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#### **Editor**

Allan Douglas Phone/Fax 433-5409 Roger Russell led us in rousing rendition of Cheerio. Bill Graham gave us a thoughtful grace.

Wayne Tingley introduced his guest, Lawrence Zarowny. This is Lawrence's second luncheon and he is a prospective new member.

Mort Morter introduced his two guests, Stephan Davidge and Rod Fay, who will be our guest speakers. Stephan is the current President of Crimestoppers of Edmonton and Northern Alberta and Rod is the Past President.

President Victor mentioned there was a handout on the table outlining the 2002 Board of Governors' Award of Distinction that was given to District Governor Gerry Glassford by the University of Alberta.

PIP Marty still has a few hockey tickets left for the pool for those that are interested. He also encouraged anyone that has any tickets left to return them in the next couple of weeks.

Marty also informed the meeting that Dave Duchak had been voted into the North Battleford Beavers Hall of Fame. Ernie Siegel had watched Dave play for the North Battleford Beavers and he recounted that Dave had also played for the Trail Smoke Eaters.

**Mort Morter** had no report on the health of the club.

President Victor reported that there has been a good response to the Black Cat Ranch, with nine couples already signed up for May 27th and 28th 2003. We need 10 couples to receive a 10% discount. Please get your names in as soon as possible. Confirmation with deposit of \$70 per person should be in President Victor's possession as soon as possible but no later than November 15, 2002. Please make out your cheque to the Edmonton Gyro Club.

Mort Morter introduced the current and past president of Crime Stoppers. Stephan Davidge, the current president, is a National Account Manager with Telus. He is also the past chair of the Rotary Club of Edmonton and has also been active with Junior Achievement, Salvation Army and the Canadian Cancer Society. Stephan gave us background on the Crime Stoppers program. Rod Fay is the Past President of Crime Stoppers and discussed how the program is funded.

The program is a voluntary organization that started in 1983. The basic objective of the club is to help eliminate two inhibitors to public action to crime, and that is Apathy and Fear. They utilize crime reenactments on television (sponsored by Global Television) as well as an anonymous tips line that issues cash awards if the perpetrators are brought to justice.

The program has been responsible for 5300 arrests, 1100 cases have been cleared, \$16 million of property has been returned and \$25 million of narcotics have been seized.

They expressed concern that crime is on the increase due to various gang activities. The gangs seem to be well organized and well funded.

An ongoing part of their program is public awareness. The program teaches children and adults how to react in certain situations. A large part of it is to educate people on how to counter the criminal element when scams are involved.

Rod stated that award maximums are \$2000, which are usually for tips on homicides or sexual assaults. Most awards are at the \$550 to \$1500 levels. Money to support the programs comes from voluntary contributions and fundraisers such as golf tournaments and telethons (sponsored by Global Television). 93% of their fundraising goes to finance the tip awards. If anyone would like to contribute to the program, please call Stephan.

Ernie Siegel thanked them for the very informative presentation.

**SECOND POSTING**: Jim and Audrey Brown of 1342 Potter Greens Dr. Edmonton, T5T 6A3. Telephone 487-0764. They have six grown children. Jim is President of J.W.Brown Professional Corporation 423-4460. Jim's email address is <a href="mailto:brownjw@shaw.ca">brownjw@shaw.ca</a> Jim was proposed by **Peter Fairbridge** and seconded by his neighbour **Larry Dobson**.

**President Victor** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

As your inattentive Gyrolog Editor I want you to join me in a huge thank you to **Wayne Tingley** who graciously agreed to take the notes for this meeting. He did a great job and I can see that I need to pay more attention to some of the details. Thank you **Wayne**!!!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**President Victor** reminded club members of the preparations for the Founder's Night dinner. The dinner is at the Faculty Club, includes champagne and wine and club speeches will be kept to a minimum. The cost is \$50 per person. Please let Victor know as soon as possible.

Mike Matei, John Ross, Fred Schulte and Gerry Glassford; have already signed up to attend the 2002 Curlarama in Banff. Please let Mike know if you want to attend. Curlarama is scheduled for November 1, 2, and 3, at the Voyager Inn in Banff. With two per room the cost is \$165 for a minimum of three games, two nights hotel, two breakfasts, hospitality Friday night, and a banquet on Saturday.

Our next meeting will be held at Mayfair Golf and Country Club. We will be installing Jim Brown as a new member. We will also making decisions on our Charitable Donations for 2002.

The Christmas Party is still on December 3, so mark it on your calendars. If will be held in the same venue as last year (Shaw Conference Centre).

Same Old Bull

Allan

