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There were four guests at this meeting. **John Ross** introduced Peter Butler who has applied for membership in our club. **Andy Friderichsen** introduced his friend Alan Greenshaw and **Jack Ellis** introduced our good friend from St. Albert, **Wayne Knight**. For the second part of the history of radio program, **Marty Larson** again introduced George Duffield. In addition to our guests, there were 24 Gyros in attendance.

Mort Morter reported that **Gordon** and **Eleanor Robertson** were involved in a car accident. They plus a passenger went to the hospital for a check up and all were sent home. However, **Eleanor** returned to the hospital for observation for possible internal injuries. She is still in the hospital and there are concerns about her back. Gord expects she will be released next week but she will have to remain very quiet for some time.

John Ross reminded us of the Share Gyro with a Friend campaign and shared some ideas from the life is short-extend your expiry date brochure. Some of the ideas are to keep fruit handy rather than chips, ride a bike you'll never forget how, make a friend, friends make us happy and have sex, it's good for you mind, it's good for your body, it's good.

Allan Warrack brought to our attention an article in **folio** announcing the Gyro Club of Edmonton scholarship winners. Maria Tan and Barbara Waldie won graduate scholarships and Cheryl McGee won the undergraduate scholarship. The purpose of the scholarships is to promote and foster interest in the study of aging at the graduate and undergraduate level. For each of the last two years the endowment fund has made about \$2,500 available for scholarships.

Peter Carter told us that the Bright Nights Festival, which raises money for the school lunch program will run again this year from November 24 to January 7. The admission is \$8 per car Monday to Wednesday, and \$10 per car from Thursday to Sunday.

In this year's hockey pool over 200 tickets have been sold by club members and **PIP Marty Larson** indicates that most of the cheques have been returned. If you still have a cheque please get it to **Marty**.

The following comes from **Ted Hagemann**. A scientist who was a sailor was aware that ships are addressed as "she" or "her". He wondered what gender computers were. To get the answer he created two groups of computer experts, one comprised of women, the other men. They were asked to recommend a gender for computers and provide reasons.

The women said they should be referred to in the masculine because:

- ❑ In order to get their attention you have to turn them on.
- ❑ They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
- ❑ They are supposed to help you solve problems but half the time they are the problem themselves.
- ❑ As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer you could have had a better model.

The men said they should be referred to in the feminine because:

- ❑ No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
- ❑ The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
- ❑ Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for later retrieval.
- ❑ As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half of your paycheque on accessories for it.

VP Larry Dobson indicated that there has been about 25 replies to the questionnaires. If you have been procrastinating, please get yours in to **Larry** as soon as possible.

Marty and George Duffield finished the history of radio with some live tapes of introductions to the old classics, some of the advertisements and some of the bloopers. It was a very entertaining program.

SECOND POSTING: Peter Butler has applied to join the Edmonton Gyro Club. He was sponsored by **John Ross** and seconded by **Geoff Brewer**. He and his wife Margaret live at 140 Highwood Drive in Devon. The postal code is T9G 1X1 and their phone number is 987-4581. Peter is retired.

Upcoming Events:

The Christmas party will be held at the Highlands Golf Club at 6603 Ada Blvd. on Tuesday December 5, 2000. There will be a full Christmas dinner including wine and professional entertainment. Cocktails will be at 6:00, dinner at 7:00 and entertainment at 8:30. There is limited parking on the lower level. The cost is \$35 per person. *If you have not already signed up please contact Larry Dobson or Mike Matei by Thursday November 30, 2000.*

GYRETTES CORNER The next Gyrette meeting will be the gift exchange on December 12, 2000. Bring a gift with a maximum value of \$10 for the exchange. Also an unwrapped gift for WIN House would be appreciated.

The Gyro District VIII Interim Convention will be at Fairmont B.C. March 18 – 19, 2001. Registration fee is \$125 per couple or \$62.50 single. The room rates are \$79 per night plus tax. This year there will be a draw on February 28, 2001 for a free room at the hotel on either the Thursday night prior to the convention or the Sunday night after it. This is a promotion by the hotel. The winner will be informed by March 2, 2001 so that arrangements can be made. Further information application forms will be provided in future editions of the Gyrolog.

The International and District IV Convention dates are July 12-15, 2001 at the West Coast Wenatchee Centre Hotel in Wenatchee Washington.

The District VIII Convention is scheduled for August 9 – 12, 2001 in Castlegar B.C.

Allan Douglas won the draw for a free lunch. Thanks to **Fred Schulte**, **Gordon Robertson**, and **Ivan Ivankovich** for not being there when their names were called.

Same Old Bull

Allan

