

October 25, 1995

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Michael Matei
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My thanks to "Retread" for the wonderful job on the Gyrolog during my trip to the UK.

1st V/President

Allan Douglas
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President **Mike Matei** opened the noon Mayfair meeting on October 17th, **Marty Larson** led us in a creditable "Cheerio" and **Rev Billy** included the request that we be free of indigestion when he asked the blessing! (Mayfair service was still OK.) Besides our guest speakers, our guests were **Fred Ryder** of St Albert and **Peter Carter** whom we hope to have as a new member in the near future.

2nd V/President

Gerry Glassford
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Birthday wishes to **Bert Boren** on October 23rd and **President Mike** on the 29th.

Imm. Past President

Barry Walker

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Bert Boren reported that **Harry Mills** is home but his health is just so-so. **Ken McKenzie** is not well and **Larry Dobson's** sister has recently had cancer surgery. Our thoughts and best wishes to them and their families.

Secretary

Dick Ogilvie

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For the benefit of us newer members, **Al McClure** gave us a history of the hockey pool and the benefits we have received from the proceeds over the years. Thank you, **Al**, for your endeavours, and a special thanks to **Dave Duchak** who will look after this year's pool as well as to **Ron Ewoniak** who will send out the winners' cheques. Winners are selected based on the scores resulting from the teams playing in the Hockey Night in Canada games.

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Team #5, comprised of **Marty Larson**, **Gord Robertson** and **Tony Sheppard** had, as our guest speakers, **Barry Ulmer** and **Ayaaz Janmohamed** from Goodwill Rehabilitation Services of Alberta. **Barry** has been with Goodwill 19 years, **Ayaaz** for 8 years. Together with a video we learned of Goodwill's history and the wonderful work they are doing with society's disadvantaged. Key phrases they used were "the Power of People" and "the Power of Work." How refreshing it was to learn that work (rather than a four letter word) was the key to restoring people's self-esteem and quality of life. Goodwill sums up their philosophy through the saying "Our business works so people can." **Gord Robertson** thanked **Barry** and **Ayaaz** for their presentation. Well done, Team 5.

Gyrolog Editor-in-Chief

Gordon Rennie

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Attendance was down and **President Mike** covered a lot of ground having people cut cards for our draw winner who eventually was **Gunnar Anderson**.

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

When the Gyros come out to Edmonton, to the lure of a summer fling,
To enjoy gay, bright, friendly days, as so many did before,
They are all a-gee for the jamboree, and they'll make the old Fort ring,
With a whoop and a whirl, and a "Grab your girl", and a rip and a skip and a roar.

With apologies to Robert Service (but as a Klondiker he'd understand the sentiments). July 1996!! A magical time for Gyro. Plans for our International and District VIII convention are moving forward quickly but for this Gyrolog we will report only on the "dreams" for the Friday afternoon-evening event to be held at Fort Edmonton. Our focus, understandably, will be KLONDIKE, but the riches we will hunt will not be the yellow gold of the creeks, rather the friendships of Gyro. We need the help of every Gyro and Gyrette to make this convention a success. To start, plan your Klondike outfit now. And urge all of your Gyro friends elsewhere to do the same! Some might not know what a Klondike outfit looks like so if you have a great Gyro way of describing Klondike garb, please share it with the Ogilvies, the Mateis, the Walshes, the McClures, or the Glassfords.

Here is a quick overview of the proposed Friday afternoon-evening events:

- 4:00 PM Buses begin to leave the hotel for the Fort
- 4:30 - 5:30 PM Board the Edmonton-White Pass Railway for an adventure into the past
- 4:30 - 6:30 PM Visit historic Fort Edmonton. Plan for a stop at Gyro "Watering Holes" located in Kelly's Saloon and Egge's Barn. Be certain to make a call at the Gyro Park
- 6:30 - 7:00 PM Visit with friends in the Big Tent. Have a photo taken possibly with a red coated Mountie or with the Klondike Kate of your choice
- 7:00 - 8:15 PM Buffet supper
- 8:15 - 8:30 PM Return with our Gyros and Gyrettes to the thrill of the Klondike through the words of Robert Service and the thespian "talents" of some of our people in "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."
- 8:30 - 9:30 PM Live entertainment courtesy of Rolanda Lee and a troupe of performers
- 9:30 - 11:00 PM Buses begin the journey home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Banff Curlarama is set to go November 3rd to 5th. Hopefully we can "field" three teams in their Klondike best who will proudly display our Convention banner.

Team 18 (**Peter Rausch, Dean Paterson and Victor Jagoldas**) are hosts for the November 7th meeting (with Gyrettes and guests). Wine tasting at the Andrew Wolf Winery in Stony Plain at 5:30 pm will be followed by a wine tour at 6:00 pm. Supper will be in the Stony Plain Multi-cultural Center at 5411 - 51 Street in Stony Plain. We'll enjoy turkey and all the trimmings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The cost for the evening will be \$15.00 per person. Although 17 couples have signed up at this writing, Team 18 have extended the registration deadline to November 4th. Call Peter Rausch at home: 537-5238 or business: 944-2937 if you wish to enjoy a fun evening. Please note: there will be no noon meeting on November 7th.



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