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

President Amy Coffman opened the meeting at 12:00 Noon with 42 members and 2 guests.
Greeter: Pete Rude; **Invocation:** Tom Moak; **Dog catcher:** Trigg Bell; **Drawing winners @ \$5:** Aga Tashea and Trigg Bell

**Upcoming
meetings
and
events**

Service Excellence Committee: *today* Tues May 14 after club
B5 Ribbon Cutting: *tomorrow* Wed May 15 @ 715 S Jean @ 4 PM
Division Council: *tomorrow* Wed May 15 @ Camp Kiwanis @ 6 PM (change of date)
Finley Satellite: *tomorrow* Wed May 15 @ Barb Stanley's house 214705 E. Finley Road @ 6 PM (change of location) **CANCELED**
Finley Food Pantry: Thurs May 16 @ Finley Community @ 9:30 AM
Division Work Party: Sat May 18 @ Camp Kiwanis @ 9 AM; BBQ lunch after
Food Bank collection: Tues May 21 @ club meeting
Community Services Committee: Tues May 21 after club meeting
Foundation Board: Tues May 21 @ HFG Trust @ 4 PM
Amistad Old Town Walk: Wed May 29 @ Room 249 @ 9:30 AM
Soul Soup: Wed May 29 @ Prayer Watch @ 4 PM
SIGN Open House: Thurs May 30 @ SIGN HQ @ 2:30 PM
Summer Social: Saturday June 8 @ McKinnons @ 2 PM

B5 Community Center: Ribbon cutting and grand opening is *tomorrow Wed May 15* at 4 PM. Hope to see many Kennewick Kiwanians in attendance. This is a great opportunity to tour the learning center and learn about B5 learning programs serving the community. John McCoy was so appreciative today about the role of Kiwanis and how everything turned out with the building.



Club Election Results

The Club held an election for Officers and Board members for the 2024-2025 year today. Elected were:

President: Michelle DeGooyer

President-Elect: Penny Gardner

Vice-President: Gus Kittson

Treasurer: Chris Ingersoll

Board: Rick Corson, Jon Kimsey, Janet Nail, Tyler Pearson

Amy Coffman will remain on the Board as Past President and the Secretary is an appointed position by the new President.

Thanks to all candidates who agreed to run for office and offer your services to our club. Congratulations to those elected to serve. It should be a great year under the leadership of President-Designate Michelle! There is great responsibility in serving as we continue to make our club a great service to our community. Thanks to the election committee of Maureen Bell, Pat Johnstone, Lorrie Pope, Dave Eakin, and Russ Burtner for counting the ballots and to the Nominating Committee of Vickie Bergum, Chuck DeGooyer, Bob Kelly, Cyndi Kittson, and Tom Moak for selected a strong slate of candidates.

Community Services tables for plant sale: Lorrie Pope from the Community Services Committee organized a crew to load 100 8-foot tables from Bennett Rentals to take to the Master Gardeners Plant Sale at the Highlands Grange for the annual plant sale. Thanks to Lorrie, John McCoy, Cory Manley, and Tom Moak for helping load tables. We were helped by one Master Gardener and two Bennett employees. We got them loaded in less than 40 minutes. Thanks to all.

Math Night: President Amy thanked everyone who showed up to help at Amistad Math Night last week.



SIGN: It's SIGN's 25th Anniversary! There will be an open house at SIGN HQ in Richland on Thursday May 30 to celebrate.

Letter from Kiwanis Children's Fund: Secretary Maureen received a thank you letter from the Kiwanis Children's Fund, thanking the club for its donation. The Children's Fund is the foundation arm of Kiwanis International and awards grants for projects and programs benefitting children.

Interclubs: Sue Eakin is planning an interclub at Division Council tomorrow, which will be held at Kennewick's Camp Kiwanis. She also is planning a caravan to Dayton on May 23, as that is the one club we have not visited. Join the fun in Dayton!

