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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

December 30, 1986

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 1987, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

1. The Edmonton Gyrettes will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1987, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 8.00 p.m.
2. The Second Meeting in January of the Edmonton Gyro Club will be an EVENING MEETING to be held on WEDNESDAY, January 21, 1987, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 6.00 p.m. The following new members will be inducted by Governor Marty Larson: Allan Douglas, Allan Ursulak, and Barry Walker. All District Gyros are cordially invited to attend. Let's have a record turnout to welcome these new members.
3. The Crossroads Gyro Club's 30th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Capilano Motor Inn on Friday, February 20, 1987 at 6:00 p.m. **PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!**, including a GRAND PRIZE of \$1000.00 for the owner of the last ticket drawn from the barrel.

SICK AND VISITING

We were informed that Gladys Buchanan had the misfortune recently to fall and fracture a hip. We trust that she is convalescing comfortably and will soon be up and around.

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Game No. 6, December 13, 1986

~~\$10.00 - Russ Carter, 1456; Dwight Sarabin, 1578; Erica Lang, 1652.~~
\$15.00 - Bernice Pedden, 1467; Brenda Priddle, 1489; Adam Letawsky, 1654.
\$25.00 - K. Vander Ploeg, 1477; Garry Campbell, 1599.

Game No. 7, December 20, 1986

\$10.00 - Bill Bentley, 1495; Vern Sadd, 1638.
\$15.00 - Mark Agnew, 1505; John Acheson, 1548.
\$25.00 - Marg. McKenzie, 1527; Harvey Millar, 1570.

THIS WEEK (41)

President Al McClure welcomed Bert Weir and Ron Ewaniuk, guests of Marty Larson. Also in attendance was a motley crew from Sherwood Park seeking sanctuary at the altar of the Edmonton Gyro Club. They had recently been harried and hounded by the Sheriff of Nottingham and had to forsake the friendly confines of Sherwood Forest. Led by Friar Tuck, the group included Will Scarlett, Little John, Allan-a-dale, Robin and all his other Hoods garbed in their appropriate costumes of Lincoln green. In order to forestall the hapless Sheriff each took unto himself an alias, the following of which are fair samples: Agostino Annicchiarico (also known as the Alphabet), Terry Bajer, John de Munnik (the Friar or Chief Chipmonk), Keith Bradley, Jeff Charlebois (sometimes known as Mutt), Don Coyne, Dieter Linder, Dan O'Brien, Barry Pratt, and Gene Thorarinson (the one with the light brown hair).

As this was an unexpected influx of guests we were caught with our larder low. But being filled with the spirit(s) of Christmas and goodwill we were able to set up a couple more tables and share our provender with these refugees from the Park.

This is all in the proper spirit of Gyro friendship and fellowship, and they were duly and forthrightly welcomed by President Al, who also kept a close watch on all our symbols of office.

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It was moved by Harry Mills and seconded by John Pedden that \$200.00 be donated to the Edmonton Christmas Bureau from the Benevolent Funds. Carried. Moved by Jim Humphries and seconded by Roger Russell that \$1500.00 be transferred from the Hockey Sweepstakes Fund to the Convention Fund. Carried.

The feature of the meeting was the Annual traditional Christmas message delivered by Padre Rev. Bill Graham.

He traced the origin of this Club custom from Rev. K.C. McLeod and carried on through the era of Rev. Dr. Jess Bigelow.

Today, he said, Christmas seems to begin earlier and earlier each year under the thrust of the hucksters. In early September around Labor Day we are warned that there are only so many shopping days left before December 25. It gains momentum in October and it's full speed ahead in November when the merchants open up with their Santa Claus parades, their Santas employed in many retail businesses and malls, and the sound of music heard throughout the land from Handel's Messiah to punk rock.

The toy makers strenuously push the commercial concept with their destructive models of war weapons and space creatures and their human like dolls - a far cry from the Toymaker of Nuremberg.

But, as was pointed out by the speaker, this season of joy and happiness is not for all. In our land of plenty there are all too ^{many} who do not look forward to the Christmas season. One sees, he said, the Salvation Army with its kettles in many strategic locations appealing to all to keep the pot boiling. Why, he asked, can we not have these paper, not coin collections, throughout the year? Why can we not have this level of feeling throughout the year? Then he reminded us of the real meaning of Christmas - the birth of a King in a lowly Bethlehem stable some 2000 years ago. His mother was a simple peasant woman; his father a carpenter. He lived but thirty years on this earth. He had none of the attributes for success. He wrote no books. He had few friends. He had many enemies. But He was the central figure in a cause that had the profoundest effect on the people of the world. He brought faith to a world in doubt. He brought hope out of despair. He preached love in a world of fear.

In conclusion, he stated, even today God is ever present in Christ.

Thank you, Bill Graham.

The draw was won by Barry Walker.

If you have trouble with your creditors after your Christmas expenditures consider the case of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, a famous 18th century dramatist. To mull in English dialect means to muddle or fumble. The Berry Bros., still notable London wine merchants, sent Sheridan, following the festive season - too promptly to please him - a mulled up bill. He wrote back:

You have sent me your Bilberry,
Before it is Dewberry.
This is nothing but a Mulberry,
And I am coming round to kick your Rasberry
Until it is Blackberry
And Blueberry.

So much for 18th century trust and goodwill.

May you all have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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