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At our last meeting on 2 June we were pleased to welcome Bob Lippe as our guest, who was again introduced by Bryce Van Dusen.

It was good to see Gyro Ian Fraser back again after some absence while working away from the city, with the possibility that he would be leaving Edmonton. The good news is that he will remain in Edmonton.

Birthdays - greetings for two Gyros born under the third sign of the Zodiac Gemini, in the persons of Dick Ogilvie on June 4th and Howard Wilson on June 10th. May your special day be one of good health and happiness.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that Mort Mörter is feeling much better but is not back at work yet. Apparently Dave Duchak has a date with a blond - a therapist - who will be treating Dave's knee problem. Keep your mind on the therapy, Dave!

Obituary - the death occurred on 3 June 1992 of Sheila Barnes, the widow of Rolfe Barnes a former Edmonton Gyro. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her son James and her daughter Trudy Douglas. Reverend Bill Graham conducted a Memorial Service on Monday June 8th.

Address Correction - Frances Brodie still resides at 14810 - 51 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta. but her apartment number is now 409.

Mail Call - we were glad to receive postcards from some of our travelling members including Andy & Blanche Friderichsen who are on a cruise in Scandinavian waters. Andy described the ship as small, just 60 passengers, but they have a "luxury cabin" measuring 8' x 6.5' x 5' with a WC and shower down the hall. A different holiday!

Marty & Shirley Larson wrote from Edinburgh, Scotland. The picture on the card suggested that there is no difference between winter and summer in the Highlands. They are hoping to get warmed up when they reach France. Does this mean that they won't be wearing kilts when they arrive back home?.

Allan Warrack had a card for us from Israel, but figured he would be back before the card arrived, so he brought it with him. He described some of the places and things he had seen including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, The Dead Sea, The Dome of the Rock, Masada, a Holocaust Museum and much more. It would be great if Allan would consider telling us more about this trip at one of our future meetings.

Our guest speaker on 2 June was Neil Hartling, Outfitter & Guide of the Nahanni River Adventures Ltd., who was introduced by President John Ross, who had been on a canoe trip two years ago with Neil and company.

Neil gave us a most interesting talk and slide presentation covering a canoe trip along the famous Nahanni River, which is obviously a very thrilling, wonderful, experience. The legend and mystery about the river, refers to three prospectors who travelled the Nahanni at the turn of the century. They went missing, but their headless bodies were later found. Much intrigue and speculation surrounds their demise.

The great wilderness area through which the Nahanni flows reveals some awe inspiring sights; cliffs over 1000 feet high, white water rapids, the Virginia Falls and the Nahanni National Park, and lots of animal wildlife. Certainly makes a memorable trip for those adventurous enough to meet the challenge.

Just listening to Neil's story and viewing his pictures was a special privilege - and to make such a trip would make an unforgettable experience.

Our thanks to Neil Hartling for his fine presentation were nicely expressed on behalf of our members by Allan Douglas.

Honors & Awards - our congratulations again to our newest Gyro member Larry Wang, for the following award, as recently reported in the Edmonton Journal:- "APPLAUSE" - The Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology in Ottawa, has given the Gordon Royal Maybee Award to LARRY WANG, the University of Alberta zoologist, who developed the Canadian Cold Buster energy bar.

Annual Gyro Inter-Club Golf Tournament - FLASH! - word has just been received that this great game took place as planned in Lacombe, Alberta on Wednesday June 3rd 1992, despite some early rain, followed by gale force winds. Some 70 Gyros & guests struggled to remain upright in the wind to balance their shots with their scores. While the final list of winners and awards is not readily available, we understand that the two low gross scores were turned in by two Crossroads Gyros, Brian Leeson with an 80 and Vince Folk with 83. Nice work in windy weather. The trophy for the club with the best overall results was awarded to the Gyro Club of Edmonton, which was presented to President John Ross. Further results of winners and also-rans will be published as soon as received.

Director's Meeting - President John reported that at a recent meeting of our club's Board of Directors, one of the items dealt with club finances, including the following funds:- (a) General Operating Fund: (b) Convention Fund: (c) Benevolent Fund.

At a previous meeting the Board proposed to change the Club By-Laws, viz: Article IX, by adding a new sub-section.

The proposed change was duly published in the Gyrolog but apparently was never brought up to the membership for ratification. Consequently the Board's recommendation is herewith re-published for your information.

* CHANGE TO CLUB BY-LAWS - Article IX - Finances, Fees & Dues.

Proposed new sub-section:- 5.(a) The Board shall not commit the Club as an organization to obligations, debt, financing agreements, or finance contracts to individuals, charities and organizations, beyond the level of funds raised for such purposes; and provided all such obligations, debt, financing agreements or finance contracts, have a term not exceeding one year. (Reason - to ensure future Boards do not have to raise funds to honor long term financial agreements).

Gyro International Convention - Lake Tahoe - July 14-17, 1992. The question of obtaining some special wearing apparel for club identification at the convention, was discussed. Barry Walker had samples of T-Shirts (short sleeve) and Sweatshirts (long sleeve) with Canada's 125th celebration logo on the front. Our club name could be put on the back.

Apparently some of these shirts are available locally and you can order them by calling Dick and/or Marg Ogilvie, who we understand are looking after this project. Cost, T-Shirt (short sleeve) \$14.99 and Sweatshirt (long sleeve) \$23.99. Get your order in now and avoid having to request them by mail order.

Annual Gyroette Golf Scramble - Ernie Siegel reported that this popular mixed event will take place on Thursday 6 August, at the Westridge Golf Course, which is located due east of Devon, Alberta on the north side of the river. As Ernie will be away for several weeks he asked for someone to look after arrangements in his absence. Young Mike Matei volunteered (good on ya' Mike) to take on the job. Further detailed information about this fun day will appear in subsequent Gyrologs.

Smiles & Chuckles

The plane truth: a flight attendant on an airliner made the following announcement. "We are going to show you a safety video. Now there may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but only six ways to leave a '767 in an emergency - so pay attention!"

Bringing his speech to a dramatic climax, a politician cried out, "what in Heaven's name does this country stand for?" - "too much" said a voice from the audience.

There is nothing quite as empty as a stuffed shirt.

(This is an oldie, but a goodie). Recently City Hall had a new table built for the City Council. It is 35 feet long, 6 feet wide and sleeps twenty!

Vox Pop Possession is nine points of the law. Self possession is the tenth. (Ivan Ivankovich).

Statistics are no substitute for judgement. (Barry Walker)

Failures are made by those who fail to dare, not by those who dare to fail. (Bryce Van Dusen)

Brains are like hearts - they go where they are appreciated. (Ian Fraser)

CASH DRAW -- 2 June -- the absent winner was Garry Diment -- so we have a carry over.

OUR NEXT MEETING

This will be held at the Mayfair Golf Club at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 16 June 1992.

Our keynote speaker will not be a guest speaker, but a well known, very active member of our own Gyro club.

He was Club President in 1984-85 and during this past year he has travelled abroad on several occasions.

This Gyro has a very interesting story to tell us concerning a Mega project, the Euro-Tunnel, which has been constructed between England and France under the English Channel.

- ④ Come out and bring a guest with you and learn about this great feat of engineering from one who was there.

See you there. retread

