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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE - MAY IT BE ONE OF CARING, SHARING, GIVING AND LOVING - IN GOOD HEALTH AND GYRO HAPPINESS.

At our last meeting on 7 January, in addition to our guest speaker, we were happy to welcome and share Gyro with Marty Larson's brother Andy, from Sydney Australia; and President Merrill's guest Owen Cornish, who is interested in joining Gyro.

Gunnar Anderson arranged for and introduced our guest speaker Mr. Bill Stewart, President and CEO of the YMCA. He was born and raised in Calgary, but came to Edmonton where he attended the University of Alberta, graduating with a BPE degree. He then obtained a Masters Degree at the University of Oregon. He joined the YMCA in 1970 and has been active in all phases of this organization, including International activities.

Mr. Stewart gave a fine talk about the work of the YMCA, which he described as the world's largest volunteer non-profit organization. It started in London England in 1844 and is now established in some 92 countries around the world.

The magnitude and role of the "Y" is outstanding and basically covers three main areas, viz:- Health & Recreation: Employment, and Child & Youth Development. However they provide many other services and charities including educational services, counselling, employment initiatives, day care centres, etc. They are involved in many communities around the world with each "Y" being autonomous.

Both the YMCA and the YWCA (50% of the total membership are women) are financially self supporting, except for a limited assistance from the United Way.

Mr. Stewart's talk was very enlightening, educational and most interesting. Our thanks to Gunnar Anderson for arranging this program and to Roy Bennett for expressing our thanks to Mr. Stewart.

BIRTHDAYS - birthday congratulations were expressed to John Ross and John Stroppa who celebrated their birthdays on January 2nd, while their fellow Capricorn, Harry Mills did likewise on the 5th of January.

HEALTH & WELFARE - President Merrill extended greetings to Mort Morter and Garry Diment who are recovering nicely from their recent health problems. He also announced that Dick Ogilvie had recently undergone some serious surgery, but with good results. He is expected home shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Merrill announced that our Board of Directors and Executive members will hold a meeting at his home at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 28 January. Your attendance is important.

BOCCI NIGHT - Al McClure reported that arrangements have been made for our annual Bocci Night to be held on Monday 3 February at the Italian Cultural Centre, at 14230-133 Avenue. Cocktails at 6.00 and dinner at 6.30 p.m. HOWEVER - the centre opens at 5.00 p.m. and for those who can be there between 5.00 & 6.00, can have a bocci practice session. It is understood that some sharp-shooters from both Crossroads and Sherwood Park clubs will be joining us, so perhaps a little work-out might be in order. In any event you won't want to miss this fun night, replete with good Italian food and wine. Remember there are no losers in this event - just a few also rans. Don't forget to let Al McClure, you will be attending.
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VALENTINE'S PARTY - has been all arranged for February 14th. This is a dinner party and show called "Knaughty Knights" at the Neighborhood Inn (formerly Londonderry Hotel) at 13103 Fort Road. Doors open at 6.00 p.m. and you must be seated by 6.30. Reports are that this is great entertainment with audience participation - sounds like fun. If you haven't signed up to attend, please let Ed Edlund know right away (487-2826). Ed will be collecting the money for tickets (\$30.00 per person) at our next meeting on 21 January.

DISTRICT 8 INTERIM MEETING - will be held at Fairmont Hotsprings, B.C., March 20-23. Roger Russell reminded us of this important gathering and that he has registration forms for those planning to attend. Registration fee is \$100.00 per couple. Give Roger a call at 434-4333,

1992 GYRO INTERNATIONAL INTERIM MEETING & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - January 23-26 at the Viscount Suite Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. This is your last reminder!

GYRO EXTERNAL EXPANSION - Gyro International Vice President Marty Larson reported that plans and meetings for a proposed new Gyro Club in St. Albert, Alberta are going well. Interest is good and they hope to have sufficient numbers to form a club, possibly by March. Any help you can give by providing names of anyone whom you feel would be interested in Gyro, would be appreciated by Rick Little (Crossroads, Keith Bradley (Sherwood Park) Marty Larson and others who have been working hard to try and establish a new club.

