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The lively noon meeting on December 3rd was chaired by **President Allan Barry Walker** led our Cherrio and **Rev. Wm. Graham** (sans cast) said the blessing. Birthday wishes were extended to **Dick Mandlis** and **Toni Sheppard** (December 6th) and **Larry Dobson** (December 16th). Many happy returns, gentlemen.

Mike Matei reminded us that we will be the host club at the Red Deer Golf and BBQ on the 5th of June, 1997. The cost for this enjoyable one day event will be in the \$50 - \$55 range. The contact team is **Mike Matei, Allan Douglas** and **Ed Edlund**. They hope for a larger turnout than has been the case in the past few years. So plan now, gentlemen, to join in with fellow Gyros for a game of that which the Scots are prepared to take ownership regardless of the expense. Can we do less? Mark your calendar then make your call to the contact team and look forward to a "greeaat daee en the lanks".

Bert Boren had no news of any Gyro illness, but we learned this week that his wife, **Ellen**, has not been well and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Guests for our luncheon meeting included **Art Meidinger** who has graciously joined us again thanks to **Gord Robertson**. **Dr Walter Yakimets**, friend and fellow traveller of **Marty Larson**, joined us again (see below) - welcome, **Walter**. And **Bryce Van Dusen** brought with him a wonderful, long time Gyro and friend to all - **Howard Wilson**. It was terrific to see you **Howard**. Thank you for coming out and making this a very special day.

This is the first posting for **Dr Walter William Yakimets**, retired Professor of Surgery at the University of Alberta. **Walter** and his wife, **Kay**, reside at 483 Lansdowne Drive in Edmonton. Phone 438-1406. **Walter** has been proposed for membership by **Marty Larson** and **Ron Ewoniak**.

John Tartar introduced the team of **Mark Taillfer** and our own **Toni Sheppard** who spoke of CAFE (Canadian Association of Family Enterprise). The five year old Edmonton Branch of CAFE has 45 of the Canada-wide 1000 + members and it is an organization organised on the premise of helping families to deal with such family based issues as succession, equity, and family fairness. **Toni** noted that 70% of family businesses fail by the 2nd generation and 90% by the 3rd. Hence, the need for CAFE programs. **Mark** told us of some of the key issues which confront family members from his positions one of the successors of a business which his father had

created and which is now being operated by family members. Answers to numerous questions included the fact that about 25% of the executives in Edmonton family businesses, who are CAFE members, are female.

Bob Lippe thanked **Mark** and **Toni** for their interesting presentation which was so well received by all.

Andy Friderichsen won the luncheon draw. Congratulations, **Andy**.

GYRO/GYRETTE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Wednesday, December 4th, 53 Gyros and Gyrettes journeyed back into time and shared the spirit of Christmas in the Clerk's Quarters of old Fort Edmonton. All were greeted with steaming hot apple cider and the sight of roaring fires in the old stone fire places located at each end of the common area. Indeed so roaring did the fires become that several had to seek the cooler areas near the entry doors. Despite this we enjoyed each other's company and many ventured forth into the cold to join Arthur and his team of horses for the traditional Christmas sleigh ride, complete with the bells and the sounds of the runners as they cut their way through the snow. Frost crystals were in the air but, unfortunately, we were unable to see the moon and the stars which would have added a special delight to the evening. Turkey and all of the trimmings prepared the way for a wonderful message from **President Allan** on the importance of the Gyro and Gyrette joint functions. **Gerry Glassford**, complete in the war bonnet of a Cree Chief, told of the coming of the famous Canadian painter, Paul Kane, to Fort Edmonton on December 5th, 1847, and of his Christmas dinner in a venue much like our own some 149 years ago. The singing duo, **Helen Ross** and **Larry Dobson**, lead us in the carols of Christmas and did an absolutely smashing job for us. Most were on their way by about 9:30. The planners, **Allan Douglas**, **Gerry Glassford**, and **Jack Ellis**, extend sincere thanks to all who participated and made this a memorable night, a night filled with the spirit of Christmas.

GYRO HOCKEY POOL

DATE	Nov 23	TEAMS	Calgary (2) at Edmonton (2)
FIRST PERIOD		Morgan Power	
(\$10.00)		Bryce Van Dusen	
SECOND PERIOD		Irma Warrack	
(\$15.00)		Don Paulencu	
FINAL SCORE		Edna Lawton	
(\$25.00)		Richard Dickinson	
DATE	Nov 30	TEAMS	Toronto (2) at Dallas (5)

FIRST PERIOD (\$10.00)	Yvette Stroppa Don Birmingham
SECOND PERIOD (\$15.00)	Craig Russell David Duchak
FINAL SCORE (\$25.00)	Janet Russell Rick Beaudoin

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 17 (Tuesday) Special Christmas Luncheon at the Mayfair. These important spiritual meetings are traditionally hosted by our Padres and we have learned from **Rev Bill** that this year will be no exception - indeed our special speaker is none other than Father "Mike" McCaffery, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, who will bring us his Christmas message. Our Rev. Wm. says the fact that Father Mike 's grandfather was a Presbyterian minister is only one reason for their warm friendship.
- January 11th (Saturday) Bowling Night. This special event will be held from 6:45 PM to 8:45 PM at the Edmonton Bowling Centre - 3223 Parsons Road. Our contact person is Jack Ellis (435-2349).
- March 3, 1997 Mark your calendars, Bocci lovers.
- June 5, 1997 Golf and BBQ at the Red Deer Golf Club

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are going to try to create a full year calendar of events in January but to do this most effectively we will need the cooperation of each Gyro and Gyrette. If you are involved with any Gyro or Gyrette function - local, district or international - please send information on the event to Owen Cornish or Gerry Glassford and they will try to incorporate the event into the calendar. If we can do this well, it will give each of us more planning time for our own calendar of events. Thank you for your cooperation

Next Gyrolog will be our Christmas issue. If you have a Christmas message you would like to include in it, please share it with the Gyrolog people - Owen, Gerry or Gordon Robertson.

A thought from the Edmonton Meals-On-Wheels Newsletter - "The past is history, the future, a mystery. Today is your gift -it's called the Present." Enjoy it.



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