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How about that last issue of the Gyrolog edited by that nifty newshound, Allan (same old bull) Douglas. What a keen but subtle sense of humor — despite his reference to the so called "ramblings" of you know who! Many thanks Allan for a great job.

OUR LAST MEETING — held at Mayfair on July 2nd was chaired by Vice President, Padre Bill Graham, who quickly got our attention by thumping the Gyroscope gong, instead of using the normal melodious chimes! He then called for a volunteer to lead us in Cheerio, but Harry (Music-Master) Mills was not about to be upstaged; so he quickly took over and had us soon chanting away with great abandon.

Following the blessing, Padre Bill reported that President Merrill Morstad was home from hospital and recovering well from his recent surgery.

BIRTHDAYS — greetings were extended (in absentia) to John Boychuk for his big day on June 6 and to Don Popowich who will be celebrating on June 10th. Have a great day.

HEALTH & WELFARE — nil report — no news is good news.

OBITUARY — we have just learned of the death of Mrs. Muriel Young in Toronto, on 2 July 1991; Howard Wilson's sister. Our Gyro membership extends our deepest sympathy to Howard & Amy and family.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT III CONVENTION — NIAGARA FALLS 17 to 23 JUNE 1991

As a delegate from the Gyro Club of Edmonton, Gord Rennie was asked for a report on the convention, which follows.

Those who have visited Niagara will appreciate what a lovely place it is to hold a convention, with the magic of the falls, beautiful parks and surrounding countryside. For the most part the weather was in the 80's.

While the attendance of 360 was apparently not up to expectations, Gyro District 8 was represented by 11 couples:— 2 from Calgary: 3 from Stampede City: 2 from our club and one from each of Lethbridge: Regina: Castlegar and Grand Forks Clubs.

We were treated to a good program of events, together with sufficient time for sightseeing, shopping, etc.

On Thursday evening we attended a Roast & Toast for retiring Secretary-Treasurer John H. Harding; which included some fun and games, but also some well deserved compliments to a wonderful Gyro. John was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a retirement gift. Our new Secretary-Treasurer for Gyro International is Bob Gibson, of the Cleveland Heights Club, to whom we extend congratulations and best wishes.

Friday afternoon — a bus tour of the Town of Niagara in the Park, then on to Queenston Heights — scene of the War of 1812 between the British & the Americans. Enjoyed an excellent outdoor brunch, with the temperature at 88°. Then onto a tour of the Hilldebrand Estates Winery. ending up with a talk about and a taste of "the grape".

Friday evening we attended the District 3 dinner, dance and Installation of Officers, with Michael McNally being installed as District 3 Governor. The best bulletin award for D-3 was won by the Lakeshore Gyro Club — Editor Ray Girouard.

During the week several meetings were held at the District and International levels, which culminated in the International business meeting on Saturday morning. During this very full but well handled agenda; V/President Marty Larson presented the video "Your Among Friends, which was much appreciated and is being well received throughout Gyro. The concensus of opinion is that this medium will help considerably in helping Gyro to reach it's membership goal of "55 in 95".

The new slate of International Officers for 1991-92 is as follows:— President, Robert A. Dutcher (Moncton, NB) 1st V/President Marty Larson (Edmonton) 2nd V/President Emil Bajot (Bellingham, WA) 3rd V/President Charles (Chuck) Field (St. Paul, MN) Immediate Past President, John J. Monroe (Painesville, OH)

International Awards: Best Bulletin: Class (A) Indianapolis Gyro Club
(B) Hollyburn " "
(C) Lakeshore " "

Governor's Bulletin Award was won by Chris Randall, Governor of District IV.

Sunday morning featured the usual breakfast gathering, thus ending a successful Gyro International and District III Convention.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1992 - will be held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, on 14 - 17 July. Enclosed is an information sheet and registration form for your information and use.

It will be here that the Gyro Club of Edmonton and all District VIII Clubs, will have the pleasure and privilege of seeing our own Marty Larson installed as Gyro International President. So mark your calendar now and plan on being there in support of OUR MAN MARTY!!

