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Your executive met at **President Mike Matei's** residence at 7:30 pm Wednesday August 30th. Several important issues were discussed and a decision was made to raise these at a subsequent general Gyro meeting. President Mike will bring them forward as opportunity permits.

President Mike welcomed a full house to our noon meeting September 5th at the Mayfair. **Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio and **Bill Graham** said grace.

Birthdays were **Gerry Glassford** September 5th and **Owen Cornish** September 7th.

Bert Boren reported **Harry Mills** was in hospital for tests and **Ken McKenzie** was not well. Although he is having medical problems also, we were especially pleased to have **Dick Mandlis** attend our luncheon meeting. Our best wishes to all of them.

John Ross introduced our speaker **Bob Walker**. As president of a project consulting firm, Bob's 25 years of experience has involved him in projects such as our City Hall, renovation of the Coliseum and the new baseball park.

His slide presentation of our new baseball park was most informative. It was noteworthy that 57 lawyers negotiated contracts for their clients over a 14 month period. In spite of the limited space and the problems that arose in producing this wonderful facility, careful planning and good execution brought in the cost per seat at half that of a similar American ballpark - a remarkable achievement and a tribute to Edmonton planners, project managers, and contractors.

Gunnar Anderson thanked **Bob** for his presentation and presented him with a gift to signify our appreciation.

Mary Larson conducted the installation of our two new members: **Joe Bogach** sponsored by **Dave Burnett** and **Rev John Dowd** sponsored by **Rev William Graham**. The Gyro welcome of these two new members by all those present following their installation will have good memories for all of us.

The draw was won by **Retread**.

There will be no meeting Tuesday, September 19th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Al McClure reports that plans for the hockey pool are underway.

Marty and Shirley Larson announce the beginning of the 95/96 Bridge Season with 20 teams and would welcome new members to this fun part of Gyro.

President Mike notes club installations at Cranbrook September 16th, Calgary on September 23rd and Lethbridge on September 28th and invited interest and participation. Remember that there is a club subsidy for delegate travel costs.

John Stroppa has 54 booked for race night September 20th. There is free parking at Borden Park for a 5:30 pm opening. Enter east of the Grandstand and the escalator will take you to the table area.

John also reports 32 booked for the football tailgate party on October 1st.

The October 3rd Gyro luncheon speaker will be **Robbie Davidson**, a partner in the law firm of Davidson Gregory. **Robbie** is one of the top criminal lawyers in the City and defence counsel of choice for the Edmonton City Police. With a backdrop of such recent high profile cases as OJ Simpson and Paul Bernardo and issues such as assisted suicide raised by Sue Rodriques, Robbie will speak to us on "Recent Events in the Criminal Justice System and Where the Future May Lead Us." We look for a good turnout to hear this most distinguished Edmonton criminal lawyer.

Don some Klondike attire and seriously consider joining the fun at the Banff Curlarama November 3rd to 5th.

Our November 7th meeting will be an evening gathering with the Gyrettes (and guests) for a tour of the Andrew Wolf Winery in Stony Plain. Wine tasting at 5:30 pm will be followed by a wine tour at 6:00 pm. Supper will be in the Stony Plain Multi-cultural Centre located at 5411 - 51 Street, Stony Plain. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings will go from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and cost for the evening is \$15.00 per person. For reservations (deadline October 17th) call **Dean Paterson** at 449-5568.

Everyone is delighted that Gord Rennie (Retread) has agreed to serve as our Gyrolog Editor-in-Chief. This is especially welcome news to the currently publishing crew.



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