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President Gord welcomed a great turnout of 35 people for our last Christmas message of the millennium. It was good to have newly retired **Larry Dobson** out to lead us in Cheerio. The Reverend **John Dowds** then asked the blessing.

Joining 31 Gyros and our guest speaker were guests Peter Fairbridge and Rob and Andrew Burnett.

David Burnett informed us that a fellow Gyro from the St. Albert Club, **Ken Foster** was involved in freeing the Edmonton hostages in South America. Ken spoke to our club last year about his companies new approach to replacing aging sewer systems.

President Gord informed us that our long serving and dedicated Secretary, **Dick Ogilvie** has resigned. The Gyros present expressed their appreciation for all that **Dick** has done with a warm round of applause. For some of us who have been club directors or officers the amount of time we devote to club executive meetings is limited. However our Secretary and Treasurer attend those meetings year in and year out and have a sizeable amount of work to do between meetings. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf **Dick!**

President Gord also announced that one of our newer members, **Geoff Brewer**, has agreed to become the new Secretary of the club. We appreciate your willingness to step forward **Geoff**, good luck in your new role.

December was a popular month for birthdays. **John Plunkett** got the ball rolling on December 1st, with **Dick Mandlis** and **Tony Sheppard** sharing December 6th, followed by **John Dowds** on the 12th, **Larry Dobson** on the 16th, **Victor Jagoldas** on the 20th, and finally **Bob Lippe** on the 21st.

President Gord announced that our friend **Art Meidinger** has resigned from the club.

Congratulations to **Gunnar Anderson** who becomes the President of NorTerra Inc. on January 1, 2000. If you saw the announcement in the Journal you may have noticed that Gunnar was not smiling. The reason is that they mixed up the pictures, that one was supposed to be used to announce his becoming President of the Edmonton Gyro Club.

John Dowds introduced our guest speaker, Paul Bergen the Pastor at the First Mennonite Church. He spoke about the five gifts that Christianity has given to civilization over the last 2000 years. They are dignity, science, literacy, mission and humility. Those present enjoyed the interesting presentation.

On December 23 at the end of the first there was no score and Mary Norman and John Thompson of Edmonton won \$10. At the end of the second, the Flames led the Oilers 2:0 and **Lauraine Duchak** and Gordon Brook won \$15. With a final of 2:1, the winners of \$25 were A. Fletcher and Ken Weisgerber.

Upcoming Events:

Our next meeting will be a special one to start off the year 2000. On January 4th, we will have a mixed lunch meeting at the Mayfair at 12:00. We will have an improved menu for the meeting and the cost will be \$10.00 per person. The team of **John Ross**, **Dick Ogilvie** and **Walter Yakimets** has arranged for a guest speaker who will address a medical topic of current interest.

The next Gyrette meeting is on January 11th at 6:00 p.m. As usual it will be a dinner meeting and Jean Warrack will be discussing the history of Gyrettes.

The Gyro International Interim convention will be held in Palm Springs between January 11 and 16, 2000.

The **District VIII Interim** convention is scheduled for Fairmont Hot Springs Resort from Friday March 17 to Sunday March 19, 2000. Rooms should be reserved before January 17, 2000. The room rates are \$79.00 plus taxes. The registration fee for the Interim is \$125.00 per couple.

The International and District VII convention will be at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg from July 13 to 16, 2000.

This year the Sherwood Park Club is hosting the **District VIII Convention** at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. The dates are August 24 to 27, 2000. Lets have a large delegation to support our local club.

Same Old Bull

Allan