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Division Service Project: The Mid-Columbia River Past Lieutenant Governors and Ken Brutzman have been working on a Division Project in one of the Kennewick parks and it has been decided that it will be Columbia Park. Our Community Services Committee and Audrey Manley have taken the club lead. We will meet *this coming Saturday May 18* at 9 AM at Camp Kiwanis and the city parks and rec will provide us with garbage sacks. Half the group will go a mile west of Camp Kiwanis and the other half will go a mile east and the fun will begin! Bring your gloves. Ken promises a BBQ when the park is spotless!

Windermere Horse Heaven: Penny Gardner with Windermere had 4 tickets and parking pass to the Dust Devils baseball game and gave them to the first person who volunteered to go. Jon Kimsey (Jonny on the Spot) got the tickets and should have a great night to watch baseball.

Amistad Old Town Walk: Gloria Seeley reports that Amistad needs 4 volunteers, male & female, to assist groups of 7 students, walking from Amistad to Old Town Kennewick, and then to Keewaydin Park for lunch, and then back to school. This will be Wednesday, May 29th, from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. Report to room 249. A lot of fun things for the kids to see downtown and a chance to learn about their community.

Soul Soup: At our Soul Soup night on Wednesday, the 29th, Gerry Berges announced there would be no soup! (No Soup for You!) He said he'd be making Sloppy Joe's. He got some signups last week and could use a few more people to help. We serve 50-65 meals to those in need.

Summer Social (tho' it's still spring): The McKinnons have offered up their lovely home for a summer social on June 8. Mark your calendars! More information later. Many thanks to Micki and Rick.



Did you greet Pete? (Rude)

Upcoming Programs:

May 21	Chuck Freeman, Kennewick Irrigation District
May 28	Matt Boehnke, Washington State Senator
Jun 4	Aaron Burtner, Union Gospel Mission
Jun 11	Alicia Mahon, PNNL Offshore Wind
Jun 18	Chuck DeGooyer, Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation

Famous endings (courtesy of President Amy)

“I’m a writer, but then, nobody’s perfect.”

– Billy Wilder (June 22, 1906-March 27, 2002)



Program: Art King introduced Steve Lehto, a Navy man from 1970-1977, who grew up in Dallas, Ore, went to Western Oregon University (go Wolves!) and then spent 48 years in the grocery industry. Steve got

involved in veterans' affairs in Tulsa, OK and has continued it since he moved to the Tri-Cities. He is the mentor-coordinator for the Benton County Veterans Therapeutic Court. When he started in Tulsa, there were only 10 such courts and there are now 500. The Benton County Veterans Therapeutic Court transforms the lives of justice-involved veterans by reframing the traditional legal process through treatment and mentorship. He works with the Columbia Basin Veterans Center (CBVC). The CBVC has been working since 2009 to ensure that veterans in the Tri-Cities and surrounding areas receive the benefits they have earned. They work closely with the Veterans Administration and other non-profits to make this happen.



Steve, the CBVC Mentor Coordinator assists the court while providing mentors for each participant. He conducts regular training, forums, and continued assistance to ensure that each veteran is given the chance to move forward in life. There have been 60 graduates and low recidivism. The court has saved Benton County \$360,000. Right now, there are 19 in the program (and it's tough) with 21 mentors, including Art King. Mentors walk along with veteran from day one. They help these veterans get through this tough and demanding program. Steve has seen men and women turn their lives around through this program and shared one story about a West Richland individual that fit the bill. Every single WR police officer came to this person's graduation.

The CBVC, as a 501c3 non-profit, welcomes donations from the community. In turn, it offer community events, such as the "No Veteran Stand Alone" gala each summer, the Veterans Community Golf Classic in the summer, the Tri-Cities Veterans Resource Expo and Stand Down in the fall, and a variety of social events for the veterans, such as Crossfit, Opposite Action Cycling, Vets on the Green (golfing), Fishing with Vets, Vets on the Slopes (skiing and snowboarding), Women Veteran Night Out, and Coffee Bunker NW. The CBVC has also done some community outreach with Second Harvest and Ben Franklin Transit.

