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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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At our last meeting on June 16th we were pleased to welcome Rick Little, Past President of the Crossroads Gyro Club, who was introduced by Al McClure, for whom Rick works. Now Rick knows why Al is away from the office so long for our Tuesday luncheon meetings.

President John Ross welcomed back travellers Andy Friderichsen and Larry Wang. He also welcomed Mort Morter, who is coming along satisfactorily after his recent hospitalization.

Birthdays - marking another milestone are:- Padre Bill Graham on June 17th; Neil Sheidow on June 19th and John Boychuk on July 6th. Our congratulations and best wishes for the future to these celebrants.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that the health of the club was generally good, although Vern Sadd is still waiting to return to hospital for further treatment. Ernie Siegel is receiving some chelation therapy in Kelowna, B.C., and will be away for some time. Bert made no mention of the Gyros who went overseas on a wine tour. Judging by two of the returnees - Ivan Ivankovich & Marty Larson - they appear to be in good spirits!

Our speaker on June 16th was as previously reported, not a "guest speaker" but our own Gyro Allan Warrack. He was introduced by President John Ross, whose resume of Allan's many accomplishments, included the field of education; as an MLA for the Provincial Government during which time he held two important portfolio's; his interest and involvement in various areas in the private sector, etc., read like an entry in a "Who's Who" of famous people. His success has been the result of hard work, organization and dedication, which he continues to demonstrate at the University of Alberta.

One of his many interests lies in the realm of Mega Projects. His talk and picture presentation today was all about the Eurotunnel, which is being constructed between England and France under the English Channel.

Through his own initiative, Allan visited the site of this great feat of engineering while in England last October and saw what he described as "the mother" of Mega projects.

Back in the days of Napoleon, the idea of building a tunnel from France to England for invasion purposes was considered, but never materialized. Then in 1878 a tunnel was started for commercial purposes, while the present tunnel was started in 1987 with a completion date targeted for 1993.

There will actually be three tunnels, two for transportation with a service tunnel in between. Passenger trains will serve on a continuing basis 24 hours a day, with a train leaving approximately every 20 minutes. There will be through freight train service, some carrying large trucks, lorries, buses, etc., with a crossing time of less than half an hour.

It is impossible to reiterate all the information and statistics concerning the equipment being used in this tremendous undertaking; suffice it to say that (to use the venacular) it is mind boggling!

It was a most interesting, fascinating talk which held everyone's attention. Our thanks to Allan for his presentation and to John Pedden for expressing our appreciation.

Membership - First Posting - Robert Norman Lippe, retired. Address 1202, 11920-100 Avenue Edmonton, Ab. T5K 0K5. Phone 488-5220. Wife's name Jean. Sponsor Bryce Van Dusen, seconder Ken McKenzie.

Mail Call - President John advised that he had received a note from Neil Sheidow, who now resides in Barrie, Ont. Neil sent John a Joke Book and John read two of them - but would go no further - suggesting that two of them at one time was enough!! Marty & Shirley Larson recently visited the Sheidow's and had dinner with them, together with Past International Gyro President Bruce and Dolores Poll, and had a great visit with them.

Stampede City Installation - was held on 13 June, with 4 couples attending from our club including, John & Helen Ross: John & Yvette Stroppa: Ed & Natalie Edlund, and Marty and Shirley Larson. They were made very welcome and had a fun time.

Wedding Anniversaries - did you see the article in the Edmonton Journal on 15 June (with two good pictures) all about our good friends Keith & Jan Bradley; who will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary next month. Our congratulations and best wishes for their health and happiness in the years ahead. Dig those pictures! - we always knew that Jan was a child bride - but who is the splendid splinter with her in the first picture!

We just learned from our roving reporter, that two more fine people, Larry & Carol Dobson, recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. Our belated congratulations and best wishes, may you enjoy many more. (Thanks Marty for the information).

Cash Draw - on 16th June - the lucky winner was ye editor! ( I owe you one, Rick)

Change in Club By-Laws - this item of business was dealt with on June 16th as follows:- It was duly moved by John Pedden and seconded by Jack Ellis, that a new sub-section under Article IX of the Club By-Laws be added, viz:- Sec 5(a) "The Board shall not commit the club as an organization to obligations, debt, financing agreements, or financial contracts to individuals, charities or organizations, beyond the level of funds raised for such purposes; and provided all such obligations, debt, financing agreements or financial contracts, have a term not exceeding one year. The motion was carried unanimously.

Installation of Officers - at our Tri-Club Installation on 2 May 1992, three of our members were unable to be present to be officially installed into their respective offices. However they have been performing their duties and on 16 June, our International V/President Marty Larson officially administered the oath of office to:- Vice President John Stroppa: Secretary Richard C. (Dick) Ogilvie and Director Gunnar Anderson.

Roster Change - please note that Reverend Bill Graham's new telephone number is 488-8800.

Gyrettes Corner - Gyrette Eva Pawling has a new address. She is now living at 303 Pleasant-view Place, 5210 - 110 Street, Edmonton, Ab. T6H 5K1.

Constable Ezio Faraone Park - the opening celebration of this memorial park took place on Sunday 21 June 1992, to honor this Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty on June 25th 1990.

A large number attended this ceremony in the park which is located near the north end of the high level bridge. Our Club Secretary Dick Ogilvie and Margaret represented our club as special guests at a reception following the park opening. You will recall that our Gyro club approved a donation of \$10,000.00 towards the cost of the Ezio Faraone Park. On June 24th 1992 the following members of our club; President John Ross: Secretary Dick Ogilvie and Int'l V/President Marty Larson, met with Police Chief Doug McNally and Inspector Dick Bevan, Chairman of the Constable Ezio Faraone Park Association, to officially present our club's donation. We understand that the Gyro Club of Edmonton name will appear on a Park Plaque, together with the names of the other donors to this memorable cause.

Gyro International Convention - Lake Tahoe - July 14-17, 1992 - just one last reminder that this important gathering will be here before you know it. Finalize your plans now and get on the "Edmonton Area Gyros & Gyrettes Bandwagon" for "Marvelous Marty's big moment!!!"

District 8 Convention - July 23-26 at Grand Forks, B.C. This is one you won't want to miss, so take in Grand Forks and enjoy their special brand of hospitality.

Smiles & Chuckles :- As a golfer approached the first tee, a hazardous hole with a green surrounded by water, he debated if he should use a new ball. Deciding that the hole was too treacherous he took out an old ball and placed it on a tee. Just then he heard a voice from above say loudly, "USE A NEW BALL". Frightened he replaced the old ball with a new one and prepared to drive. Now the voice shouted, "TAKE A PRACTICE SWING". With this the golfer stepped back and took a swing. Now feeling confident he approached the tee, when the voice rang out again - "USE AN OLD BALL."

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Did you hear about the politician who was so concerned about air pollution, that he cancelled his next six speeches.  
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"Oh damn!" said the ram as he ran off a cliff, "I didn't see that U turn."

Vox Pop - There is no tranquilizer in the world more effective than a few kind words. (John Boychuk)  
Just remember when you recover the hill you begin to pick up speed. (Bernie Brown)

No scoundrel is ever uninteresting. (Andy Carabott)

Once you get people laughing, they're listening, and you can tell them almost anything. (David Burnett)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 7 July 1992, at 12.00 noon at the Mayfair Golf Club. Vice President John Stroppa will chair the meeting.

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Detective Joann McCartney, of the Edmonton Police Service, Vice Detail; whose talk will be about a serious problem in the City of Edmonton. It concerns the "oldest profession in the world."

"Nuff said!" - see you there!

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