

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 ---- December 1, 2009

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Greetings to you all.

It is shocking to think that we are nearing the end of another year, and now close the end of the first quarter of our Kiwanis year.

I look for a good attendance at our meeting on December 1st. Western Canada District Governor Dick Southworth will be here to bring greetings in behalf of the district. For your information, Dick is a long-time member of Kiwanis in Edmonton, and in recent years spent a lot of time and effort with Kiwanis youth work in the Edmonton area.

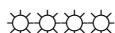
Congratulations to Rose for her efforts in organizing the annual Children's Christmas Party - scheduled for Sunday, December 6th. Santa Claus will be in attendance. Also our thanks to Chuck McCleary for organizing the club's Salvation Army Kettle project which is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th

I regret that the other Christmas event which was under consideration by Minda and Elizabeth was postponed for a variety of reasons. I hope that we can do this next year.

We send our best wishes to Ralph Johnson, currently in hospital, to Minda who apparently kicked her husband too hard while visiting in Victoria and broke her foot, and to both John McCutcheon and Gordon Campbell who have both resigned from the club because of personal conflicts. A reminder to several of our members whom we have not seen at luncheon recently - we miss you!!

Finally, a reminder to ALL CLUB MEMBERS - if each member will find one new member to induct in January, we would double the club membership. PLEASE!!!

Best wishes to all - Keith



KIWANIS KALENDAR

Tue Dec 1 Governor Dick Southworth's visit

Sat Dec 12 Salvation Army Kettle Day

BIRTHDAYS

None to speak of this time

MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING, BUT IT SURE KEEPS THE KIDS IN TOUCH.

ANNIVERSARIES

n.b. See BIRTHDAYS above

GUEST SPEAKER KEITH ROBIN

(Tuesday, November 24th, 2009)



On Tuesday, November 24, President Keith was our guest speaker. He informed and amused us with his stories about his time as Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge. He started by reminding us that his loyalty was to the Lethbridge Community College and he wondered how he could possibly be of service to the other institution. Needless to say, that attitude and his work ethic led to a twelve year term as a member of the U of L Senate, followed by a four year tenure as the University Chancellor. Keith's wife, Jean, describes him as "the man who can't say NO". For that very reason we are pleased to have Keith among us. The attitude that made him U of L Chancellor, Governor of Kiwanis' Western Canada District, and Lethbridge's Citizen of the Year now has led him to his second term as president of our club.



LIFE'S LESSONS:

President Keith passed to me an article entitled *45 Lessons Life Taught Me*. Thank you, Keith. Here are a few more samples.

32) Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

3) Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

25) No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

23) Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

14) If a relationship has to be secret, you shouldn't be in it.

TERRIFIC KIDS OFF AND RUNNING

Recently it was announced that Kiwanian Joe Fosbender had agreed to be coordinator of the club's Terrific Kids program at Fleetwood-Bawden School. Shortly thereafter Joe informed us that he was planning to be away for five weeks visiting his family scattered throughout the solar system. During Joe's absence President Keith and your editor covered for him.

Last Monday, November 16, we attended the first school assembly at which this year's Terrific Kids were recognized. Keith spoke briefly explaining the program and cleverly presenting information about the Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge and all the good things they do.

Following the assembly Keith and Jim each joined one of the Terrific Kids classrooms for some further face time. Jim met with the Grade Five class of Marg Combs, aka the Iron Super Chicken. Marg, below, is a very funny lady and



her class is lucky to have her.

The class, in developing their TK goal, decided to adopt T for THOUGHTFUL as their motto. They set out to provide 90 or more food items to help their school "feed the Bug". Jim had to ask about the Bug. Turns out it's a VW beetle which the school filled with donations to the Lethbridge Food Kitchen. After their campaign, they contributed 96 items, well beyond their objective.

Marg Combs' class is shown below, with their Tk certificates and buttons.

