next Week:**

**Alex Burden – South Africa**

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

**Norm Olson  
2010 Kiwanis International Convention**



*Norm Olson*

TCI club member Norm Olson, as a past Lt. Governor, represented our club this year as a delegate to the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.

One very big change this year was the introduction of electronic voting technology. Norm was glad to see the old paper ballot system replaced. The results of voting are reported in detail on the [KI website](#).

Norm outlined some of the topics and explained why some of the seemingly minor changes were needed. He was a little disappointed that convention attendance would still be paid at the individual level rather than at the club level. Some of the organizational changes promised to put more emphasis on planning and execution. Africa and the Middle East were added as non-voting regions (bringing the total to 7) while they grow to the 1000 member threshold specified for voting rights.

Tom DeJulio was elected as Vice President and will follow President Sylvester Neal and President Elect Alan Penn in to his presidency in 2012.

The Kiwanis International World Service Project will be [The Eliminate Project](#) to combat maternal and neonatal tetanus. This is co-sponsored by UNICEF and beat out our local SIGN project which was in contention.

Norm encouraged us all to consider attending conferences for the opportunities to meet interesting people from other, often very different, clubs and to hear a great selection of speakers. Colin Powell delivered this year's keynote address and was well received by the audience for his candor and humor. Conventions are a good way to psychologically fire yourself up for a few years.

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*August 1 through September 30*

**2010-2011** Membership dues. Because of the earlier schedule this year, you have the option to take a 25% discount on your annual dues. Pay just \$82.50 instead of \$110.

*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.