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President Bruce welcomed a good turnout of Gyros to the first meeting of the summer. **VP Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio. **Al McClure** pointed out that following **Larry's** lead, our group sang better than it had since the days we were led by **Harry Mills**. **Past President Gord Robertson** asked the blessing.

President Bruce reported that over twenty people went to Westlock for the tractor museum and demonstration. There was a tractor parade and tractor pull. They enjoyed the event and a good meal at the Westlock Inn. Thanks to **Walter Yakimets** and his team for a well organized, fun event.

Allan Warrack reminded us about the Quad Club Golf Tournament to be held on September 11, 2000. If you want an application form contact **Allan**. He also let us know that if you want your file from the 'Big Brother' that Human Resources Development Canada is dismantling, you can request it prior to the end of June. The information is in the *Longitudinal Labour Force File Databank*. You need to write to:

Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator,
Human Resources Development Canada,
Phase IV, Level 1,
140 Promenade du Portage,
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Include your name, address, phone number and social insurance number. You will receive confirmation of your request from HRDC. When your information is ready you will need 2 pieces of photo ID to pick it up at the local HRDC office.

Marty Larson reported on the Red Deer Golf Tournament. Our own **Mike Matei** won the low gross with a score of 78. Congratulations **Mike**. The most expensive shot of the day was **Boyd Tucker's** hole in one. He is from Lethbridge and bought a round or two for all of the Gyros at the tournament.

Mort Morter reported on the Health of the Club. **John Pedden** is undergoing chemotherapy, and **Ed Edlund** is not feeling well. Also, **Dan Lawton** is having a sun spot removed and **Dick Ogilvie** has been having some balance problems and had an MRI on the day of our meeting.

The only birthday in the month of June was **Dick Ogilvie** on June 3. Many happy returns.

Barry Walker informed us that there are 35 signed up for the Gyro Golf Scramble on July 5th. Only a few have paid so far and **Barry** must pay up front. Please get a cheque to him as soon as possible. The cost is \$35 per person for the golf and BBQ.

Barry Walker is also updating our roster. If there are any changes in address etc. please let **Barry** know.

Owen Cornish introduced our guest speaker, Sheila O'Kelly, the Executive Director of World Triathlon 2001 to be held in Edmonton next summer. There is an elite competition for the professionals but there are also age group competitions. The oldest competitor so far was 82.

The World Event will start and end at Hawrelak Park. The first leg is a 1,500 meter swim in the lake at the park. That is followed by a 40 km bike ride and a 10 km run. The whole event will be completed in about two hours. The official opening of the Triathlon will be combined with the Klondike Days Parade. The event is expected to have a \$17 million positive impact on the City of Edmonton.

This year on July 16th, there will be an International Triathlon event in preparation for next year. If you want to attend there will be grandstands erected in the park. This should be an interesting spectator sport so lets get out and support our city.

Bill Agnew thanked our speaker and presented her with a gift to express our appreciation.

The following comes from McFadden's Joke Corner in the Lethbridge Gyrolog. It is a first grade true story.

A first grade teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read "and so the pig went up to a man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, "Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?" the teacher paused and asked the class, "And what so you think that the man said?" A little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he said 'Holy Shit! A talking pig'". The teacher was unable to teach for the next ten minutes.

There were two draws. In the first, **VP Larry Dobson** won a free lunch. The second was for two fee tickets to the International Triathlon Event on July 16, 2000 and **Victor Jagoldas** went away happy.

IF there are any more Gyros who would like to receive the Gyrolog by email please let me know and I will add you to the list. Also, if some of you would like to receive the Gyrolog more quickly and you have a fax machine I would be happy to fax it to you when it is ready for printing. For either option, call me at 436-5903.

I missed a very important event in the last Gyrolog. At the Quad Club installation there was a very important presentation by then **President Gordon Robertson**. He had the honour of presenting **Gord Rennie** with his 50 year Gyro Membership Plaque. It was a wonderful opportunity since Gord is also a member of the other clubs and he was honoured with all his Gyro friends to witness. Congratulations Gordon!!!

Upcoming Events

For our next meeting on June 20th, Roy Bennett has arranged for Elizabeth Dechert, the Director of Capital and Strategic Planning for the University of Alberta to tell us about the south campus development. The land south of the Balmoral Curling Club will be developed for the World Athletics Championships and longer run use.

The **Gyro International and District VIII Convention** will be held in Winnipeg July 13 – 16, 2000. The Convention hotel is the historic Hotel Fort Garry. Many of the Edmonton Gyros who attend the convention are planning further fun and friendship after the Sunday breakfast. **John and Helen Ross** are organizing a week in Killarney after the convention. There will be cabins for those who want to spend a week (or less) with Gyro friends. There is a terrific golf course in Killarney and other attractions nearby. If you are interested in participating in this Gyro week please contact **John** or **Helen**.

The Gyro Club of Sherwood Park is hosting the **District VIII Convention** from August 24 to August 27, 2000 at the Fantasyland Hotel. The program includes a Beach Party at the Waterpark on Thursday evening, golf and a tour of the Ukrainian Village and bocci on Friday, dinner at Festival Place, a ladies brunch and the Governor's Ball on Saturday and a float away breakfast on Sunday. For more information, contact the Convention Chairman, **Bernie Kropp** at 440-1234.

The Sherwood Park Club is organizing the Second Annual "**Gyro/Gyrette**" **Quad Club Golf Tournament** on Monday September 11, 2000 at the Legends Golf & Country Club. Registration is limited to the first 48 **PAID** golfers and groups will be made up in advance. The ladies will play first commencing at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$52.00 per person, which includes a power cart and a Ribeye steak dinner. The price for dinner only is \$25.00.

Same Old Bull

Allan

