

# KenneKiwanian



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CLUB OF KENNEWICK

May 27, 2025

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

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President-designate Penny Gardner opened the meeting at 12:00 Noon with 30 members and 1 guest **Greeter:** Babe Nyberg; **Invocation:** Kitty Burtner; **Dog catcher:** Penny Gardner; **Song leader:** Glen Reiboldt; **Drawing winners @ \$5:** Maureen Bell and Alan Landers

## Upcoming meetings and events

**Mobile Market food distribution:** *today* Tues May 27 @ Amistad @ 8 AM

**Service Excellence Committee:** *today* Tues May 27 canceled

**Program Committee:** *tomorrow* Wed May 28 via Teams

**Membership Committee:** Thurs May 29 @ HFG Trust @ noon

**SIGN Open House:** Thurs May 29 @ SIGN

**ATP Soccer Night:** Thurs May 29 @ Amistad @ 5 PM

**Park MS Mock Interviews:** Tues Jun 3 @ 9:30 AM

**Youth Services Committee:** Tues Jun 3 after club meeting

**Park MS Mock Interviews:** Wed Jun 4 @ 9:30 AM

**Young Professionals:** Wed Jun 4 @ Kenmore @ noon

**Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship event:** Wed Jun 4 @ Zintel Creek @ 5:30 PM

**Amistad Field Day:** Thu Jun 5 @ Amistad @ 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM

**Board Meeting:** Thu Jun 5 @ Zintel Creek @ noon

**Donuts with Grownups:** Fri Jun 6 @ Amistad @ 7:45 AM

**Summer Social:** Sat Jun 7 @ McKinnons 4800 Yellowstone @ 2 PM

**Pasco Kiwanis 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Thu Jun 12 @ HAPO Center @ 6 PM

**Water Follies:** Water Follies this year is July 26 and 27. As a club fundraiser, our Young Professionals are helping Pasco Kiwanis out with monitoring the area on the Pasco side of the Columbia River on both Saturday and Sunday and they need more help. The “work” is easy, but necessary. You’re in the shade, you’re close to restrooms, you can sit most of your shift, and odds are you’ll get fed! Rick Corson had a signup list going around. Some of us helped last year and more of us are needed this year.



*Some of the helpers after the market was complete—Matt and Tom on the far left*

### Food Distribution @ Amistad:

Second Harvest had another of their Mobile Markets at Amistad this morning.

Four members of our club helped: Russ and Kitty Burtner, Matt Kramer, and Tom Moak. They were joined by 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest staff and volunteers from LULAC and Communities in

Schools. They planned to serve 250 families, but there weren't quite that many in line. A much-needed service for people in need. 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest brought apples, onions, apples, corn on the cob, milk, flour, frozen potatoes, hamburger, orange juice, and more.



*Russ, Kitty, and Matt were the core of the apple brigade*



*Tom got to direct traffic*

**Amistad Field Day and ATP Soccer Night:** Field Day at Amistad this year is Thursday, June 5th 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. ATP Soccer night will be this Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 6:30 PM.

**Donuts for Grownups:** The annual event at Amistad will be held on Friday June 6 beginning at 7:45 AM. This year it will be held inside in the gym, so more pleasant circumstances than being outside.

**Park Middle School mock interviews:** Art King reminded us that Park Middle School will be conducting mock interviews on Tuesday June 3 and Wednesday June 4 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Art passed around a signup sheet. You could do just one day or you could both. Park could use some help.

### Upcoming Programs:

Jun 3	Michael Alvarez, Benton County Commissioner
Jun 10	Malin Bergstrom, Pasco Aviation Museum
Jun 17	Erik "The Peanut Guy" Mertens, Tri-City Dust Devils
Jun 24	First Responders honored

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*Photo and copy deadline Tuesday @ 4 PM*

### Summer Social:

Micki McKinnon reminded us of club's annual Summer Social on Saturday June 7. It's pot luck, so bring a favorite dish. Email

Rick McKinnon if you're coming and what you're bringing. The event takes place from 2- 5 PM. McKinnons live at 4800 W Yellowstone, overlooking the Columbia River.

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**Program:** Alane Wilkerson got to introduce her boss, Laurie Jackson, CEO of Tri-Cities Chaplaincy, who came to speak about their 2024 Impact Report and a major remodel at the Hospice House. Laurie acknowledged that Alane is the driver behind the impact report and also put together the PowerPoint presentation. (We think Alane's great, too.)



Laurie began with a cute story about her son, which morphed into her belief in the importance of being creative and inspiring. We want people to live well and be the best they can. The more we talk about issues with our young people, the easier it will be when issues are bigger, including end of life.

They had 1,072 patients in hospice in 2024, but only half of people who need it are being served by a hospice organization. Hospice is for those that a doctor would not be surprised that a patient would be dead in six months. Palliative care, where they had 52 patients during the year, are for those not physically or emotionally ready for hospice. Hospice provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support.

There were 321 patients at the Hospice House in 2024. The average stay is 5 days. Laurie believes that hospice is best served in the home. However 73% do not die at home, with most dying in hospitals. Chaplaincy provided 375 respite care days to relieve family members.

Bereavement and grief—1,214 individuals received bereavement support, with 913 receiving newsletters and bereavement calls. They served 158 kids and 103 guardians in Cork's Place, the Kids Grief Center, with 73 grief kits distributed. Cork's Place staff do much more reaching out to schools and others to provide grief support for kids and those around them.

4,240 volunteer hours were provided to support Chaplaincy with the hospice program needing a minimum of 5% of service done by volunteers. 63% of the volunteer hours are at the Hospice house or with in-home services.



*Twins?—no, just former classmates: greeter Babe Nyberg and speaker Laurie Jackson*

In 1994, the Hospice House was built. Very few communities have hospice houses. (They don't make money.) People love it, but it has needs. They wanted to keep the flavor of the hospice house, but add needed spaces.

10 beds is the right number; they don't need more. They want the façade to make it look inviting, more open. They're adding a fireside living room and a waiting room, remodeling for nursing stations, and adding a chapel that is more accessible. It's not just about the patients, but making things comfortable for the patients and the families. Renate Presby is the architect and Bouten Construction is the contractor.

If all goes well, the remodel will be completed by the end of the year. For hospice house needs until then, they will be using some skilled nursing facilities in the area.

