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Kiwanis
CLUB OF KENNEWICK

April 8, 2025

Meeting at: Zintel Creek Golf Club, 314 N. Underwood, Kennewick, WA

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President Michelle DeGooyer opened the meeting at 12:00 Noon with 39 members and 1 guest
Greeter: Mitchell Alvarez; **Invocation:** Micki McKinnon; **Dog catcher:** Kitty Burtner; **Song leader:** Glen Reiboldt; **Drawing winners @ \$5:** Wayne Bell and Sue Eakin

Upcoming meetings and events

Orca Boosters: *today* Tues Apr 8 @ Amistad Library @ 4 PM
Orca Boosters fundraiser: *today* Tues April 8 @ Texas Roadhouse
Division Council: *tomorrow* Wed Apr 9 @ Camp Kiwanis @ 6 PM (HHH host)
Food Bank Collection: Tues Apr 15 at club meeting
Community Service Committee: Tues Apr 15 after club meeting
Centennial Planning: Tues Apr 15 after club meeting
Foundation Board: Tues Apr 15 @ HFG Trust @ 3:30 PM
Finley Satellite: Wed Apr 16 @ Shooters @ 6 PM
Finley Food Pantry: Thurs Apr 17 @ Finley Community @ 9 AM
Tri-Citizen of the Year: Thurs Apr 17 @ Convention Center @ 6 PM
Young Professionals Glo Golf: Fri Apr 18 @ Columbia Park @ 6:30 PM
Finley Bingo Night: Fri Apr 18 @ Finley Grange @ 6 PM
Service Excellence Committee: Tues Apr 22 after club meeting
Soul Soup: Wed Apr 30 @ Prayer Watch @ 4:30 PM
Board Meeting: Thurs May 1 @ Zintel Creek @ noon
Orca Boosters Amistad Staff Appreciation: Fri May 2 @ 7:45 AM

Nominations for Club board and officers: Nominations are still open for the board and for officers of the club. Vice-President and Treasurer are the officer positions open. President-Elect Penny Gardner will be nominated for President and Vice-President Gus Kittson will be nominated for President-Elect. There are several board positions that are looking for good Kiwanians. Gary Puckett is chair of the Nominating Committee, so if you're interested in serving our club and our members in this role, please see Gary. Or he'll see you!

Camp Kiwanis: Wayne Bell with the Camp Kiwanis Foundation shared the good news about the Camp Kiwanis cleanup and dessert challenge. Along with some 8 members from our club at the cleanup, there were representatives from Horse Heaven Hills, Pasco, and Tri-Cities Industry Kiwanis club. Boy Scouts also came helped. The dessert challenge on Sunday pocketed about \$1,540 which will help pay for the increased electric and gas bills. There were some 16 Kennewick Kiwanians in attendance who had a super time. It was a great day for Camp Kiwanis. Three of our club members were winners with their desserts. At our club meeting, Rick Corson, who also was auctioneer at the Dessert Challenge, auctioned off a big plate of cookies made by President Michelle and a “bunny wreath” made by Trigg Bell to benefit our club.



The flyer features the Texas Roadhouse logo at the top, which includes a green silhouette of Texas above the word "TEXAS" in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline, and "ROADHOUSE" in smaller, yellow letters below it. A green banner across the middle contains the text "DINE TO DONATE" in white, distressed font. To the left is a cartoon illustration of a smiling cowboy with a brown hat, a red bandana, and a yellow star on his vest. To the right is the Amistad Elementary Orcas logo, which is a circular emblem with a blue and white orca swimming in the water, surrounded by the text "AMISTAD ELEMENTARY" and "ORCAS". Below the banner, the text reads: "Support Amistad Orcabooster Club Tuesday, April 8, 2025". Further down, it states: "Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your food purchase to Amistad Elementary School when you turn this flyer into your server. Valid for To-Go too!". At the bottom, the phone number "(509) 783-1288" is listed.

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Dine to Donate: Orca Boosters from Amistad School are inviting you to support them by eating at Texas Roadhouse *today* April 8. You save money on your purchase and Orca Boosters receive money, too! What a deal! Money raised goes to support the kids at Amistad.

