



**Our mission**

Kiwaniis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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DEADLINE is Thursday for the next week's issue.

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**Reporting Community Service Hrs:**

If it is easier for you, please report your service hours to Carroll's email:  
[jancar68@comcast.net](mailto:jancar68@comcast.net)

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**TODAY:** Dr. James Wilkerson Larimar County Morgue; Nev Jackson will also share more banjo music.

**Oct. 3** —Stephen Andersen— How Fort Collins Weather Works

**Oct. 10**—Charlotte Boney, Fort Collins Volunteer coordinator

**Oct. 17**—Heather Buoniconti will update us on the Foodbank

**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

**53 Members; Guests:** Inter-club from EyeOpeners; Nev Jackson entertained us before the meeting with banjo music; Kent Brown's guest, Fred Schrekinger returned for another visit.

**Welfare of members and families**—former member Gil Fehner would appreciate visits.

Those of you who remember Gil may call to arrange a visit. His daughter's number is 650-207-2984, or the landline number is 482-3792.

**House Committee needs** volunteers - please sign up.

The **toys are now finished**, and distribution will take place in the near future. We are looking for new organizations, maybe medical providers who deal with children. If you have new ideas of groups to give the toys through let Dave Marvin know.

**WITTY OBSERVATIONS**

I won't say that my bank gives bad service, but when I asked the teller to check my balance, she leaned over & pushed me.

**CLUB MEETING PRAYER**

Sept. 26—Harold Boyer

Oct. 3—Carroll Morony

Oct. 10—Bob Fromme

Oct. 17—Jim Catalano

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sept. 28—Jack Steele, Wil Stutheit

**NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK.**

**CRITICAL DUES NOTICE!!!!!!**

It is time to renew for next year. **Dues are due by September 29 or you will be dropped by Kiwanis International from membership on Sept. 30.** Our last meeting is Sept 26 (bring cash or check or let us know you intend to continue) .

Checks will not be deposited until Oct 3.

Dues will remain the same as last year:  
Members - \$140; Spouses - \$132; Life - \$98; New Members - \$50.

*An elderly man called his neighbor and said, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle and I can't figure out how to start." His neighbor asked, "What's it supposed to look like when it's finished?" "According to the picture on the box, a rooster." So the neighbor goes over and is shown the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, and then turns to him and says, "First, no matter what we do we're not going to be able to make all those pieces into anything like a rooster. Second, just relax, Let's have a nice cup of tea and then put all the corn flakes back in the box."*

**CLUB COMMITTEES**

*(chair & co-chair)*

**HOUSE**

Dick Toledano

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**INTERNATIONAL**

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**INTERCLUBS**

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**TOY PROJECT FUND RAISING**

Lloyd Wilson

### **INTERESTING FACTS...**

The Eisenhower Interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

The Boston University Bridge (on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts) is the only place in the world where a boat can sail under a train driving under a car driving under an airplane.

Emus cannot walk backwards.

There are only thirteen blimps in the world. Nine of the thirteen blimps are in the United States.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

David Prowse was the guy in the Darth Vader suit in Star Wars. He spoke all of Vader's lines, and didn't know that he was going to be dubbed, over by James Earl Jones until he saw the screening of the movie.

Most Americans' car horns beep in the key of "F."

Camel's milk does not curdle.

Many hamsters only blink one eye at a time.

The first Ford cars had Dodge engines

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

It takes about a half-gallon of water to cook macaroni, and about a gallon to clean the pot.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

### **WHY DO WE SAY “KNOCK ON WOOD” INSTEAD OF SOME OTHER SUBSTANCE?**

(From “Who Put the Butter in Butterfly?” by David Feldman)

We live in an age where it is easier to knock on Formica or “genuine” simulated walnut paneling than real wood. But ancient civilizations didn't have the benefit of our technology and many of them worshiped trees. North American Indians circa 2000 B.C. venerated oak trees. Many pre-Christian European cultures also believed that guardian spirits resided in trees. Knocking on wood (i.e., on a tree), then, was an attempt to wake up the spirits and enlist their help.

Many other claimants have lined up to protest that *knock on wood* was their creation. Among them:

1. The Irish. Knocking on a tree was the signal to thank leprechauns for their help.
2. Christians. The argument goes that the *wood* referred to in the saying is the wood on the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. Knocking on wood, then, is a way of connecting with Christ and recognizing his fate.
3. Jews. During the Spanish Inquisition, synagogues served as refuges as well as places of worship. Jews developed an elaborate knocking system to ensure their safe entrance and egress from synagogues. If one "knocked wood" properly, one was safe.
4. Tag players. In some variations of tag (called both "wood tag" and "tree tag"), if you touch a tree, you are "free." The English say "touch wood" rather than "knock wood," and tag might be the source of the English variant.

The many alternate theories of word origins inevitably lead to ethnocentrism. We assume that an expression must have been created in the same context in which we have first experienced it. Although the four explanations above are quite different, they all put a spin on the ritual of the ancients who believed that good spirits lived inside trees.