MEMBERSHIP - First Posting - Owen Wilson Cornish, 10503-46 Street Edmonton, AB. T6A 1Y2. phone 469-1514. Retired, widower. Proposed by Merrill Morstad, seconded by Roger Russell.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - The Edmonton Crossroads and the Sherwood Park Gyro Clubs will co-host a gentlemen's supper, to be held on February 21, 1992. This supper will commence at 6.30 p.m. in the Imperial Room at the Convention Inn South (45 Avenue & the Calgary Trail).

The cost will be \$50.00 per person which will include a gourmet buffet dinner, all alcoholic drinks, entertainment and a chance to win one of many prizes. The GRAND PRIZE will be \$1000.00 which will be awarded to the last name drawn in a reverse draw.

There are only a limited number of tickets available, which means that you must advise either Rick Little(430-8500) or Keith Bradley(467-2786) as soon as possible, if you wish to attend. Any prizes which may be donated to this evenings gathering will be greatly appreciated.

NOTE!! - ALL PROCEEDS WHICH ARE MADE FROM THIS EVENING WILL BE DONATED TO THE FORMATION OF THE NEW ST. ALBERT GYRO CLUB.

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Now that's what I good a good incentive for supporting this event. You could be the big winner. Give Rick or Keith a call now. (retread).

THE GIFT OF LIFE - our congratulations to Barry Pratt (Sherwood Park) and Roger Russell(Edmonton), both of whom recently achieved a total of giving 100 blood donations, to the Red Cross - Blood Doner Clinic. Good on ya' boys, we are proud of you.

HOCKEY POOL - 4 January Game - \$10.00 H.S. Granchuk: Rudy Sheen. \$15.00 & \$25.00 (\$40.00)
George Mah: Margaret McClure (Wpg): Merrill Morstad: Mort Morter.

Game 11 January - \$10.00 Bob Allen: Steve Glover: \$15.00 Hennig Brendal: Donna Vansen, and D. Johnson: \$25.00 Merrill Morstad: Ab Deyo: Joan McDonald.

MAIL CALL - President Merrill read a letter he had received from our good friend, Gyro Neil Sheidow who is now living in Barrie, Ontario. Neil and Ann send their best wishes for a Happy New Year to all Gyros & Gyrettes in the Edmonton area. Should anyone be travelling down their way they would be happy to hear from you. Effective 31 January his address will be 195 Cardinal Street, Barrie Ont. L4M 6G8.

SMILES & CHUCKLES (do you remember these?)

Sign on the back of a bakery trucks rear doors, "Please don't bump me, you'll bruise my buns".
"Punning is the lowest from of humour" said the poet to the punster. Said the punster to the poet, "poetry is verse".

VOX POP - Fatherhood is pretending the present you like the most is soap-on-a-rope. (Dick Mandlis)

It is better to debate a question without settling it, than to settle a question without debating it. (Garry Diment)

A friend is one who makes you feel totally acceptable. (Ian McIntyre).

Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity. (Gerry Glassford)

Speaking or writing without thinking is like shooting without aiming. (Russ Shepherd).

A people that values it's priviligés abouve it's principles, soon loses both. (Bert Boren)

Don't laugh at old age - some folks never make it. (Victor Jagoldus)

OUR NEXT MEETING

The date : 21 January 1992

The place : Mayfair Golf Club

The time : 12.00 noon

Program Team No. 9 : Ivan Ivankovich & the Grahams - Bill & Stewart

The program : IT'S A SURPRISE - (we don't have a clue, but it must be legal
(with Ivan as Team Leader!))

Your obligation : your attendance - in support of the unknown!

Your privilege : to bring a friend

Our pleasure : to share Gyro and the "surprise" with him.

See you there. (retread)

NOW LISTEN UP!!



Rumour has it that "retread" is going to California. That's no rumour bub, it's the truth. We leave on January 27 and come wandering home about April 7th. We need the rest you know - got to get the haggis out of our system and get ready for spring break! The next few Gyrologs will be in the capable hands of our co-editors, Allan (Same Old Bull) Douglas and John (The Designated Writer) Stroppa.

