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The Edmonton Gyro Club hosted an innovative Founder's Night at the Mayfair. As usual, Founder's Night is a quad club event, but this year it was also a mixed event. There were about 98 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests in attendance.

President Larry welcomed the members of the four clubs and our guest speaker representing the International Executive.

Another new wrinkle was the singing of the two national anthems, led by the golden throated **PIP Marty Larson**. **John Ross** then led us in Cheerio, and the **Reverend John Dowds** asked the blessing.

Marty Larson introduced his guest, Marcia Larson who is well known to many of those present. He also introduced her friend, Rashid Kashani. **Mike Matei** introduced his guests, Gord and Liane Stanberg.

President Larry then introduced past District Governors **Don** and **Cory Greig**, **Gord** and **Ivy Rennie**, **Marty** and **Shirley Larson**, **Keith** and **Jan Bradley**, **Dorothy Little** wife of a past Governor, 1st lieutenant Governor **Gerry Glassford**, and third International Vice-President **Denis** and **Dianne Moffat**.

He also introduced the Presidents of the four clubs, **Ken Foster** from St. Albert, **Ron** and **Cheryl Harris** from Sherwood Park **John** and **Sandy Lover** from Crossroads and finally, **Larry** and **Carol Dobson** from our club.

PIP Marty Larson introduced our Guest speaker, 3rd International Vice President **Denis Moffat**. He was Governor of District IV in 1998/99 and received the Merit award in 2000. He brought greetings from Gyro International and gave an excellent speech about the founders and the values that make Gyro so important to all of us.

One of our newer members, **Peter Fairbridge** thanked the guest speaker on our behalf.

John Ross who is the club historian then informed us that on the same date 78 years ago the Edmonton Gyro Club also celebrated Founder's Night. He also said that there was an early volume of the historical records available for those who would like to view them In addition he acknowledged the great work that **Gord Rennie** did for so many years as the Club historian.

John, who is also the chair of the membership committee then presented some interesting facts. There are two primary branches on the Edmonton Gyro Club friendship tree, one starts with **Wes Van Dusen** that has resulted in 25 members, and the other originating with **Gordon Rennie** with 16 members connected.

The surprise of the evening was that this year there were three merit awards presented in Gyro this year and two of them went to members of the Edmonton Club. The **merit award** is the second highest award in Gyro and it is presented for exceptional service to the community and to Gyro. The two winners were **David Burnett** and **Barry Walker**. Sincere congratulations to both from our entire club.

Don Birmingham encouraged us all to attend the District VIII Convention from August 9-11, 2002 that will celebrate the 50's. More information will follow.

Helen Ross thanked the Gyros for including the Gyrettes in this Founder's Night and presented Sandy Lover from the Crossroads Club with a cheque from the Gyrettes for \$500 for the next District VIII Convention.

President Larry then presented a cheque for \$1000 to the Crossroads Club to assist with the next District VIII Convention. He also thanked **Marty Larson** and **Peter Fairbridge** for organizing a very successful Founder's Night.

SECOND POSTING:

Tom Chambers has completed an application for membership in the Edmonton Gyro Club. He is retired and married to Lenore. They have four children and eleven grandchildren. They live at 13407 – 83 Avenue in Edmonton T5R 3S9. Their telephone number is 484-2802. Tom was recommended for membership by **Bruce Foy** and seconded by **Allan Warrack**.

Alan Rusler has also applied to join our club, and he is also retired. He has three grown children and lives at 6107 – ~~X~~143 Street, Edmonton, T6H 4W7. His telephone number is 435-1129. Alan was recommended for membership by **John Ross** and seconded by **Fred Schulte**.

President Larry wants to remind members that when we commit to attend a function the club guarantees so many attendees and has to pay for that number. Recently there has been a problem with some members not showing after committing that they would and the result is that it has cost the club money. If you commit to attend a function, and

circumstances change – which happens to all of us – please let the organizers know so that the club does not incur a cost.

The Christmas party promises to be a fantastic evening at the convention centre. At this point there is not a large number of people who have indicated that they will attend. Please let **Victor Jagoldas** know if you plan to attend.

Marty Larson informs us that there are a few hockey tickets still available. These are great gifts for business or for personal reasons because the recipients think of the giver weekly for 20 weeks. The revenue also supports our charitable efforts. If you have not bought tickets contact **Marty** and share in the fun.

Upcoming Events

Curlorama is scheduled for the weekend of November 2nd to 4th in Banff. We would like to have a great turnout for this fun event. I notice from the meeting schedule that **Mike Matei** is going to coordinate the event.

Fred Schulte informs us that the speaker at our meeting on November 6th will be Cecilia Blasetti, the Executive Director of the Boyle McCauley Health Centre that provides health services to 25,000 people in the Boyle, McCauley and Norwood neighbourhoods.

The next Gyrette meeting will be at the Mayfair on November 13, 2001. **Paulette Schulte** informs members that 15% of Albertans have extremely low literacy skills and that 21% of Albertans can only read very simple written material. The guest speaker will be Colleen Crozier from the 'Centre on Family Literacy' who will provide more information on this issue. The usual time, place and cost are planned.

The Christmas Party is planned for Tuesday December 4th, 2001 at the Convention Centre. There is ample heated parking and a walkway from the Canada Place parkade. 1st Vice-President **Victor Jagoldas** will need payment by November 6th because there is a special turkey dinner with Gyros carving so there needs to be an accurate number well in advance. The cost will be \$50 per person that will include a sparkling wine reception.

Same Old Bull

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