Just before I was called on for a report on the Convention in Niagara Falls, Past President Allan McClure reported that a new Gyro International Award had been established. It is the Gyro International, Bud Mitchell, Gyro of the Year Award.

It was presented for the very first time at the International Convention on Saturday evening 22 June 1991, by Secretary-Treasurer John Harding, to Gordon H. Rennie of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, as the International Gyro of the Year for 1990. Al made this announcement because he didn't think it would be mentioned in the a/m convention report. (Thanks for bailing me out, Al).

Everyone has been very kind in their congratulations to me which have been overwhelming. This special privilege came as a total surprise to me and it is difficult to properly respond, except to say thank you to those Gyros who felt I should be considered for such a great privilege.

I feel very honored to have my name associated with that of Past International President Bud Mitchell, a great Gyro, whose courage and determination in the face of his tragic accident is most admirable.

My sincere thanks for this special award, which I will always cherish. (Gord Rennie)

DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION - in Regina, Sask., 18 to 21 July 1991. This will be your last reminder to mail in your registration form - so do it now. Because you enjoy the Gyro common denominator of fun & fellowship at the club level, then you will enjoy it even more at a District Convention. Do yourself a favor (and your Club's) by attending and meeting some more of your Gyro family of friends. (* see below)

GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - Tournament Chairman Ernie Siegel reports that all is in readiness for this popular event at Devon on Thursday August 8, 1991. What Ernie needs now is your money, because it has to be paid by 1st August. The cost is \$12.00 for the dinner and \$21.00 for the golf, for a total of \$33.00 per person. Golf carts extra - if interested call Ernie. Please bring your cheque for payment (payable to Ernie Siegel) to our next regular noon meeting on Tuesday 16 July 1991.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER at our last meeting was Lindsay Daniller, who was introduced by Howard Wilson. This lady was born and educated in South Africa, attending university in Capetown where she obtained a BA degree, majoring in Archeology & History. She was with the South African Museum as assistant to the curator, where she earned a Diploma in State & local history.

She came to Canada 11 years ago and became a Canadian citizen in 1984. For several years she was Marketing & Promotion Manager with the Alberta Provincial Museum. Currently among her many activities, she is the Manager of Communications for the Edmonton Klondike Days Assn., who are celebrating their 30th Anniversary on 18 - 27 July 1991.

In discussing this annual event, one of the promotional schemes is the introduction of the "dress easy" approach to Klondike apparel. They suggest the use of suspenders, vests, ties, arm bands, straw hats, etc., all of which are available at Woodwards or Eatons, or the Klondike Days office at No.1660, 10020-101A Avenue.

There will be nightly entertainment at most hotels, with the Klondike Kate Saloon at the Westin Hotel, which provides dinner, a show and dance to follow. There is a full calendar of daily events for everyone.

Our thanks and a token of appreciation were given our speaker by Andy Carabott.

LAST CALL FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS - if you are interested in playing bridge this coming season, please call John Pedden at 466-6691 right away before the list is completed.

(*) - for those who might be thinking of flying to the D-8 Convention in Regina, it is understood that AIR-BC (Air Canada connector) have a non-stop flight from the Edmonton Municipal Airport to Regina, leaving at 11.35 a.m. over Thursday - Sunday for \$213.35 each. The convention starts Thursday and ends on Sunday which might be just what you want.

CASH DRAW LAST MEETING - the name of (poor, young & struggling) Roger Russell was drawn - but he wasn't there - so we have a carry-over.

SMILES & CHUCKLES - Those who think they know it all upset those of us who do!

~~There's nothing wrong with being stubborn. It's only wrong when you're not right about the thing you're being stubborn about.~~

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 16 July 1991 Place: Mayfair Golf Club: Time: 12.00 noon

Program Team No.19 (Allan Warrack: Garry Diment & Victor Jagoldus) are in charge of arrangements.

Team Leader Allan, reports that the topic will be "Roots - do you know who you are??".

If you haven't already guessed the subject deals with genealogy, the art or science of investigating descent from an ancestor.

③ Allan has been working on this hobby for some time now and has traced his family tree back to the year 1756 - it will be interesting to learn about it. Victor Jagoldus said something about German wine also -- do you suppose?? come out & see.

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