



Hoof Beats

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Dick Nordness opened our meeting. Our invocation was given by Jonna Hansmeier.

We had a lot of guests this week. Marilyn Hyde introduced Mike Wilson, her son-in-law (and potential new club member). Roy Rowe was with us again this week and has turned in his membership application. Wayne Underwood will be Roy's sponsor.



Roy Rowe

We also enjoyed the interclubs from the Richland and TCI clubs. From Richland, we welcomed: Jim Thornton, Gary Busselman, Henry Stevens, Ann Ketchum, Jerry Greenfield, and Corky Greenfield. Jane Kassuba, Duane Davidson, Brenda Chilton, Dale Bartholomew and Paula Glen attended from the TCI club. Amber Martin from the Clover Island Inn also joined us.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Brags

Jim Hyde was our wrangler.

John Lawson, said that we had a good turnout for the J&S maintenance last Saturday and got a lot done. We "broke" Alex Burden, but were glad to see he was up and about again. Karen Aanes invited the crew to enjoy a great lunch she prepared. Marilyn Hyde said she had a surgery for a blocked artery which she described as a "roto-rootering". Mark was glad to see so many Kiwanis friends visiting this week. Mark had said at a previous meeting that he had been invited to Aspen to attend the Winter X Games when his friend, Kerry Boston, won a Jeep sponsored trip in a Facebook contest. At the event, Kerry went on to win a specially outfitted brand new Jeep.

Wayne Underwood took a moment to welcome Roy Rowe to the club. Jane Kassuba said she was taking some time to read all of the many Louis L'Amour novels. Cliff Brown took his wife and young son for a day's skiing and discovered that they liked it.

Brenda Chilton's family has a confluence of birthdays with three sharing the same birthday. Our speaker, Ralph Curran, thanked Marilyn for not giving us a lot of details about her surgery. Larry Hansmeier reminded us that the Division Counsel meeting on February 8 will focus on the Key Clubs and induction of new division officers. Larry also noted that this Thursday will be a 47th engagement anniversary for him and Jonna.

Carolyn Lawson recognized her niece's birthday. She also thanked Richland gracious hosts to our interclub last week. Jo Harrington said she

remembered Brenda Chilton's dad, and could almost remember his birthday. She recalled Brenda as a young girl. Corky Greenfield said we should all find some time to check out all the great regional and local photo slideshows on PineConePixels.com.

Andy Perdue said that Wednesday morning would be the first of our "traveling wine auctions" at the Columbia Club. It looks like we will have an interclub there as well. Dick Nordness reminded us that this month's board meeting had been rescheduled to this Thursday at Clover Island.



Because we sold many raffle tickets this week, we conducted 2 drawings. Dick Nordness and Alex Burden won the drawings. Dick donated his prize to the S.I.G.N. project in honor of this week's program. Alex donated his prize to our club's Foundation.

Announcements and Coming Events

What we did last week

Alex Burden gave us an update on the J&S work. The cars are all painted. Lampson and Rodda paint contributed the labor and paint. The painter turned out to be the same man that painted the train when it was originally constructed. Thanks to Saturday's work crew, all but one of the seats are back in place, and two of the canopies are ready to be fastened with plastic zip ties. Dick Nordness added that Paul Parish had completed the remaining maintenance on the engine and it was ready to be picked up later in the day. The work will be completed by another work party this coming Saturday at 10 am.

Meetings

There will be no Administrative Committee meeting in February. The Board Meeting will be held *this* Thursday, February 2, at Noon.

Interclubs

Wayne Underwood reported that we have completed 7 more interclubs during January. Doug Brown will be coordinating an interclub with the Southridge Key Club during February.

Virgie Robinson "Science Night"

Jo Harrington is organizing our participation for the February 24 Science Night event at Virgie Robinson. Jo is looking for a few volunteers *and* for suggestions for some type of science table that our club would host at the event.

The "Love Train"

In response to Marilyn Hyde's request, two more volunteers were identified to round out the two J&S shifts or Southridge Key Club's Saturday event to benefit the food bank on February 11—the "Love Train". The J&S train will be used in the park from 10 am to 3 pm and based at Camp Kiwanis to provide short rides at that end of the park.

More Dates to Save

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

Next Week:

**Hanford History,
Progress, Cleanup, and Future**

This Week:

**Ralph Curran, Richland Key Club
Trip to Tanzania with S.I.G.N.**



Ralph Curran describes how the pin is inserted into a leg bone

Ralph Curran is passionate about the S.I.G.N. project (Surgical Implant Generation Network). He was accompanied by Jim Thornton.

Ralph reminded us of the background and purpose of S.I.G.N. and how it fills a very real need in less developed countries. After being reset, a broken leg can heal by a long period of traction. The other realistic alternatives are implants and amputation. Dr. Zirkle has pioneered a "low tech" methodology for implants, one that is practical to implement with very limited resources and training. The technology is spreading, but not quickly enough.

Ralph and other Kiwanians, including 2 enthusiastic Key Club members, Kathryn and Anna, who went to Tanzania to the opening of a new S.I.G.N. facility they had raised the money for. It was clear that the spread of the technology was having strong positive impact.

Ralph had films of actual operations being performed at the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute to successfully install the adult and pediatric versions of the implant in accident victims. He passed around examples of the adult and pediatric nails that are implanted in the bone. There are additional challenges with pediatric cases where the growth ends of the bone cannot be harmed.

Kiwanis, especially local Kiwanis, has played and continues to play a big and important role in the spread of S.I.G.N. technology throughout the world—in 48 countries, 200 programs, 4,000 trained surgeons, 90,000 patients treated. Ralph said the program is still just beginning. It should grow by an order of magnitude, from 20,000 today to perhaps 500,000 implants shipped worldwide each year.



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Save the Date(s)



Saturday, February 11

Southridge High Key Club "Love Train" fundraiser with the J&S at Camp Kiwanis

Friday, February 24

Science Night at Virgie Robinson. Coordinate with Jo Harrington if you can help with the event.

Saturday, February 25

11th Annual Wine Fête Auction benefiting the Children's Developmental Center. Event held at the Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland (735-1062 or janh@childrensdc.org)

Saturday, March 10

"March Madness" - KHHH picnic and fundraiser at Camp Kiwanis.

Saturday, April 21

Kiwanis One Day service project.

Tuesday, August 21 to Saturday, August 25

Benton-Franklin County Fair