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President Dick pointed to the bright sunny, warm day and declared it another fine day in paradise. Eighteen Gyros agreed. There were no guests at this meeting. **Victor Jagoldas** led us in Cheerio and **Rev. John Dowds** asked the blessing.

The guest speaker was our own **Peter Butler** who presented some of the history of his native New Zealand and also provided a slide show about this beautiful country. New Zealand is “The land of the long white cloud” and is an island that has no close neighbours. From New Zealand it is 1,200 miles to Australia, the closest neighbour, 6,580 miles to South America, 1,600 miles to Antarctica, and 12,000 miles to Lands End.

Since it is a maritime climate it is cooler than it is at the same latitude in the northern hemisphere. In 1642 two Dutch sailing ships landed on the north of south island and 4 sailors were killed. For the next 127 years there were no European ships and then James Cook arrived in 1769. He mapped the island quite accurately and it became a destination for whalers, sealers, traders and missionaries.

Two other facts of note are that New Zealand is a bilingual country where English and Maori are taught in schools. Also, there is no inland location in the country that is more than 110 kilometers from the sea.

Peter drew a number of cards with the names of absent Gyros and finally **Mike Matei** won the free lunch.

President Dick reported on Curlarama where our team of **President Dick, Mike Matei, Roger Russell** and **Fred Schulte**, won their first game. They had strong showings in their second and third games, coming in second both times.

On November 8, 2004 **Margaret Bellman** passed away. Our thoughts are with her husband **Bill**, from the Edmonton Crossroads Gyro Club.

Mort Morter reported that **Tony Sheppard** has recovered from surgery and is back at work.

SECOND POSTING: Bob Berube has applied for membership in the Edmonton Gyro Club. He is sponsored by **Allan Warrack** and seconded by **Mike Matei**. Bob is a Financial Consultant with Investors Group. He and his partner, Enid Bear, live at 727 Blackwood Crescent in Edmonton. T6W 1B3. Their telephone number is 436-4896. Bob's business telephone number is 448-1988. His email address is bervbrl@shaw.ca [please add Bob & Enid's names, address and phone number to page 11 or 12 of your roster(s)].

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday December 7, 2004. **Walter Yakimets** reported that the event will commence at 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30. There will be a Caesar salad, roast turkey and the Christmas log. The cost is \$50 per person with wine and \$40 without. It will be in the Riverview room at the Shaw Conference Centre with parking available at Canada Place. Please make cheques payable to the Gyro Club of Edmonton and mail them to **Mike Matei**. Contact **Walter** if you wish to attend. At this point 66 people have signed up and Walter will need to confirm the number about four days before. So there is still time to participate in this event. The Gyro Club of Edmonton encourages responsible drinking. If you are having wine please consider having a designated driver or taking a cab home

At our luncheon meeting on December 21, 2004, **Rev. John Dowds** will share the Christmas message entitled "Using the commercial side of Christmas to our advantage." Bring out a friend for this interesting presentation.

Georgina Plunkett invites Gyrettes to the January 11, 2005 meeting that will start at 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30. The speaker will be Jeanette Goodwin of Rendezvous Salon and Spa and the topic will be "Fashionable hair and skin care".

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held March 18-20, 2005 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, in Fairmont, BC

The District VIII Annual Convention will be held June 23-26, 2005 at the Regina Travelodge, in Regina, SK