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Today we had a regular luncheon meeting at the Mayfair with a turnout of 24 Gyros and two guests. **President Allan** welcomed everyone and indicated that after a summer of unusual activities we are returning to more regular meetings.

**Marty Larson** led us in Cheerio and **Reverend Bill Graham** asked the blessing.

**Gunnar Anderson** introduced a guest that he and **David Burnett** brought to the meeting, Harry Amos from Calgary. **Allan Warrack** introduced his guest, Suds Sutherland who was wearing a lapel badge in the shape of a worm. **Allan** explained that this was given to individuals who had to jump from their aircraft during battle. The significance of the worm is that parachutes originally were made from silk so that the symbol of a saved life became the silkworm.

On July 29, 1996, in the Today In History feature in the Edmonton Journal there was the following; '1921 - Edmonton's first **Gyro Club**, a businessmen's service club, is launched.'

There are no birthdays before our next meeting.

**Bert Boren** reported on the health of the club informing us that **Fred Kemp** is doing well in the Glenrose and is looking forward to returning home soon. **Bert** also reported on his unsuccessful attempt to visit **Rick Little** in hospital. Since **Rick** was nowhere to be found, **Bert** left him a note.

**Barry Walker** reminded us about the night at the ball game on August 26 at a cost of \$6.00 per person.

You all received a letter from the Red Cross sent by **Peter Carter**. He explained that he is a non-golfer who has signed up to play 100 holes of golf in a single day and he asked for sponsorship. The Red Cross will benefit.

**President Allan** reminded members that the program teams should let him know the number of Gyros who will attend each meeting so that we can confirm with the Mayfair. He needs to know by Monday morning before the meeting so that the appropriate number of meals are available. The next two noon meetings are on September 3, 1996 (Bert Boren, Peter Carter, Stu Graham) and on September 17 (Al McClure, Haig Lewis).

**Fred Shulte** informed us that there is still time to sign up for the night at the races on September 13, 1996. The cost is \$22.50 per person and we will have a private area as was reported in the last Gyrolog.

**Gunnar Anderson** and **David Burnett** saw an item in the Real Estate Weekly which was an interview with **Stan Smith**. It will be forwarded for the archives. The article recounted some of the key events in **Stan's** life and acknowledged the wealth of history contained in the minds of seniors in this city. Congratulations **Stan** on having this gift of memories valued.

The **Tampa Gyro Club** sent a copy of their BULLETIN (that is how they write it) to **President Allan** who circulated it at the meeting. The headline was 'Thank You Edmonton!!' It included a laudatory report on the convention as seen by the Tampa Gyros and Gyrettes. They were very impressed with the hospitality and friendship.

**President Allan** also received a letter from Bruce Ford-Coates from the Sarasota Gyro Club. His 'Memories of Edmonton 96 Gyro International Convention' are attached. His covering letter said, in part,

'Your Convention was a huge success! Everything was super special from beginning to end - from registration to departure. You Edmontonians touched all the right buttons, covered all the details, met every need, and took care of everything and everyone so nicely. The hospitality, the food, the entertainment - even the business meeting- were all so enjoyable. And who can forget the great farewell breakfast?

Your members are fine hosts. You made us feel so welcome. We enjoyed every minute with you all and had such a good time. Thank you so much for those four fantastic days of fun and fellowship which we shall long remember.'

There was some discussion about continuing the hockey pool since it was originally started to raise funds for the 1996 Convention. To be successful the number of tickets has to be in multiples of 100. Since most of the tickets in the past were sold by a relatively few people, we will all have to sell more if we continue. It was suggested that the Executive discuss this issue at the meeting on September 4 (which will be held at 7:30 at **President Allan's** place at 11711 29 Ave) and bring forward a recommendation.

The next meeting will be at noon on September 3 at the Mayfair.

**HAPPY MEMORIES OF EDMONTON '96 GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
*With Special Thanks - And A Tip Of The Hat To So Many People*

**THURSDAY - 11 JULY**

To BARRY and VALERIE WALKER, registrars extraordinaire, - for welcoming us so warmly on Thursday evening, and for the complete convention kit given us including a neat "kangaroo" type name tag with a "pouch" for program, tickets and everything but "loonies" and "toonies".

To VICTOR and VALERIE JAGOLDAS, PAUL and SONJA for welcoming us to their table, and for being as delightful as dinner companions as they were on the dance floor.

To MARTY LARSON for being such a good MC. Thursday night and for his GYRO history.

To the "RUSSIAN" and to THREE SOLDIER WARRIORS and their "SAILOR" accompanist at the piano. They may have "lost their wars", but they won the hearts of GYRO friends.

**FRIDAY - 12 JULY**

To COLIN RUTHERFORD (Camusan) for being such a good bus companion. Being seated with Colin for the City Tour and Muttart made it a very pleasant busride indeed.

