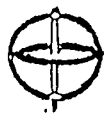


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May 8, 1993

Our last meeting was held at the Mayfair Golf Club at noon on May 4, 1993 with approximately 32 members in attendance. This was the first meeting under our new President **John Stroppa** who has assumed a Don Getty leadership style by being on vacation during "business as usual". **President John** wasn't in Palm Springs on the golf course, but he was suffering his way through a cruise. It looks like a year of laid back leadership. Fortunately he carries his whistle so, if need be, one of his executive can blow it from time to time to keep him awake. (I am trying to get fired - how am I doing?)

The meeting was called to order by Ex-President **John Ross** who reported that there was a very successful first - the Quad Club Installation on Saturday May 1, 1993. All enjoyed the evening of good fun and fellowship and many followed up with the breakfast put on by Sherwood Park on Sunday May 2, 1993.

The **Ex-Pres** then informed those present that one of our esteemed colleagues had recently been nationally honoured. **Dr. Gerry Glassford** is one of 25 Canadians who received a *CITATION FOR CITIZENSHIP* award for his many, many hours of volunteer activities for his community and his country. In giving the award, the Judge of the citizenship court declared that "he cares". **Gerry**, we are all proud to have you as a club member and we offer our congratulations!

We were then informed that **Dan and Edna Laughton** will celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on May 7, 1993. There was a round of applause and Dan explained that it was a military wedding and he asked for 72 hours furlough to get married. His CO decided that he should have 96, and more has been better ever since.

Guests: **Tony Sheppard** introduced his guest, **Don Hamilton**, the President of Airspray Ltd. who received a warm welcome. **Bryce Van Dusen** then introduced Honourary Member **Wes Van Dusen** who is well known to the Edmonton Club.

In the *oh how soon they forget department*, **Ex-Pres John Ross** then invited us all to enjoy our meals. **Bert Boren**, whose stomach thought that his throat had been cut, then reminded the elder **Mr. Ross** that Cheerio and a Blessing would be in order. After a quick recovery, **Harry Mills** was asked to lead us in Cheerio and **Bert Boren** asked the Blessing.

Birthdays: Some Gyros are getting older. In the month of May, the following could not duck the bullet:

May 10, **Allan Ursulak**, May 13, **Andy Friderichsen**, May 17, **Boyd Slavik**, May 18, **David Burnett**, May 23, **Ivan Ivankovich**, and May 24, **Allan Warrack**.

From the New Vision Department: We were all delighted to learn that **Retread Gord Rennie** had come through successful eye surgery and "he can see clearly now". Last year he couldn't follow the ball because of his eyes, this year its because of the damn trees. So now with his corrected vision, he can see everything, and **Ivy** assures us that he-hears-too much, if only he could learn to talk.

Hockey Pool: **Al McClure** gave an accurate and detailed report about the hockey pool, a small portion of which your humble scribe was able to capture. The part I remember is that in 1992-93 **Betty** did all the work. Here is a partial report of the rest that comes to mind. There were 249 tickets sold (**Al** buggered up the other one), for a total of \$4,980. There were 148 winners for a total of \$2,425. Approximately \$235 was spent on enough tickets to get us through the 1996 convention, with the result that there was a profit of \$2,000. In addition to **Al**, special thanks go to **Betty McClure** and **Ron Ewoniak** for the time and effort they devoted to making the hockey pool a success.

Membership and Extension: PYS **Roger Russell** reported that the Edmonton Club now has a total of 60 members including 4 non-resident members. While that is our maximum, we are eagerly anticipating increasing our maximum as new members are encouraged to join. New members to date this year are **Owen Cornish**, **Bob Lippe**, **Pat Millard**, and **Larry Wong**. Another new member will be reported on later.

From the absent minded Professor department: Two Gyros enjoyed a drive to the last meeting in **Allan Warrack's** Mustang convertible. After making a show of driving through campus and wending their way to the Mayfair, they exited the convert to head to the meeting and passenger **Ivan Ivankovich** asked "Do you want me to lock it?"

A message of recognition: **Allan Douglas** reported that he had been at Lynwood and dropped in on **Gay Rutherford**. She asked him to remember her to the other Gyros and to express her appreciation for the help she has received. She holds Gyros in very high regard and states that without their help she would not have the quality of life she now enjoys. She wanted all to know how much the support is appreciated.

A Vary Special Occasion: Come and celebrate Father's Day with the father of Edmonton Gyros. On Sunday June 20, 1993 we plan to celebrate **65 years** as a Gyro with **Stanley Noel Smith**. The event will be hosted by **John and Helen Ross** at 912 Burley Drive from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. All are welcome, so mark your calendars and plan to attend this landmark event. Knowing **Mr. Smith**, it is safe to assume that it will be an event characterized by wit and good humour.

Special recognition department: As you know, the roster has undergone some major improvements in the last couple of years. This is the result of dedication and hard work by **David Burnett** who has produced a much more user friendly document. In recognition, **John Ross** presented **David** with a Gyroscope and the sincere thanks of all members. Hats off to a fine job well done.

Upcoming events:

- The Interclub Golf tournament will take place on Wednesday June 2, 1993 at Lacombe Golf and Country Club.
- June 10 - 13, 1993 Gyro International Convention in Minneapolis those who have not registered should do so.
- July 15 - 18 1993 District VIII Convention in Spokane. We are advised to register for rooms ASAP because there are many events on in Spokane at that time. If you are interested in traveling in a group, contact **Allan Douglas** at 436-5903.
- **Ernie Siegel** has plans well underway for the Gyroette Scramble for August 19, 1993. There is some truth to the rumour that **Ernie** is in search of prizes, although he would never mention it.

The Kids Penny Carnival: **Dick Ogilvie** reported that there will be an orientation day for those helping out at the Carnival on the May long weekend. The orientation will take place on Wednesday May 19, at 5:30 p.m. This is important so please arrange to attend. It will be held at Fort Edmonton Park in the area of the large tent. For more information call Vera Drobot at 496-8780.

Good News! **International President Marty Larson** had the pleasure of installing a new member of the Edmonton Gyro Club at the last meeting. **John Plunkett** was warmly welcomed as a new member by all those present. We are glad to have you on board and look forward to sharing many enjoyable events with you.

Our Next Meeting: will be a mixed night on May 17, 1993. It will be Edmonton Eskimo Football Night to be held at the Sturgeon Valley Golf Club in St. Albert. Featured will be Allan Watt, Henry (Gizmo) Williams, and Assistant Coach Adam Rita. Cocktails at 6:15 and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$15.00 per person will be collected at the Golf Club. Guests are welcome. let **Ron Ewoniak** know if you are attending.

