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My good friends, if you were expecting maybe - about a three page bulletin recording all the fun and games we had at that OUTSTANDING D-8 CONVENTION, as arranged by the Sherwood Park Club Gyros & Gyrettes - then you will be disappointed. The reason is that I am having a problem with "convention lag" and sort of operating in compound low!

In addition I am still in the process of collecting a lot of information about the recent activities, which I am sure you will find interesting reading. So please bear with me and I will try to produce a good report in a later issue of the 'log.

AT OUR LAST LUNCHEON MEETING on 7 August, we had a good attendance to make welcome a very special Gyro, our President of Gyro International John J. Monroe from Painesville, Ohio. Other guests included Stewart McLennan (introduced by Al McClure): Tom Ravashiere from Toledo, who is here as Chief Umpire for the World Baseball Championships, (introduced by Marty Larson); Ian Fraser by Mike Matei. ~~Visiting~~ Visiting Gyros included, Governor of D-8 Keith Bradley, together with Don Greig, Bill Carter and Richard Dickinson from the Sherwood Park Club. From Edmonton Crossroads we were pleased to welcome Jim and Rick Little, Don Birmingham and Ron Cockerill.

President John Monroe brought greetings from all the International Officers. He congratulated Marty Larson for the fine work he continues to do as Third International Vice President, which was heartily endorsed (I think)(judging by a faint, short splattering of applause!)

President John brought us up to date about Gyro affairs in general and reported that our 10 Gyro Districts consist of 137 clubs, with a total membership of 5100. He emphasized the need to increase membership and advised that the Executive Council is working on some new ideas, for the overall improvement of Gyro. This topic will be on the agenda at the D-8 business meeting.

President John invited us to bring forth any ideas or suggestions for the good of Gyro at any time, by getting in touch with him.

The highlight of this meeting was the official induction of three new members into the Gyro Club of Edmonton, in the persons of:- Dick Mandlis(sponsored by Marty Larson) Norm Williams and Tony Sheppard(sponsored by David Burnett).

President John very efficiently conducted the induction ceremony and then had the sponsors give our new friends their Gyro Pins. We are very glad to welcome Norm, Dick and Tony and hope you and your wives, will enjoy a long, happy relationship in our Gyro family.

IN REVIEW - RED DEER GOLF - a report was given on our Annual Alberta Golf Tournament, which was held in Red Deer on 7 June, at a new facility for us, the Riverbend Golf Course. In attendance were Gyros and friends from Lethbridge, Calgary, Stampede City, Edmonton Crossroads, Edmonton and Sherwood Park, with some 65 playing golf.

Our thanks to the Sherwood Park Club for organizing this event (Chairman John Craig) and our congratulations to Rick Little of Crossroads, whose great score of 77 won him both the low gross and low net prizes, as well as several others. Watch for a story and pictures of this event in a future issue of our International Magazine, The Gyroscope.

DISTRICT EIGHT CONVENTION - held on 9-12 August 1990 and sponsored by the Sherwood Park Gyro Club was really something special. If you missed it, that's too bad, because it was so well done that it is hard to put into so many words - you really had to be there to appreciate what it was all about.

However once the video is produced and other pictures are developed, they will help to tell the story.

The Convention Opening, the Medieval Dinner and Dance was outstanding, which produced the happiest of times, and everyone getting into the spirit of the theme by dressing up in some great costumes, which engendered a great deal of enthusiasm and participation.

While the Thursday evenings festivities quickly set the tone for the convention, each succeeding days program was well organized and most enjoyable.

While all the Gyros & Gyrettes of Sherwood Park worked long and hard to organize and produce this wonderful convention, special thanks must be extended to their General Convention Chairman, Ted Cuthbertson for his leadership, tenacity and determination to provide something a little different and special.

As one Past District 8 Governor expressed it - "I have had the privilege to attend a good number of D-8 Conventions, but that first half hour on Thursday evening, was in my opinion, by far the best I have ever seen".

Further reports about the convention will follow in this news letter and eventually appear in the Gyroscope Magazine.

Meantime we extend to the Guys and Gals of the Sherwood Park Club our sincere appreciation

~~for providing a~~ convention we will long remember!

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BIRTHDAYS - 14 August - both past and upcoming. Our congratulations and best wishes to the following: (PIP) Russ Carter, 1 August: Al McClure and Allan Douglas, on 14th and to David Duchak on August 18th. Let the good times roll!!