Amistad Staff Appreciation: Amy Coffman shared with us that the Amistad Orca Boosters will be hosting a staff appreciation at Amistad on Friday May 2 @ 7:45 AM. She circulated a signup sheet as they could use our help.

Have you met Mitchell Alvarez, one of our newest members? More members did today, because Mitchell was our greeter.



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Tri-Citizen of the Year: Cyndi Kittson is again taking signups for the Tri-Citizen of the Year banquet which will be held Thursday April 17 at the Convention Center. She almost has two full tables. Tickets are \$75 and checks are payable to Kennewick Kiwanis. Or you can pay by card with Vickie Bergum. Cyndi would like payment in advance of the event.

Finley Satellite: To help build community in the Finley area, our Finley Satellite, together with the Finley Grange and the Finley Moose, will be hosting a free Bingo night on the 3rd Friday of each month through July from 6-8 PM. The first Bingo Night is April 18. Come on out.! It's Family Friendly. Meet at the Finley Grange 223005 E Main Street. (see attachment)

Glow Golf: The Young Professionals are sponsoring Glow Golf again at Columbia Park Golf Course on Friday April 18 at 6:30 PM. \$100 per person, team of 4. Those who have played have had tons of fun. Contact Nick Haberling for more information.



Rapt attention to our speaker



Amy Coffman asks Glen Reiboldt to dance on the nice dance floor. A minuet perhaps?

Upcoming Programs:

Apr 15	Tim Arntzen, Port of Kennewick
Apr 22	Jackie Eutsey, Energy Northwest
Apr 29	Dr. Jeremy Peck, Tri-City Dermatology
May 6	Kris Johnson, Association of Washington Business

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Program: Tom Moak introduced our speaker today, Buck Taft. Buck has been the Airport Director of the Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco since 2017 and last spoke to us in October 2023. Tri-Cities is the 3rd largest airport in the state behind Seattle and Spokane as is the largest non-hub airport in the country.



There are about 311,000 people within 20 minutes of the airport and about 1 million people within 90 minutes. These are important numbers when buck goes to sell Tri-Cities on new routes.

2024 was busiest year ever for the airport with 478,000 passengers. Through February, they are up 12% over last year and March numbers look pretty good, too. There still is a lot of leakage to Seattle (about 39%), which they would like to capture. They are working on getting more passengers from the Yakima Valley to come east to Pasco rather than west over the mountains to SeaTac.

With cargo, the trend is down. FedEx is doing more shipping by ground.

There was a lot of talk about parking. Additional business brings additional need for parking. They had to close long-term parking lot 4 times in the last two weeks—it was full. Buck touted the new credit card lot (turn right as you enter the airport) with 500 new spots—better than trying to find a spot in the crowded long-term lot. He is looking at a possible shuttle that would include the new hotels and the parking lots.

The airport pays for itself through user fees and does not depend on not taxpayer dollars.

Their new baggage project will triple the size of the baggage room. Really crowded, especially with nine early morning flights. Before COVID, these flights used to be smaller planes; now they are all flying the larger Boeing or Airbus planes. More passengers equals more baggage.

They are adding two jet bridges at gate 2 and adding a gate 5. They are buying time before another big remodel. The Airport is owning more of its desks at the gates that allow airlines to use multiple gates and not just a specific one.

Their new car wash facility is out for bid. They want to new tower in a new location that would expand the size from 50 feet to 156 feet. They are 2nd on the list with the federal government and are waiting to see if that will come through

Buck talked briefly about their 90 acre business park and other airfield projects where they are tearing down old buildings. They are shifting one runway 300 feet.

In 2025 United has increased the size of their planes from 75 capacity to 124. Delta added a 4th Salt Lake flight and upped their capacity to Minneapolis. Avelo reduced their flights to Burbank (San and Bob K find it easier to drive to the Tri-Cities) because Avelo thinks there is more money to be made going east. Allegiant closed its LAX base but there are Daily Alaska flights to LAX. Where is working on for next destinations? Dallas Fort Worth and Portland. We can invite him back when he gets those destinations.

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