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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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We had a good attendance at our last meeting on September 7th including Past Governor of D-8 Keith Bradley of the Sherwood Park Club, to welcome our guest speaker Jan Fox, who was accompanied by Bruce Duncan, General Manager, Edmonton City Planning Department. After her introduction, Jan Fox then introduced her mother and father, Pat and Dorothy from Saskatoon. We learned that her father was a former member of the Saskatoon Gyro Club and in the past had participated in our annual Curl-a-rama in Banff, Alberta.

John Ross introduced Jan, who is the Warden of the Edmonton Women's Prison. She has had more than 12 years experience in the Corrections Service of Canada, including institutional, community, regional and national headquarters. Prior to her appointment as Warden in Edmonton in March 1993, she was the Assistant Warden at the Penitentiary in Saskatchewan.

Jan has a BA (advanced) in Psychology from the University of Saskatchewan. She is active in a number of community groups and was a member of Rotary in the community of Prince Albert. She is also a board member of the Canadian Criminal Justice Association.

She gave a most informative, interesting talk about women in Federal Prisons, which at present number 200 compared to 12,000 men. Most women convicted for violent crimes are doing so as a result of incidents which involved violence and abuse within a relationship.

A new women's prison is planned for Edmonton and six sites are currently being considered by a committee made up largely of Edmontonians, representing various parts of the community. The new prison will house 58 inmates and a wide range of programs is planned for this facility to prepare offenders for proper discharge and acceptance into the community. A Citizens Advisory Committee will meet with prison officials regarding the eventual rehabilitation of inmates.

A good question and answer period followed Jan's presentation and the thanks of our club were nicely expressed by Roger Russell.

Birthdays - President John Stroppa reported that Owen Cornish was celebrating his birthday on September 7th and told us all about the purported good things of those born under the sign of Virgo - which seemed to describe our good friend Owen very well. Also adding another milestone this month will be Bernie Brown on September 13th and Vern Sadd on the 19th. Our best wishes to each of you and may you enjoy a great day & many more.

Health & Welfare - It was reported that Wes Van Dusen is doing well after his recent surgery and that he had returned home to Vancouver. We understand that Andy Carabott is having a bout with the 'flu bug, but we hope he will soon be better.

In Review - President John congratulated Ernie Siegel and committee for the recent success of the annual Gyroette Golf Scramble. In turn Ernie thanked everyone for their support, and then suggested that he thought Owen Cornish should take over arrangements for next year. However in rebuttal, Owen's remarks ended with the suggestion - "that if it ain't broke - don't fix it!"

On the horizon - Night At The Races - as arranged by John Stroppa - is all set for Wednesday September 22 at Northlands. Cost \$17.50 per person. Payment was to have been made to John by 30 August - so if you haven't paid up please do so pronto.

Gyro Founder's Night - we have been advised that this annual gathering has been arranged for Monday evening October 18th, to be held at the Regency Hotel.

This is now a Quad-Club affair and this year the Crossroads Gyro Club are in charge of arrangements.

More about this later, but meantime mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Gyro Club of Calgary - will be holding their annual Installation Party on Saturday October 16th, 1993, at the Blackfoot Inn. Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00

Gyro District VIII Governor's Bulletin dated 4 September, reports as follows:- Quote" In the May, June, July issue of the Gyroscope (page 9) it was proclaimed by then President Marty Larson, that the period from October 14 to November 30, 1993 shall be MEMBERSHIP MONTH" in Gyro".)unquote).

There is reference to a "Membership Recruitment Guide" but no copy enclosed. However our President John Stroppa has a copy and will be giving us the required information.

Food For Thought - What this country needs is more people to inspire others with confidence, and fewer people to discourage any initiative in the right direction. More people to get into the thick of things and fewer to sit on the sidelines merely finding fault.

More to point out what's right with the world and fewer to keep harping what's wrong with it; and more who are interested in lighting candles and fewer to blow them out. (Father James Keller).

Laughter is the best medicine - A husband phoned his wife from his office and said he was going fishing over the week-end, and asked if she would pack a bag for him. "Be sure to pack my blue pajamas" he said, "because after a day of fishing, I like to shower and lounge around for relaxation".

He returned from the trip, but no fish, but with tales of the big ones that got away. Then he asked his wife, "why didn't you pack my silk pajamas?" to which she replied sweetly, "I did dear, I put them in your tackle box".

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First man - "Gee I'm really scared, I got a letter from a man saying he would shoot me if I didn't stay away from his wife". Second man - "well all you have to do is stay away from her". First man - "but he didn't sign his name".

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There was a young lady from France
Who thought that she'd just take a chance,
So for an hour or so she just let herself go --
And now all her sisters are aunts.

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Vox Pop - Intelligence is like a river, the deeper it runs the less noise it makes. (Allan)
(Warrack)

Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response. (Neil Sheidow)

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow. (Larry)
(Wang)

If you can find humour in anything, you can survive it. (Wes Van Dusen)

A well informed man is one who has just been told by his wife, what she thinks of him. (Howard)
(Wilson)

The reason that people blame things on previous generations, is there is only one other choice.

Membership - we understand that are two newest members of our Gyro club are to be officially inducted into Gyro at our next meeting. They are Patrick A. Rasko and Dean Paterson. We are looking forward to their active membership in our family of friends, so let's be on hand to make them welcome.

OUR NEXT MEETING

THE DATE - TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
THE PLACE - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB
THE TIME - 12:00 NOON

Program Team No.2 with Team Captain Dick Ogilvie, Gunnar Anderson and Andy Friderichsen are in charge of arrangements.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Raymond A. Gall, former Director of Canadian Affairs, SMWIA, recently retired. His list of career and service credentials is outstanding; e.g. Chairman of the Building & Construction Trades Dept. in Canada; Canadian Federation of Labour Task Force member re: Canada/U.S. Free Trade, etc. etc. Toastmaster with DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster) designation.

His talk will be on "Free Trade". Your attendance with a friend would be appreciated.

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