HEALTH & WELFARE - no report at our last meeting. However there were several questions asked about some of our members, whom we know have not been too well of late, but no definite information was forthcoming in the absence of our Sick & Visiting Chairman. Perhaps some who were kindly enquiring about the health of others, could themselves make a telephone call or two and get some up to date information for our club. (It's just a thought)

GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - this ever popular mixed golf event was held on Tuesday 14 August at the Devon Golf Course, as arranged by Ernie Siegel, ably assisted by Al McClure. The weather turned out fine, the attendance good, and the golf fun and fellowship much enjoyed. There were 49 playing golf, plus 15 others who came for the steak dinner. Our golfing visitors included Andy & Marge Watson, Jean MacDonald and Laurette Ross. We hope you will come again. We were also pleased to have some spouses of former members, viz:- Frances Brodie, Rita Davidson and Norma Treacy.

Thanks to a lot of people whom I cannot name at present, there were prizes for EVERYONE and I don't mean just the golfers. Those with the best team scores were duly recognized and rewarded, as were those whose "putts runneth over!" - were also given a prize.

As we all know, Ernie & Beth Siegel will be moving to the West Coast, so this was Ernie's last Gyroette Tournament. Ernie has headed up this fun day for quite a number of years and his hard work will be missed. President Roger Russell, on behalf of our members, presented Ernie with a parting gift, which we hope he will enjoy for many years to come.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to the newly installed Officers of Gyro District 8, as follows:- Governor Jack McNeil (Regina) 1st Lt-Governor Norm Billington (Calgary) 2nd Lt-Governor Todd Verhaege (Castlegar) Secretary-Treasurer Bill Hawrylak (Regina). May you have an active, productive year in the name of Gyro.

No - I didn't forget Immediate Past Governor, who is still on the District Executive - it's just that I wanted on behalf of all D-8 Gyros & Gyrettes, to thank "King Keith and Queen Jan" for their great friendship and dedication to Gyro this past year. Our thanks also for the quiet efficiency and hard work on now Past D-8 Secretary-Treasurer Don Greig and to his most supportive Gyrette Cory.

Congratulations also to the following District 8 award winners:-

- (1) The Russ Carter Award - Cranbrook Gyro Club
- (2) District Bulletin Award - Calgary Gyro Club - "Newshound" Peter Wrangham
- (3) District Club Secretary of the Year - Gyro Club of Edmonton - "Retread"
- (4) District Convention Man Mile Award - Trail Gyro Club.

ON THE HORIZON - RACE NIGHT - NORTHLANDS to be held on Tuesday evening 2 October, as arranged by John Stroppa. Cost is \$13.00 per person, which includes your dinner. Apart from that - you are on your own to finance any betting.

DISTRICT 8 CURL-A- RAMA this popular winter event is slated for Banff, Alberta on 30 November, 1 & 2 December 1990. Our accomodation may be at a different place this year, but you will be notified when arrangements are completed. Meanwhile on a hot day when you want to cool off, think Curl-a-rama, mark the date and plan to get your name on a rink. Our club should have at least 3 rinks this year (what with all the new talent we now have) plus the fact that we are responsible for the "wake-up" committee, which is something to experience.

CASH DRAW WINNER on 7 August - a new winner - Roy Bennett. Good on ya!

SMILES AND CHUCKLES - Plane Truth - on an airliner the flight attendant made the following announcement. "We are now going to show you a safety video. There may be fifty ways to leave your lover, but there are only six ways to leave a 767 - so pay attention!"

VOX POP - Overheard on the links" "I figured out why they call this crazy game golf - it's because all the other four letter words have been taken." (Jack Ellis)

Opportunities multiply as they are seized; they die when neglected. (Mel Snihurowych)

Have you ever noticed when you are driving, anyone going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone driving faster is a maniac?" (Norm Williams)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 21 August 1990

Place: Mayfair Golf Club

Time: 12.00 noon

Program; Allan Warrack - Capt Team No.12

Our guest speaker: Kathryn Buchanan - daughter of our late Charter Member, Chief ^{JUDGE} Nelles Buchanan

The topic: To provide us with an update about young John Ibrahim's reconstruction surgery.

This is one of our club's benevolent projects.

See you there. (retread)

