

KIWANEWS



NEWSLETTER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF LETHBRIDGE 

Club Meeting --- TUESDAYS at 12:05 p.m.

Catering by Country Kitchen, Lower Level of the Keg ---- February 2, 2010

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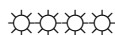
☼☼☼☼ FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Here we are in February. Where does the time go? But more important, for Kiwanis, is that we are just six weeks away from the 2010 Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival. A couple of reminders: Have you sent in your donations to support the festival operation in response to my earlier request? If not, please do so as soon as possible. A cheque made payable to the "Kiwani Music Festival" would be appreciated.

Have you given some thought to what help you can provide during the festival? Elizabeth is in charge of recruiting volunteers, and when she returns from her current trip she will be asking. Please think about it!

Moving to another topic, I would like to suggest that a change in the format of our regular weekly meetings from time to time might be desirable. I would appreciate suggestions from every member of "things we can do" of "places we can go" of "special events" we can plan. This is not intended to replace the regular noon-time speakers; rather it would be intended as a diversion to our regular meetings. My thanks to Neil Manning and his program committee. I believe they have provided us with some really interesting speakers, and having served as Program Chair, I know how difficult this is. However, some examples - a bowling night - a luncheon with partners - or another Dinner-Theatre event. OR, a special event to welcome potential new members. Please think!!! Give me your suggestions, please. Welcome to Kiwanis!!!

President Keith



"42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot." When I read this recently, I thought of one of my favourite statistical statements: *One of every four people will suffer from mental illness.* This means that, if you are playing bridge and the other three seem OK, then it's YOU.



KIWANIS KALENDAR

Feb 2 - Terri-Ann Fitz-Gibson Lethbridge College

February 9 - Chief Tom MacKenzie
Lethbridge Regional Police Service

BIRTHDAYS

February 6 Rose Primachuk
February 15 Bobby Zarembo

FROM YOUR EDITOR: I'm grateful that, from time to time, one of you brings me a list of cute statements suitable for making the Kiwanews more interesting. In a lot of cases you get these from the Internet. Please don't take the trouble to print these and hand them to me. Just forward them and this will save me re-typing everything. My address is at the top of the page. TIA ☺

Let's talk about Kiwanis Get-Togethers. We hope that SOME members of the club will attend the following.

APRIL 9 AND 10 - SPRING FLING IN SASKATOON

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Workshops will include:

How to produce effective Club Brochures

- ✓ How to build and maintain a Club Website
- ✓ Marketing Kiwanis (getting your story out there)
- ✓ Effective and Productive Membership Recruiting
- ✓ Information on the New District Wide Revitalization Plan (If It Is Gonna Be, It Is Up To Me!)

Registration fee \$110 (partially covered by KCL)



FROM YOUR EDITOR: I had to miss Jamie Christie's presentation last Tuesday and asked Neil Little to cover for me. WOW!!!



Jamie Christie, McIntyre Ranch Foreman



spoke about the ranch and its operation on January 26th.

The McIntyre Ranch has changed very little since it was established in 1894. The first land purchase was one township or about 23,000 acres. Two other purchases were subsequently

made so that the final holding of deeded land consisted of some 64,000 acres, in one block.

While not the largest in Canada, McIntyre Ranch may be the largest privately owned/deeded ranch in the country. The 'balance of nature' philosophy that guided fifty-three years of McIntyre ownership has continued since Ralph Thrall bought the property from the McIntyre estate in 1948. Twelve sections that were once farmed have been seeded back to tame grasses for grazing while the other seventy-five sections remain in their native condition. McIntyre Ranch holds the largest contiguous area of rough fescue grassland in North America. Several factors are considered in order to maintain and enhance the healthy range condition. Appropriate stocking rates (number of cattle, e.g. 18 acres /cow-calf/year) in conjunction with duration and time of year grazing, water requirements, natural shelter, strategic fencing and salt distribution are all considered for effective balanced grazing working towards a goal of achieving excellence with all aspects of ranching, while simultaneously functioning in harmony with nature. To this end, the entire ranch is a non-hunting area with total protection of all game animals. Sustainable ranching has been and continues to be the main objective of this company.

The Ranch, presently owned by Ralph A. Thrall Jr., is managed by Ralph A. Thrall III (General Manager 1990), Duane Spitzer (Controller 1973) and Jamie Christie (Foreman 2001). In addition full time staff including two Executive Assistants, an Assistant Controller, and six Ranch Hand-Cowmen/Cowboys maintain year round operation of the ranch. More information is available at <http://www.mcintyreranch.com>



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