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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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OUR LAST MEETING on 2 March at the Mayfair Golf Club was a very lively, upbeat session, right from the start. President John Ross had a little trouble getting everyone's undivided attention because his gavel is still missing!

With the unfortunate loss of his "donger" he had to improvise by tapping an empty glass and calling out - "ding-dong, ding-dong" - with the result that he is now known as Ding-Dong Ross. However he prevailed and had the "Harmony Kid" Harry Mills lead us in Cheerio. Then he asked "Bible Bill" for the blessing which he provided in his own special way and closing with a "sweet" overture.

Our speaker on this occasion was our own Gyro Bill Agnew, who was introduced by President John. ~~Bill Agnew was born and raised in Edmonton and still lives in the Highlands district where he grew up.~~ He and Wendy have been married for 26 years and they have four children, two boys & two girls.

His father, the late Jack Agnew, was an active member of our club from 1950 until 1989, and was club President in 1979.

Today Bill gave an excellent talk and video showing their current business, a company called Riddle's Sweet Impressions, which was started by his very talented wife Wendy; who likes cooking and is very creative.

She has taken training from people from all over the world and has become an expert in making special cakes, decorating, and fancy desserts, the kind that you will find on that special evening at one of the top hotel dining rooms.

Bill gave up his construction business about three years ago to join Wendy in the operation of Riddle's Sweet Impressions.

It is impossible to reiterate the amazing story that Bill gave us about this fascinating, but demanding and complex business they operate. One particular point to emphasize is that the success or failure of producing their products, is that the measurements of the various ingredients, the timing and precise temperature is crucial.

They are now in their 6th year of this hard venture. The success they are achieving is ~~obviously the result of their very hard work and dedication in a very special field.~~ They are very progressive and if asked to provide something special or different, they say "yes we can" and accept the challenge.

As a manufacturer of quality, special chocolate creations, they custom design chocolate products to enhance the corporate image of any company or business. These chocolate logos provide a new way to present a corporate image through promotions, banquets, gifts, etc. Other Riddle products include:- Chocolate Dessert Shells: Truffles: Cakes & Fancy Desserts, as well as special occasion items for Easter, Christmas, Valentine's Day etc. While their business is primarily done in Alberta, their products are also found all across Canada.

Can you imagine making anywhere from 5 to a dozen wedding cakes or other special cakes per week-end - well that's part of Wendy's expertise! After viewing the video showing how some of the special desserts are made from scratch, Al McClure was heard to remark that he felt he had gained two pounds just by watching the process.

Gerry Glassford's expression of thanks to Bill for his fine presentation, on behalf of our members, was exceptionally well done; including the remarks he delivered in French. All in all it was a good meeting.

BIRTHDAYS - we were pleased to extend birthday greetings to John Pedden who celebrates another milestone on 2 March.

HEALTH & WELFARE - Bert Boren reported that he had been to see John Boychuk to give him and his Gyrette Regina, their new name tags, which had apparently been missing. John was pleased and send his regards to all.

CONDOLENCE - we report with regret the death on 19 February in Kelowna, B.C., of Doris Wood, Ernie Siegel's sister. Our sympathy is extended to Ernie & Beth and families.

CORRESPONDENCE - President John read a letter he received from our most senior Gyro, Stan Smith, written in his own inimitable style; thanking our members for the birthday card for his 94th birthday on February 24th. He also made reference to the three Gyros who delivered the card & their subsequent visit with him. Our thanks to you Stan; your letters are something special and most appreciated.

A letter of thanks was also received from Gaye Rutherford, expressing her appreciation for the continuing financial support she receives from our club, which is now in the form of an annuity.

DRAW WINNER - at our last meeting was lucky Gerry Diment.

NOTICE OF MOTION - President John Ross announced that the Board of Directors had approved proposed revisions to our club By-Laws applicable to applications for membership. This announcement constitutes a notice of motion, which, under by-law Article XIII requires publishing of the changes in the Gyrolog, followed by a vote of the members present at a regular meeting six weeks hence. Attached is a copy of the proposed changes to Article III (6) for your attention.

DISTRICT 8 INTERIM MEETING - at Fairmont Hot Springs 19-21 March, 1993. Barry & Valerie Walker will be going and if anyone who plans on this trip but who haven't so advised, please call John Ross or Barry.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT VII CONVENTION - will be held in Minneapolis, June 10-13, 1993. Make plans now and register early.

MIXED CURLING EVENT - SATURDAY 27 March 1993 - as you can see from the enclosed form that arrangements are being made for this fun event by Mike Matei & Marty Larson, is self-explanatory. They hope to have Gyros & Gyrettes from all 4 clubs in the Edmonton area. Please let them know right away about attending. If you don't wish to curl, then come out and play cards or just be a spectator, then join the gang for hospitality & dinner later. This should be a real mixer and fun evening.

