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President Gord welcomed a mixed group of Gyros and Gyrettes to a special Valentine's dinner at the Mayfair. In total, there were 45 in attendance with valentines and chocolates for the ladies.

Barry Walker led us in Cheerio and **Gerry Glassford** asked the blessing.

President Gord informed us that the following had birthdays in February. **Ed Edlund** and **Bryce Van Dusen** shared February 5th as a day to celebrate. Then on February 22 our friend **Bill Agnew** will turn another leaf and on February 25th, **Immediate Past President Jack Ellis** will celebrate, and probably get a free lunch somewhere.

President Gord filled us in on the history of Valentines day which has been celebrated since ancient Rome. The common thread throughout the centuries has been feasts and gifts, so we did our part on both accounts.

Gerry Glassford reviewed some Valentine's thoughts from over the years including the well-known Elizabeth Barret Browning poem "How do I love thee".

Game 12 in the hockey pool was played on Friday February 11th. With the change to Oilers games, they are no longer all on Saturday night. All of the winners this time were from Edmonton, although there is one unsold ticket that was a winner. The Oilers were visiting the Pittsburgh Penguins and at the end of the first period the score was 2:0 for the home team. The score was the same at the end of the second period and the result is that Andrea Larson and **Ivy Rennie** each won \$25. The unsold ticket also won that amount, it is # 244, does anybody want to buy it for \$20 [not a bad return on investment]? The Oilers rallied in the third and the final score was 2:2. The winners of \$25 were Gracie Russell, **Amy Wilson** and Dean Rempel.

Dave Duchak informed us that Pastor Geoff Bigelow recently passed away.

On behalf of the Gyrettes, **Sharon Lynne-Matei** invited the Gyros to join the Gyrettes for their March 14th meeting. We are invited to bring friends and the program is Major Douglas Martin Alexander who will talk about the role of the Canadian Armed Forces around the world. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30. The cost is yet to be determined but that won't really matter to Gyros since the Gyrettes will obviously pay for us.

Regularly I get the Gyro Bridge News from the Lethbridge club that always has a joke in what is known as "McFadden's Joke corner". They usually are too long for the amount of space I have left in our Gyrolog. However, here is the current, shorter one.

A man and a woman meet on vacation and quickly fall in love. At trip's end, they decide to open up to each other. "It's only fair to warn you Jody," Bill says. "I'm a golf nut. I live, eat, sleep, and breathe golf." "Well, I'll be honest too," says Jody, "I'm a hooker." Bill looks crestfallen for a moment, then says, "Are you keeping your wrists straight?"

Upcoming Events:

Our next meeting will **BOCCI NIGHT!** **Larry Dobson** has arranged it for Monday March 6, 2000 at the Italian Cultural Centre on St. Albert Trail. This is always a fun event and because it is popular, those who can attend at 5:00 p.m. are encouraged to do so. The plan is to play some games before dinner at 6:00 to 6:30 and then the games will be completed after dinner. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person, which includes BOCCI, dinner and wine with dinner. Please call Larry at 444-5111 to let him know that you plan to attend.

The **District VIII Interim** convention is scheduled for Fairmont Hot Springs Resort from Friday March 17 to Sunday March 19, 2000. The room rates are \$79.00 plus taxes. The registration fee for the Interim is \$125.00 per couple.

The Quad Club installation will be held about May 5, or 6, 2000. Details to follow.

The International and District VII convention will be at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg from July 13 to 16, 2000.

This year the Sherwood Park Club is hosting the **District VIII Convention** at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. The dates are August 24 to 27, 2000. Basic registration is \$290 per couple and the golf is \$60 per person including power cart, green fees and breakfast. Let's have a large delegation to support our local club and our investment in their success. This is the 25th anniversary of the Sherwood Park Club.

Same Old Bull

Allan

