

THE GYROLOG

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We had a "full house" At our last meeting on 6 December 1994 with 33 members in attendance, plus 8 guests including:- **Gordon Thompson: David McNaughton: Thor Andreassen: Jeff Brown: Murray Pasko: Gale Hulbert: Mike Allen and Jamie Fleming.** Our thanks to those Gyros who brought guests to share Gyro with us. We hope they come back again. We also had the pleasure of the company of one of our regular "visitors", our good friend Keith Bradley of the Sherwood Park Club.

Our guest speaker on this occasion was **Helen Paull**, who was introduced by **Allan Douglas**. We learned that Helen was born, raised and educated in the Edmonton and was a former Alderman on the City Council. In her opening remarks she said she felt very much at home visiting with Gyros; because as a young girl she spent many happy days enjoying one of our Gyro Parks that was located on 115th street in Edmonton.

She now chairs the **Capital Care Foundation** which is launching a 2.5 million "Opening Doors" Campaign for the **Alzheimer Care Centre**, which is being built in Dickensfield in Edmonton northeast. The Foundation is confident that with the support of private individuals, corporations, etc., that the first residential centre of it's kind in Canada for people with Alzheimer disease, will open in the fall of 1995. They do not receive any financial assistance from the Government.

This new centre with a home-like residential design, will make it possible for the residents to live with more flexible schedules, thus removing many of the frustrations that cause so much anguish. It will also allow them the opportunity to participate in activities that were part of their normal lives; before being stricken with the disease.

People lose their short-term memory, often becoming confused and agitated when dealing with unfamiliar situations. The "home concept" of the centre will pervade through the residence and will help them to live their lives with dignity and comfort.

Accompanying Helen Paull, was **Randy Ambrosie**, who is a hard working volunteer member of the Care Foundation. He spoke about the overall project and the need for financial help now, to help bring about this much needed residential care centre.

Following a question period, Roger Russell very nicely expressed the appreciation of our club members and guests, to Helen & Randy for their presentation and visit.

Our thanks to **Allan Douglas, Roger Russell and Harry Mills** for arranging this very interesting meeting.

Christmas Party - this annual event held on 2 December 1994 at the Chateau Louis, was an outstanding success. Roger Russell reports that we had 77 people in attendance including several guests; who were introduced as follows:- **Roland and Betty Walsh** (by Dick Ogilvie) (Rollie is now a Gyro!), **Mary Mirlin** (by Alice Glassford) **Fred Kemp** (by Mary Simmonds) **John Schill** (by Norma Treacy) and **Will & JoAnn Steblyk** (by Pat Rasko).

It was a happy fun filled evening throughout. The dinner was good also the wine and service.

During the evening a series of games of skill and knowledge were conducted, with the people at each table acting as a "team" for the contests. Needless to say there was some keen competition and a lot of laughs. A special prize draw took place during the evening with **Al McClure** getting the big prize for the last ticket drawn. However everyone - and I mean everyone received a prize gift, while one lucky lady at each table took home the beautiful centrepiece.

We even had a Christmas song fest with good participation, which concluded with a fine duet by **Helen Ross and Larry Dobson**, who sang "Silver Bells" which was most enjoyable.

Any successful event is due to hard work, good planning and organization. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the committee members for a terrific party:- Barry & Valerie Walker; Mike & Sharon Matei; Roger & Janet Russell; Larry & Carol Dobson and Helen & John Ross. (if I have missed anyone please accept my apology.)

Sick & Visiting - It was good to have a "nil" report this time. As Bert Boren said, "no news is good news."

Cash Draw - The name of Dick Mandlis was drawn, but unfortunately he was not there, so there is a carry over. (Maybe they will give the money to Dick anyway - seeing the 6th was his birthday!)

Christmas Bureau - President Barry brought up the question of support from our club for this benevolent organization. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Roger Russell and seconded by John Ross, "that our club make a donation to the Christmas Bureau similar to the amount approved last year." Motion carried."

Club Constitution & By-Laws - The Notice of Motion recorded in the Gyrolog of 12 October 1994 was brought forward by John Stroppa to be voted upon by the membership. "Motion to delete Article VI, subsection 4 C (2) from our constitution", which reads - "All members who have served for two years on the Board, until the lapse of one year." Motion was seconded by Roger Russell and passed.

District VIII Interim Meeting - Fairmont march 17,18,19, 1995. Enclosed with this Gyrolog is a Registration Form containing information about the D-8 Interim Meeting. Please note that your deposit must be paid by 17 January 1995. With regard to reservations, please also note the registration desk phone number 1-800-663-4979 for your convenience.

District 1V Convention - June 7-14, -1997. President Barry reports as follows: "You all expressed an interest in taking in the District 1V Convention on June 7-14, 1997. The information circulars provide additional information regarding the convention.

Please note that if you wish to participate in the easy payment plan option, you must send in your deposit by 1 January 1995. The deposit is \$100.00 U.S. per person. At this time the only persons I am aware of who have sent in the initial deposit are Dave & Marlene Burnet and Valerie & myself. If you have any additional questions, I encourage you to contact the travel agency in Vancouver

Individuals interested in the Alaska Cruise (June 7-14, 1997) so far are:- Burnett, David & Marlene; Cornish, Owen; Dobson, Larry & Carol; Douglas, Tom & Doris; Douglas, Allan & Elaine; Edlund, Ed & Natalie; Ellis, Jack & Terri; Glassford, Gerry & Alice; Jagoldas, Victor & Valerie; Larson, Marty & Shirley; McClure, Al & Bette; Rasko, Pat & Marcia Larson; Rennie, Gord & Ivy; Walker, Barry & Valerie; Warrack, Allan & Jean.

Birthdays - Three Gyros will have celebrated another milestone before our next meeting. Dick Mandlis and Tony Sheppard on 6 December and Larry Dobson's big day is December 16th.

We hope you had/or will have a great day, Remember you can be as young as you think! Remember Jack Benny? Our congratulations and all good wishes are extended to:-



DICK



TONY



LARRY

Laughter is the best medicine. A Texan was visiting Australia and was being shown around a huge ranch. "I could tuck this spread into a little corner of my ranch back home" he said. His host proudly pointed out a tremendous herd of cattle to him. "They look mighty fine" said the Texan, "but they'd get lost among my herd." Just then a kangaroo went bounding by - "what was that?" asked the Texan. "Now don't tell me" replied his Australian host, "that you don't have grasshoppers in Texas!"

Vox Pop - Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of travelling. (Bill Agnew)
A fault recognized is half corrected. (Gunnar Anderson)
A friend is a person who knows you and still likes you. (Roy Bennet)
Sympathy says "I'm sorry," compassion whispers, "I'll help." (Bert Boren)
The learned person is not the one who gives the right answers; it is the one who asks the right questions. (Gerry Glassford)
There are three principal factors that cause rain; low barometric pressure; cool air colliding with warm air, and week-ends!. (Stewart Graham.)

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 1994 AT 12.00 NOON AT THE MAYFAIR GOLF COURSE.

OUR PADRE, REVEREND BILL GRAHAM REPORTS THAT OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE REVEREND MARY ELIZABETH MARSH.

A QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER AND ASSOCIATE MINISTER AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SHE WILL PRESENT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

④ COME AND BRING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THIS LADY AND ALL YOUR GYRO FRIENDS We look forward to wishing you the best.



YOU'RE A GYRO!

