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President Larry welcomed us to the meeting on this fine “spring day” as the snow blower cleared the cart paths on the golf course. **John Plunkett** led us in a lively version of Cheerio and **PIP Marty Larson** asked the blessing.

Marty also introduced his guest, Jeff Brant.

April is a big month for birthdays in our club. **Larry Wang** celebrated on the 5th, **Ted Hagemann** on the 6th, **Fred Schulte** on the 13th, **Mort Morter** and **Gord Rennie** on the 24th, **Harry Nash** on the 27th, and **Peter Butler** on the 30. Also our recent recruit **Don Assheton-Smith** celebrated on March 30th.

Allan Warrack reported that **Ivy Rennie** had a fall and broke her hip and is currently recuperating in the U of A Hospital. The operation was done quickly and went well, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Bryce Van Dusen informed us that on a recent trip to Victoria he met **Mike Power** who was the President of our club in 1967/68. He is doing well.

John Ross distributed sheets with the changes in membership for us to add to our roster.

Dave Duchak reported on the last two games of the season. Game 19 was in the last Gyrolog. Game 20 was played on April 12, with Edmonton hosting the Flames. Even though we don't really want to think about that game **Mike Matei** and David Ross won \$10 after a scoreless first period. The Flames were ahead by one after the second and D. Thurchansky and Linda Agnew won \$15. The disappointing final of 2:0 paid \$25 to Larry Turchansky and **Wendy Agnew**.

President Larry reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss the recent loss of membership. A suggestion is that the role of the sponsor continue after a new member is inducted into the club to ensure they are comfortable and able to participate.

He also informed us that the Nelson Club has suggested twinning Gyro Clubs of similar size and interests. The idea is to promote friendship and create deeper ties with another club. This is being explored further.

President Larry also encouraged members of our club to attend the District VIII Annual Convention in August when **Gerry Glassford** will be installed as the new Governor. He brought us some bad news as well. The price of lunch will increase to \$8 in May. This is the first increase in 9 years, so I guess we have done well.

On May 5th at 11:00 a.m. Fort Edmonton Park will unveil a donor wall which will include recognition of the greater Edmonton Gyro Clubs for their contributions to Gyro Park #10.

Our program was a self-introduction by **Don Assheton-Smith**. He drew the card for a free lunch or license plate frame and **John Plunkett** was a popular win.

DONALD MICHAEL ASSHETON-SMITH

Born in Carmangay Alberta during a blinding snow storm on March 30, 1936. Grew up in small towns Alberta, before enrolling in the Faculty of Education in the fall of 1954. Graduated (eventually) with a B.Ed. in Elementary Education and a B.A. in History. Graduate studies at the M.Ed. (Educational Administration) level were completed at the University of Oregon in the fall of 1970.

Married Lorraine Schultz from Bashaw Alberta on July 28, 1961 and we became the proud parents of Glenn 1964, Lori 1966 and Bradley 1968 and equally proud grandparents of Conor 1997 and Michael 1999.

My teaching career began in the small village of Meeting Creek Alberta in 1956, then Tofield and ended in Edmonton on January 30, 1994. During my 31 years with the Edmonton Public School System, I was fortunate enough to discover education from nearly every facet of the organization. At various times, I served as Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Staffing, Assistant Superintendent Personnel (4 years) and Associate Superintendent (13 years). My major involvements as Associate Superintendent included the construction of 40 new schools and the new central office building on Kingsway, and serving as the Board's Chief Negotiator for all collective agreements.

Following my retirement from the Edmonton School District, I spent two years as an Independent Consultant to Apple Valley School District in central California, two years as a Consultant to Chicago Public Schools and two years as Superintendent of the New Horizons Charter School in Sherwood Park. I retired for the final time on June 30, 2001

I am currently an Honorary Life Member of The Alberta Teachers' Association, the Edmonton Public Administrators' Association and the College of Alberta School Superintendents.

Away from work, I enjoy golfing and curling and as much travel as I can afford, especially to warmer winter climates where I can play a few rounds of golf.

REMINDER: Quarterly or annual membership dues are not due, please make your payment to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

Valerie Walker and the Gyrettes are hosting a mixed luncheon at the Odysium on Friday April 26th. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., and there will be an Imax presentation at 1:00 p.m., the cost is \$18 per person. Please contact **Valerie** for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 7th, and **Wayne Tingley** has arranged for Brian Fairley, the Operations Manager for Imperial Oil's Strathcona refinery to speak to us.

The Quad Club Installation is scheduled for Saturday May 11, 2002. It will be hosted by the Sherwood Park Club and will be held at the Coast Terrace Inn. Mark your calendars now and more details will follow.

The International Convention will be held July 4 to 7th in Halifax. First Lieutenant Governor **Gerry Glassford** is arranging for some travel before and after the convention from June 27 to July 13, 2002. **Peter Carter** is making travel arrangements.

Barry Walker advises that the Annual Mixed Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday July 31, at the Westridge Golf Club. **Barry** has been able to negotiate some very good concessions from the golf club because of last year's inclement weather. Think prizes, prizes, and prizes!

The Crossroads Gyro Club is sponsoring the District VIII Convention from August 8th to 11th 2002. There is a 50's theme and it is entitled "The Grease Ball". The Nomads will be providing the musical entertainment. The cost of registration is \$275 per couple or \$150 single. Let's have a good turnout to support our fellow club!

The fourth Annual Gyro/Gyrette Quad Club Golf Tournament will again be played at the Legends, the afternoon of September 6th. The cost will be \$52 for golf and dinner and \$25 for dinner only. Advise of handicaps when registering. Contact **Marty** for details.

Same Old Bull

Allan

