

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 ---- July 13, 2010

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

It seems obvious to me that my regular letter to the club at this time should center around the Annual Kiwanis Convention in Las Vegas and our attendance - so here goes.

The drive for the three of us - V.P. Jim Day, my wife, Jean and I, spent two long, but relatively comfortable, days in our car as we traveled from Lethbridge to Pocatello; then through Salt Lake City and on to Las Vegas. With three of us who could change off the driving it was relatively painless, but it still took about 20 hours over two days, each way.

Our Convention lodging was at the Bally's Hotel - which was VERY comfortable. Needless to say, in the midst of Las Vegas there was every opportunity to gamble which we ignored, for the most part. Travel from the Hotel to the Las Vegas Convention Centre was provided through a very well organized shuttle bus system.

Our registration was quick and painless - well organized - opportunity to visit the Kiwanis "Book Store" which provided most everything that you could imagine, - and easy access to the convention centre for the general assembly sessions. I was very much impressed with the ease which our Kiwanis President handled the various activities - I must say it was a vast improvement from my experience at several international conventions earlier in my Kiwanis life.

I think the two highlights of the convention were the keynote address by Colin Powell and the Friday night program with Jay Leno. General Powell has an amazing stage presence, he focused on world concerns that all of us understand and care about,

and he finished by stating that health care is a right for all, and not just a thing that some can afford and others cannot.

It was a remarkable experience to watch Jay Leno, a true professional, at work; probably all the more remarkable for me since I am not a TV NIGHT person.

There were a number of great workshops; there was an announcement of the new "BIG PROJECT" and there was a variety of places when we could meet and exchange ideas about Kiwanis. Jim has asked me to speak to the club at our regular meeting August 10 about the programs and the workshops so I won't bore you with those details now.

Suffice to say - it was a great experience for me to go back to International, even though I had attended a number of times in earlier years. I appreciated the opportunity to attend and I truly hope that I have brought back some ideas that will be useful to our club in the days and months ahead.

In closing, I want to say how much I enjoyed the Annual BBQ on June 29. I was impressed by the number of "special guests". I was pleased to chat with so many of our past members. We have to do this more often. Thanks to those who were on the team that put the event together (Chuck, Rose, Joe, and others???) and especially those who rounded up and paid for the guests' dinners.

President Keith 

AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; then you'll be afraid to cough.

KIWANIS KALENDAR

Jul 13 – Trever Broadhead –Boys and Girls Club
Jul 20 – No meeting
Jul 27 – Richard Burke –Castle Special Places
Aug 3 – No meeting
Aug 10 – President Keith on the KI Convention
Aug 17 – No meeting
Aug 24 – MNT project (to be confirmed)
Aug 31 – No meeting

BIRTHDAYS

July 16 Joe Fosbender
July 19 Leroy Cranston
July 24 Jim Day
August 4 Edith Beveridge

ANNIVERSARIES

July 23 John and Pat Lawton

SOME PHOTOS FROM VEGAS

Past Govs. Bruce Bervan, Red Holder, MH Pres-elect Barry Finkelman, WC Sec Dirk Bannister, Richard Leseuer (WC Webmaster), Wayne Rogers, Kim Gee, Donna Southworth, Helen Tole, Past Gov Don Tole, Ali Grotkowski (queen of Circle K), Hearty breakfast for the Lethbridge folks

