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President Victor welcomed 33 Gyros and two guests to the meeting. **Roger Russell** led us in a thundering version of Cheerio and the **Rev. John Dowds** asked the blessing.

Bryce van Dusen introduced his guest, his grandson Mark. **Wayne Tingley** introduced Karl Ross who was his guest for a second time.

There are two birthdays in November, both on the 14th. The celebrants are **PIP Marty Larson** and **Wayne Tingley**.

President Victor reported that Founder's Night was a success and he thanked **John Ross** for being the greeter and **Bruce Foy** for taking pictures. He also praised **Marty Larson** and **David Burnett** for introducing and thanking the guest speaker. The Governor of District VIII, our own **Gerry Glassford**, gave a very entertaining speech as the formal part of the program. On our behalf, **Marty Larson** thanked **President Victor** for all of the work he did to make the event so successful.

There was a very special acknowledgement at Founder's Night. Sherwood Park Gyro **Rikke Dootjes** the Honourary Consul for the Netherlands presented on behalf of the Dutch people and their government "Thank You Canada" medals to four Gyros from the Edmonton club. These medals acknowledge and honour their part in the liberation of Holland by the allied armed forces during the Second World War. These Gyro veterans honoured were **Gordon Rennie**, **Owen Cornish**, **Ernie Siegel**, and **Harry Nash**. Unfortunately, **Harry** could not be present and **Marty Larson** presented him with his medal and a letter from **Rikke Dootjes** at our meeting today.

President Victor reported that nine couples have signed up for the Black Cat Guest ranch from May 27 to 29, 2003. He has told the other Gyro Clubs about the event and there may be some interest from them. If you want to go he needs a deposit of \$75 by November 15.

John Ross informed us that there is a new brochure from Gyro international that we should provide to any potential new members. He also showed us the gift that is given to the guest speakers and told us how it came about.

Here is a story from **Marty Larson**. There were these two elderly people living in a Florida mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years.

One evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. These two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered. "Yes, Yes, I will."

The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places. Next morning, he was troubled. "Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory.

With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?" He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart."

Then she continued, "And I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

President Victor expressed our pride at having one of our club members doing an extremely fine job as District Governor. He then presented **Gerry** with gifts he can use with his hobby of woodworking.

President Victor informed us that the voting for using the funds from the hockey pool was for cancer research, the Lou Gerig Society, the Heart Fund and the Food bank. Those present endorsed this proposal.

District Governor Gerry Glassford installed our newest member, **Jim Brown**. **Larry Dobson** then presented him with his membership pin. All members in attendance gave him the usual warm welcome.

Our newest member drew a card for the free lunch and **Mort Morter** was the lucky recipient.

President Victor asked **Roger Russell** to draw from the deck to see who is the luckiest Gyro and once again his name came up. **President Victor** then revealed that, due to a computer error, **Roger's** name was on all of the cards. However, **Roger** still volunteered to follow the 'hole in one' precedent and buy a round of drinks.

John Ross recently spoke with Wayne Lawton and learned that **Dan** and **Edna** have moved to the new Allen Grey Lakeside Community Continuing Care Facility in Millwoods. The address is 5050 28th Ave. **Dan** has limited mobility but is able to get around with a walker. He and **Edna** live in the same facility but do not share the same unit although they are able to share meals together. **Dan** joined the Gyro club in 1956, resigning earlier this year due to his failing health. Wayne suggests that his father would appreciate a visit from his Gyro friends and recommends hours 10:00 to 11:00 AM or 1:30 to 2:30 PM. The phone number for **Dan's** floor is 469-2371 extension 233 if you would like to check before visiting. **Edna's** phone number is 462-1879.

CHANGES IN CONTACTS

Please note that **Gerry Glassford** has a new telephone number at the University. It is 492-0165.

As of November 7th, please note a new address for **Elaine** and **Allan Douglas**. It is #38, 920 119 St. The postal code is T6J 7H2

Also, the international publication GyroScope is about to be published. If you know of changes in addresses or phone numbers please let our Secretary, **Geoff Brewer**, know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IN THE GYRETTES CORNER, **Marlene Burnett** and **Betty Rawlinson** want to make sure the Gyrettes know that at their next meeting on November 12th the guest speaker will be Professor Alexandra Munn who is a professor of music at the University of Alberta and Alberta College. The meeting will be at the usual time and the cost will be \$18.

Our next meeting will be a mixed event will be held at Molson House on **Monday November 18th** at noon. The lunch (cost \$10) will be provided by Upper Crust catering, Molsons will provide the beverages, and **Tony Sheppard** will present the program.

The Christmas Party is on December 3, so mark it on your calendars. It will be held in the same venue as last year (Shaw Conference Centre). For the cost of \$50 per person, dinner, wine, gratuities and GST are included. If you have not already signed up, do so soon.

Same Old Bull

Allan

