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Greetings Gyros! It has been pointed out that recent editions of the Gyrolog did not have a dateline. A word of explanation: You may have the date that Owen faxes the info to the Glassords; you may have the date that Gerry and Alice get it onto their computer; next date could be for printing and meter-posting at Barry's office; the real date would be when Gord Robertson (and his licker) get it in the "snail" mail to you. Confusing, isn't it?

Now to business. **John Stroppa** wishes to remind us that the membership dues for the period July to September are now due.

President **Mike Matei** brought the July 4th meeting to order and called on **Harry Mills** for Cheerio and **Bert Boren** for grace. **Peter Carter** was our welcomed guest.

Birthday wishes were for **Ron Ewoniak** on July 6th. **Bert Boren** led us in warmly welcoming **Andy Carabott** back after surgery. **Russ Shepherd** is recovering nicely from an eye cataract operation. **Gord Rennie** was looking chipper but wouldn't show his scars from recent gall bladder surgery.

It has just been brought to our attention that **Ron Ewoniak's** father recently passed away. Our sympathy and heartfelt wishes to Ron and family.

Jack Ellis led us through our financial statement followed by **John Stroppa** with the proposed new budget. Our thanks to **Jack** and **John** for their efforts on the club's behalf.

A Viking story: **Ivan Ivankovich** of Team #13 told us about a dream he had where he slept in and was two hours late arriving at our meeting to introduce the guest speaker. Our P.I.P. filled in for **Ivan** and when the latter finally arrived our **Marty** was still introducing the speaker. A wag (first name could be **Allan**) asked if **Ivan's** dreams were always so realistic! (Editor's note: It would have been better had you been there, **Marty**.)

Ivan's interesting guest speaker **William Vincolecetto's** varied career included,

among other things, five years with the ALCB. As the son of a career diplomat he is widely travelled. **William** spoke on the privatization of the sale of wine and spirits in Alberta. It was a sobering (pun intended) experience to learn that Steve West and Co. have rid themselves of considerable expense, given away no control over the market, and applied a flat tax with the result that [?so} the lower range price of wine and spirits (80% of the volume retailed) has had a price increase.

There are now many outlets (one town has seven where they had one ALCB store) and they are forced to operate on a very small mark-up. The first reaction is that this will benefit the consumer. However, unless "Big Brother" is on his toes, large well funded chains (including food stores) could reduce their mark-up to wipe out the small operators (as they did in California), then gradually increase their mark-up to a more realistic level -- it's enough to drive a man to drink!

After a lively question period, **Larry Dobson** thanked **Mr Vincolecetto** for his enlightening talk.

How would you like to travel from Toronto to Edmonton with a mere 25 cents to call your own? Come and find out at our next meeting July 18th when Team #1: **Allan Warrack, Tom Douglas and Mel Snihurowych** will have as our guest speaker **Rick Nielsen** who works for WAJO Studios and who was one of five to attempt this journey. It's called "The Big Challenge: It was a crazy thing to do." Sure sounds like fun.

Ken McKenzie was the winner of the July 4th meeting draw.

Nex meeting: Mayfair at noon July 18th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 27 - 30, 1995 | District VIII Convention in Calgary |
| August 10 (Thurs), 1995 | Mixed Golf Scramble at Westridge (Devon) and BBQ and fun to follow at Bryce Van Dusen's (see below) |
| August 28, 1995
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September 20, 1995 | Harness Racing at Northlands. Contact John Stroppa or Fred Schulte for reservations no later than August 28th. The \$21.00 prepaid cost includes a menu selection. Gyro fun begins at 5:30 pm Wednesday, September 20th. |

There has been a good early response to registering for the Mixed Gold Scramble at Westridge (Devon) on Thursday, August 10th. At this writing (July 6th) 38 are registered to golf; 54 for the BBQ. We are pleased to have at least 6 more from the Crossroads Club and at least one couple from Sherwood Park who will joint us for dinner. Remember **August 1st** is the deadline for your paid up registration.



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