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First Vice-President **Gerry Glassford** chaired our mid-October meeting at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club, standing in for **President Allan** who was off in eastern Canada. **Gerry** likened his role as a stand-in president to that of Elizabeth Taylor's eighth husband. Good Gyro decorum suggests that your editor leave the remainder of his comparison to the reader's ready wit but the warm response to **Gerry's** sense of humor was also a tribute to his unfailing efforts for our Gyro Club.

Ed Edlund and **Mike Matei** teamed up to lead us in Cherric and **Gerry** shared a brief grace.

Bert Boren, friend to all and especially the Edmonton Symphony, was in fine form as he did his annual "snakebite medicine" routine on the ESO raffle. Once he had finished his pitch we had the feeling that he had done us all the favor of delivering the tickets for the raffle to our table thereby enabling us all to become fine fellows by purchasing our allotted number of tickets. He brought such a good feeling to the meeting that some of us were looking for halos to light up!

Dave Burnett's two guests were **Bob McPhee** (more of **Bob** later) and **Dave's** fine son **Rob** -- it was **Rob** and **Bob** intro time. **Bert Boren** introduced his guest, **Bob Colling**.

Mike Matei would appreciate a last minute response to the Banff Curlarama - at this writing he had three curlers and two coaches. It's good Gyro fun and fellowship. Please sign up if you can.

Gerry called us to a moment of silence for two wonderful Gyros, **Stan Smith** and our Crossroads buddy **Rick Little**.

Birthday wishes go to "Snakebite Medicine" **Bert Boren** on October 23rd and **Mike Matei** on the 28th. Gentlemen, our warmest thoughts go with our thanks that you are one of us.

Bert Boren was pleased to announce that the health of the club was good - we are all delighted with reports of this type, **Bert**. People with hockey pool tickets should briefly hang on to them but have them ready to part with when **Al** returns in early November. We still don't have a replacement for **Ron Ewoniak**. If there is a member of the club that would like to try their hand at sharing the wealth that is generated by our weekly pool, please contact **Al McClure** or **President Allan**.

Dave Burnett introduced our speaker **Bob McPhee**, Managing Director of the ESO and Edmonton Concert Hall Foundation. **Bob's** talk and video dealt with the Francis Winspear Centre for Music - a world class concert hall costing \$40 million dollars to construct and which will feature a very special ten day extravaganza of music at its opening which is slated to occur September 12th to 21st in 1997. This 1800 seat, state of the art concert hall will enhance the cultural image of our fair city and enable all Edmontonians and people from central and northern Alberta to enjoy some of the finest non-amplified music in the world. The questions and the enthusiasm displayed by all present spoke volumes for the quality of Bob's presentation.

Dick Mandlis thanked **Bob** for his excellent presentation.

Bob Slavik, "there's always a first time", won the draw.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 1, 2, 3 | Banff Curlarama. Curlers \$135.00, Non-Curlers \$105.00. Contact Mike Matei (Res. 458-9211; Fax 458-9211). |
| November 5 Gyro Meeting | Our guest speaker will be Cecilia Blasetti , Executive Director of the George Spady Centre. Cecilia will provide information on the history of the Centre as well as the current occupancy rate. Fred Schulte and his team promise an informative luncheon. Please plan to attend and to bring along a friend. |
| November 18 (Monday) | Our St Albert Gyro Club friends will host FOUNDER'S NIGHT at Eagles Club at 6:30 PM. A Poker Night will follow. We would very much like to have a good turn out from our Club and there is still time to sign up for this special event at our next luncheon meeting. |
| December 4 (Wednesday) | A traditional Christmas Party is being planned which will be held in the Clerks' Quarters in Fort Edmonton. More details will follow. |
| March 3, 1997 | Mark your calendars, Bocci lovers. |



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