Thanks, Art and Steve, for all you do for our veterans.



Art and Lura; Looks like John McCoy wants to be recognized!

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Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Awards Night



"The Graduates"—And here's to you, Mrs. Wright and Bell...

Last Wednesday, the Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation awarded 23 students scholarships totaling \$50,000, the most in the 28-year history of the Foundation. Foundation President, Chuck DeGooyer, was Master of Ceremonies, and most of the Foundation board got to present certificates to the winners in attendance.

Seven scholarships were awarded to graduating high school seniors and 15 went to college students who had previously won Foundation scholarships out of high school. High school scholarship winners will graduate this spring from Kennewick, Kamiakin, Southridge, River View and Liberty

Christian/Tri-Tech high schools.

These 22 students will attend schools from near (Columbia Basin College) to far (Central Methodist University in Missouri). Of the 23, six will attend the University of Washington and four Grand Canyon University in Arizona. Six will expect to major in some form of health care, five in some form of engineering, and four in business.

New Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors

- Diego Olivera, graduating from Kennewick High School, will attend University of Washington, plans to major in Engineering or Chemistry
- Nevaeh Vogtman, graduating from Kennewick High School, will attend Big Bend Community College plans to major in Business
- Connor Harper, graduating from River View High School, will attend Grand Canyon University, plans to major in Business
- Andre Mayoral, graduating from Southridge High School, will attend WSU Pullman, plans to major in Mechanical Engineering
- Lyla Tomczek, graduating from Kennewick High School, will attend WSU Tri-Cities, plans to major in Electrical Engineering
- Landon Carlson, graduating from Southridge High School, will attend Boise State, plans to major in Health care
- Lily Myers, graduating from Liberty Christian High School /TriTech, will attend Grand Canyon University, plans to major in Education, received the Wayne and Maureen Bell endowed scholarship

Previous Scholarship Winners whose scholarships have been renewed

- Joelle Eder will attend Lower Columbia College, plans to major in Business
- Genevieve Parker will attend Brigham Young University, plans to major in Applied & Computational Mathematics, received the Donald Anderson endowed scholarship
- Karlie Logan will attend Oregon State University, plans to major in Business
- Melanie Petersen will attend Whitworth University, plans to major in Theology, received the Walteen Corson endowed scholarship

- Ashley Bybee will attend Brigham Young University – Idaho, plans to major in Healthcare
- Maxwell Steele will attend University of Washington, plans to major in Computer Science, received the George Jones endowed scholarship
- Wendy Sanchez of the University of Washington was awarded the Rick Corson endowed scholarship
- Kanyon Gardner will attend University of Wyoming, plans to major in Engineering
- Nicholas Landon will attend Grand Canyon University, plans to major in Engineering
- Zachary Landon will attend Grand Canyon University, plans to major in Accounting
- Skylin Munson will attend Columbia Basin College, plans to major in Healthcare
- Hailey Dreier will attend Central Methodist University, plans to major in Environmental Science

Previous Multi-Year Scholarship Winners

- Wendy Sanchez will attend University of Washington, plans to major in Biology/Public Health
- Meighan Crowder will attend University of Washington, plans to major in Biology/Dental School, received the Art Carson endowed scholarship
- Zugehilee Angel will attend WSU-Tri-Cities, plans to major in Nursing, received the Joan Rude endowed scholarship
- Meredith Winiarski will attend University of Washington, plans to major in Human Centered Design & Engineering, received the Henry Sauer endowed scholarship.

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Photo and copy deadline Tuesday @ 4 PM

Next week's KenneKiwanian will be a day or two late because your editor will be out of town.



Hank's for the memories (Sauer)



What was Audrey telling Amy?

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