FORT EDMONTON PARK - CHILDREN'S PENNY CARNIVAL - Dick Ogilvie has been asked by the staff at Fort Edmonton whether we will be able to provide some volunteers to man the games at the children's penny carnival to be held May 23 -23 at the Fort. Our Board of Directors approved the idea in principle and those members in attendance at the meeting on March 2nd, by a show of hands, indicated substantial interest in helping out. This would be a fun time for members, spouses, kids and guests. Call Dick for details. We are also hoping the other Gyro clubs will participate as well.

This volunteer work will be supervising the various events such as bean bag toss: ring toss: Ball throw:darts at balloons etc. They require a minimum of 30 people per day, from 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m. There will be playground activities in addition. Sounds like a great day for grandchildren & families. In case of inclement weather they will use a big marquee.

GYRO PLAQUE FOR FORT EDMONTON PARK - Our hard working Secretary Dick Ogilvie has met with the Fort Edmonton Foundation reps concerning possible arrangements to have a plaque showing the names of the Gyro Playgrounds, that our club provided over the years. The Foundation are in favor of the idea and suggested that it could be located at Gyro Park No.10 at the Fort. Estimates are being obtained as to the cost of such a plaque, which will be made known when determined. Money for this project may call for a fund raiser in the spring. More later.

HOCKEY POOL - names of the following winners were announced by Al McClure.
27 Feb 1993: 1st period: \$10.00 Paul A. Pope: Jean Warrack: Ivy Rennie.
2nd " and final score: \$40.00 M. Blatt and Craig Russell.
6 Mar " 1st period \$10.00 Andy Russell: Karen Nielsen: B. Lineker.
2nd " \$15.00 Wm. Brook: Jean Ellis.
Final score \$25.00 M. Hurley: Gill Bilodeau: Ron Ewoniak.

ROSTER CHANGES - ALLAN URSULAK: business address:- Frost Haight Architects, 10620-103 Ave T5J 0J2 (B) 426-5665 (F) 426-5667.

WAYNE KNIGHT (St. Albert Gyro Club) phone number should read 459-3581

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - only one received to date and that from Stan Smith, who likes the idea. As he says, "we all enjoy saying, I have been published." Many thanks Stan.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE - In a day when the penalty for murder was death, with no recommendation for mercy, no possible appeal for a new trial or commutation of sentence for political expediency; the story is told of a curvaceous killer of her husband's lover. She stood on the scaffold and pleaded with the Warden for one last request, "let me be hanged in the nude", she asked. Although he thought it strange & unusual he couldn't refuse to grant it. My Gawd!" he exclaimed, "you have the most beautiful body in the world!" "It's all yours, she whispered, if you can keep your trap shut".

VOX POP - ~~Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one. (Ivan Iyankovich)~~

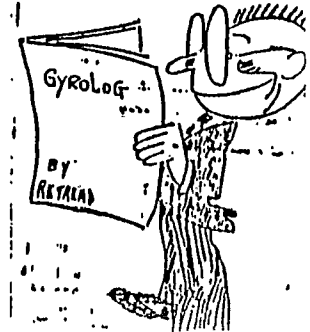
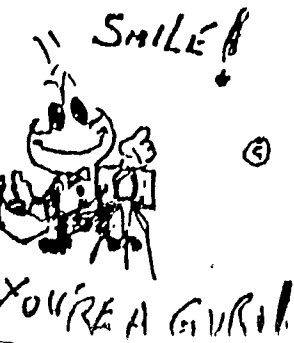
Tact is rubbing out another's mistake, instead of rubbing it in. (Dick Ogilvie).

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 16 March 1993, at 12.00 noon at the Mayfair Golf Club. Program Team #13, of Gunnar Anderson, Bert Boren and Howard Wilson, are in charge of arrangements.

Team Captain Gunnar Anderson advised that our guest speaker will be Mr. Bob Sharpe, President of the Board of Directors of the CITADEL THEATRE. His talk will be about the history, structure, function and planning of this important facility. This should be an interesting program, so come and share it with a friend.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: CHANGE OF BY-LAWS

6. The election of active members shall be as follows:
- a) A prospective member should be hosted at one noon luncheon at least, and , at one mixed social in order for the prospect and his spouse to learn something about Gyro. This exposure will show the prospect what, in addition to good attendance, would be expected of him as a Gyro member should he apply and be accepted for membership.
 - b) If the prospect indicates a wish to become a member, a nomination for membership may be made by two active members on a form . prescribed by the Directors. Upon completion of the application form, signed by the nominee and the sponsoring members, the form will be passed to the Secretary. Th Secretary will pass the form to the Membership Committee for review. The Secretary will, at the same time, supply certain pertinent information about the nominee to the Editor of the club bulletin who will publish same in two consecutive issues of the bulletin.
 - c) The Membership Committee will decide to recommend acceptance or rejection of the application at a time not later than the date of the second posting in the bulletin. The Committee will return the application to the Secretary with the decision of the Committee clearly noted thereon.
 - d) If the application is approved, and no objections have arisen from the posting process, the president shall declare the nominee to have been elected to membership; and, he will instruct the Secretary to arrange the induction of the new member.
 - e) If the application is refused, the Chair of the Membership Committee will notify the sponsors and it will their duty to advise the nominee.