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## DECEMBER MEETING

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Our Christmas Meeting this year will be a special one followed by a Turkey Dinner. Cost for the dinner is \$ 8.00 per person and is being subsidized by the club. We hope to have a great turn-out.

Doors will open at 9:00 as usual. We will still have the Silent Auction, so look around and see what you can contribute to the sale! We would also like to continue the practice of bringing Christmas Goodies to share. Even though we will have dessert with our dinner, a nice home-made cookie with our coffee is always appreciated.

Those who spoke for tickets can pick them up and pay for them at the door. In addition there will be a limited number of additional meals available on a 'first come, first served basis.

**Many thanks to Phyllis Waite who has graciously agreed to take over the duties of Membership Secretary. We are deeply appreciative. Thanks also to Janet Clarke who agreed to fill the vacancy left by Bruce McLean, and to Mark Loates who has agreed to chair a new Education Committee.**



### Upcoming Meetings

#### **Chapter 92**

#### **Meeting Dates 2011/12**

**Lambeth Legion 9:00 a.m.**

**Dec. 2**

**Feb. 3**

**April 7**

**June 2**

#### Toronto Meeting Dates

Nov. 25, Jan. 27, March 24, May 5.

Travelodge Airport Hotel  
8:30 a.m.

### **DUES REMINDER**

Just a reminder that your if your name tag is not green, then you have not paid your dues for this year.

Dues are \$30.00 .

# Fun Facts of Alarm Clocks

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Without alarm clocks we would be lost. They are a big part of our everyday lives. We need them to wake up for work and appointments. The word clock comes from the French word, "cloche: meaning bell. The Latin for bell is "glocio", The Saxon is "clugga" and the German is "glocke, and the Dutch "klock"!

The first alarm clock was wind up and could be set for any time and was patented by Seth Thomas in 1876. With all the many alarm clocks on the market today one of the funniest and probably most annoying is the, "Flying Alarm Clock." It goes off and a small helicopter starts flying around the room with an alarm. In order to turn it off you have to catch it and return it to the base. There are alarm clocks that will probably wake the whole neighbourhood and go off at 95 decibels or more.

For children there are teaching and talking alarm clocks that will make telling time much easier for your little ones.

The alarm clock was thought to be invented by Marquis de Sade but was actually invented by Levi Hutchins in New Hampshire in 1787. However, the whole invention was tarnished with perversity. The alarm clock would ring only at 4am. Every morning. Hutchins was murdered by none other than his wife at 4:05a.m. On a dark cold New England morning.

A couple of tech guys have designed an alarm clock that is powered by a lemon or a potato! Wow...now that is environmentally friendly!

For all those guys and maybe some girls out there you can wake up to a stripper pole alarm clock. You get strip tease music, flashing lights and a girl spinning around a pole!

A real surprise is the Silence Wireless Alarm Clock.

Then there is the Christian Alarm Clock that will wake you up each Sunday to get to church on time.

It is thought that alarm clocks can help you get into a regular sleep pattern, but that is not true. Only go to sleep when you are tired and wake up naturally.

If you suffer from SAD, there is an alarm clock manufactured by Lumie that gradually lights up the room just like natural sun-light. It acts like dawn has entered your bedroom to slowly wake you up peacefully and happily. I personally think that is a great idea! It is even better when it is cold and dark outside.



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