To GERRY GLASSFORD for his fine job as MC for The Klondike Barbeque Dinner in the big tent. What an exercise in audience control! Also, a "tip of the hat" to "KLONDIKE KATE" and the DANCERS for their stirring performances, to ED STEINBACHER who stole the show and to BUD ABELL for wearing his "Mountie" uniform of the Klondike period with spike helmet.

To JACK SCHENCK at the piano in the International Hospitality Room. Jack plays like Lamar Alexander but he draws a larger crowd. Tina and I sipped drinks with Jim and Marilyn Friedl from Milwaukee. We enjoyed meeting them as well as so many others.

To GEORGE and IRIS WEILAND who were there from Madison. Tina reminded George she and I were in Edmonton because he and IAN GREIG had talked us into coming when we saw them in Florida. Ian promised me bagpipes. George went further. He "guaranteed" Tina a good time or "her money back". (No need to worry George. We're having a ball.)

**SATURDAY - 13 JULY**

The International Meeting was held at 0900. Bravo to BOB TULK for ably conducting his last business session as President. To Bud ABELL, nominated as our next President. To each of the VPs who moved up and to CHRIS RANDALL, nominated a new VP. CHRIS, who wowed us with his resolution masterpiece last year in Chicago, is a worthy choice. All nominees were duly elected. A promising new development was unfolded by DERM JACKMAN encouraging use of more PCs in GYRO with access to the Internet and E-Mail.

To HELEN ROSS - a pretty and gracious MC for the "Luncheon With Friends" - who showed how to use a parasol effectively. Helen and the Edmonton GYRETTES, all so beautifully attired in blue gingham, must have devoted many long hours of work fashioning all those outfits from bolts of cloth, sewing them all together, making the hats, etc. Rumor has it that they also made the GYRO'S outfits which is probably why the GYROS looked good too. How about that guys? What the heck would we do without our GYRETTES?

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### SATURDAY - 13 JULY (Continued)

To JOHN and JOYCE TARTER who represented the Edmonton Club as hosts at our Luncheon table. We were pleased to meet them and enjoyed their fellowship with us. Also, to ANDY FRIDERICHSEN for his beautiful silver teapot.

To the EDMONTON CITY COUNCILMAN (his name escapes me) - who gave an eloquent luncheon address replete with an appropriate analogy of GYRO to a gaggle of Canada Geese. He said his son is a member. Wonder why he, himself, is not a GYRO? .

To RICHARD and DEBORAH who entertained us so well after lunch with songs, parody and comedy - routines and styles of popular entertainers over the span of the past 9 decades.

To MARLENE BURNET and FRED SCHULTZ who wanted us all to sign the big Banner. Tina and I did not know until later we had signed at different times. So we're on there twice.

To ALLAN DOUGLAS for the daily GYROSCOOP. A publication of such good quality, issued on a daily basis during a convention, surely merits some kind of an award. Great job Allan!

After lunch, we Sarasota GYROS and GYRETTES slipped away to visit the West Edmonton Mall - the largest in the World at the present time. The mall is a colossal extravaganza of shopping and entertainment for people of all ages featuring a full size ice skating rink, a huge swimming pool with two story water slides, a beach with simulated wave action. There is an amusement park with gigantic roller coaster, merry go-round, etc. It would take a couple or three days to see it all, and two or three pages of text to describe it in detail. Enough said.

The President's Ball was formal. A lone, Stuart Tartan kilned piper led the parade of International Officers and their GYRETTES to the elevated head table. Rev. GRAHAM gave yet another of his memorable invocations. With 557 attendees, round tables for 10 set around the perimeter of the dance floor. Tina and I were joined at our table by MORGAN and BEVERLEY PARTRIDGE (Sherwood Park); JOHN and ANITA VERTOLI (Canton), BRIAN and KAY LEESON (Edmonton Crossroads) and GERRY and ALICE GLASSFORD(Edmonton). GERRY is an MM - a Master of Metamorphosis. Overnight he transformed from rugged Miner to formal Diner ! We enjoyed the evening of fun and fellowship with GERRY and the others at our table. Alas, Tina and I had finished our cocktails and were unprepared when the toast to the Queen was proposed before the wine was poured. We'll remember to hold on to our cocktails a bit longer next time. Congratulations to the new officers who were duly installed . Afterwards, MORGAN and BEVERLEY invited us to join them upstairs for a drink. When we got there, we found ourselves in a hospitality room with wall to wall people from their Sherwood Park Club - a warm and friendly GYRO group.

### SUNDAY - 14 JULY

A full course, farewell breakfast awaited us. Edmonton GYROS and GYRETTES were there to bid us good-bye and a safe journey. Western Canadian hospitality is something we shall long remember - thanks to our gracious hosts and new GYRO friends. Our notes include so many names in our log of "Happy Memories" - too many to mention here. We are thankful for GYRO and GYRETTE friends old and new, and are pleased 13 GYRO couples and one GYRETTE, Audrey Jones, came up from Florida for the Convention. That's 10% from D-X.

We were blessed with four great days of good weather and plenty of sunshine. Even the daylight stayed with us until after 10 o'clock at night. (From B.F-C's private log, 19 July '96)