

# 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 15, 2009*

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## ☀☀☀FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

As I sit down to write my regular epistle for our Club Bulletin I marvel at the progress we have made over the years. When I first joined the Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge in 1967, and for many years thereafter, members would receive a printed roster of the club membership each November - complete with names and addresses of each of the members who had joined and paid fees for another year. It was very handy, designed to fit in the jacket pocket.

Now, with all the intricacies of the computer, combined with new security precautions imposed by Kiwanis International it has become difficult for some and impossible for others to obtain the annual roster without help from our club secretary, who is gifted in these matters. I suppose this is the price of progress!!!

The treasurer tells me that we have 42 members registered for the year ahead. This is remarkable progress. My former membership count was 30, and my goal for January was 60. So, we are halfway there. Now I ask all 42 of our members to attend our regular Tuesday luncheon meetings are often as possible. Our Program Chair, Neil Manning, and his committee of four have been doing wonderful things in planning our programs and we urge members to come and enjoy!

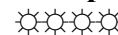
On the subject of meetings and programs, please note that we have programs scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 15 and Tuesday Dec. 22. There will be no meeting on December 29<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting of the new year will be held Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the annual joint Kiwanis-Rotary meeting. Our club is the host, with MP

Rick Casson our guest speaker. I would like to have a large showing from our club, and I ask you to limit three Kiwanians to each table, so that there is a good mix from the two clubs.

In the meantime, my sincere Christmas wishes to you all.

Thank you all for your help!

President Keith



## KIWANIS KALENDAR

Sat Dec 12 Salvation Army Kettle Day  
Tue Dec 15 Jim Day "Twenty Days in Italy"  
Tue Dec 22 Christmas music  
Tue Dec 29 No meeting  
Tue Jan 5 Annual Joint Meeting with Rotary: Rick Casson, speaker

## BIRTHDAYS

*December 24 John Lawton*  
*December 29 Neil Little*

Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.

## ANNIVERSARIES

*December 24 Bob and Barbara Simmons*  
*December 27 Joe and Judy Fosbender*  
*December 28 Jim and Gaynel Day and*  
*Alex and Georgie Harper*  
*December 30 Chuck and Cecile McCleary*

I have kleptomania,  
but when it gets bad,  
I take something for it.



**LARRY ELFORD PAINTS A SCARY PICTURE.** Our guest on Tuesday, December 8, was Larry Elford, the man in black. Over the years our guest speakers have usually entertained us, have always informed us, and the best ones have left us with things to think about. Larry certainly made us think. With his years of experience in the financial services game, he clearly has the background to know his topic. His topic was *How to Make Financial Crime Pay: An Insider Speaks Out*. Larry's objective is to raise public awareness of malfeasance in the financial sector. This malfeasance has led to the "detriment of clients and the benefit of company insiders". Larry alleges that billions of dollars have been mis-directed, in violation of the securities laws of Alberta and Canada. After he met with us, Larry was on his way to Ottawa to make a presentation to the Canadian government. Good luck, Larry. ☹

**Does anyone remember golf???**

**In My Hand I Hold A Ball,  
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.  
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,  
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.**

**By It's Size I Could Not Guess,  
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.  
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,  
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.**

**My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,  
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.**

**It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,  
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.**

**It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,  
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.  
It Promises A Thing Called Par,  
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.**

**To Master Such A Tiny Ball,  
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.  
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,  
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.**

**It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,  
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.  
Often It Will Have A Whim,  
To Hit A Tree! Or Take A Swim.**

**With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,  
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.  
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,  
If Only It Would Find The Hole.**

**It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,  
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.  
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,  
But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.**

When the Bags got mixed up

