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President Gerry welcomed the twenty six Gyros who were in attendance. He reported that our club had a good turnout of twelve members for Founders Night. It was a good evening of friendship, and our own **Marty Larson** spoke about the founding of Gyro and emphasized the theme that there are many who can be considered founders. He noted that senior members of our club could be considered to be founders and that others have helped to found other clubs in the past. **Marty** also showed the Gyro video which some present had not seen. If you have not seen it, borrow our club's copy, it is well worth the effort.

Larry Dobson led us in Cheerio (it always sounds better when it starts off on a solid note in true pitch), and then **Rev. Bill Graham** asked the blessing. **Bryce Van Dusen** then introduced his guest, no stranger to us, Harry Nash.

President Gerry informed us about a letter that he received from the Good Samaritan Society related to the purpose built home which was to be ready for occupancy by five young children on September 1, 1997. Unfortunately, there were some serious construction flaws which cannot be corrected and a replacement home is under construction. It will be ready in June 1998 so the children will not have their school year disrupted.

At the end of the month Curlorama will take place in Banff and our participation is down to one rink this year. We will reveal their names in the next Gyrolog as I am sure they will be winners by then.

Thanks to **David Burnett** we are going to have some major questions to ponder as we sit in front of the fire on the fall evenings we will inevitably experience. The two to contemplate before the next meeting are:

1. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
2. Is there another word for synonym?

Speaking of **David**, he and **Marty Larson** did a terrific job of organizing a bus tour to the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin on September 23rd. We enjoyed a great roast beef dinner at the Museum and then had a guided tour of both the aviation and the regular museum. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. One item of interest was that the list of the 50 original Albertans to obtain a drivers license included W.H. Sheppard, the grandfather of Tony Sheppard. Thanks **David** and **Marty**! They said this was a piece of cake to organize after an International Convention.

Larry Dobson introduced our guest speaker, Kim Taylor from the STARS Foundation. The Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) was founded in Calgary in 1985 and the Edmonton base was added in 1991. STARS is a non-profit, volunteer organization which provides emergency helicopter ambulance service at no cost to the patient. The choppers, which are better equipped than rural hospitals, have a crew of a pilot, co-pilot, a critical care nurse and a paramedic. The team is on standby 24 hours per day and can respond within five to ten minutes of being dispatched.

The service brings those who are injured in rural areas to the major centres for emergency medical treatment. Many would not survive if they had to rely on ground transportation. Seventy-five percent of the budget is raised by donations from individuals, service groups and corporations. Many organizations who have staff throughout the province donate to STARS. Although most of us live in or near the city, we also drive through rural areas and could benefit from this service in the event of a serious accident. **Bob Lippe** thanked Kim and gave her a token of our appreciation for her presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS: At our next meeting on November 4th, **John Ross** has arranged for Kary Hargreaves LL.B. who will speak on wills and estate planning. He will cover the basics of a will, enduring power of attorney and living wills. Given the fact that every year assets which have been gathered over an individual's lifetime are distributed in ways their owners never intended or desired, this could be a preventative learning experience. Plan to come and bring a friend.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday December 16, 1997 at Fort Edmonton Park. There will be no meeting on December 23, 1997.

<p>GYRETTES CORNER: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 11, 1997 at the Mayfair. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to visit with friends so plan to attend!</p>

Kim Taylor drew a number of cards with the names of Gyros who were not present and eventually awarded **Rev. Bill Graham** a free lunch.

For those of you who are not aware, **Gordon Robertson** is instrumental in getting the Gyrolog to you after each meeting. It is **Gordon** who does the duplicating, envelope stuffing, franking and mailing. It is not a highly visible job but it is vital. Thanks and appreciation to you **Gordon** from all of us!