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I will begin this early June newsletter with a sincere vote of thanks to **Dick Ogilvie** for reporting the May 21st meeting in my absence. Thanks to **Dick** and Gyrolog team members for keeping things running smoothly.

President Allan brought the June 4th noon meeting to order and **Gerry Glassford** lead "Cheerio" while our **Rev. William** said grace for all assembled friends.

Birthday wishes were extended to **Dick Ogilvie** (June 3rd), **Howard Wilson** (June 10th) and **Bill Graham** (June 17th) - all Gyro friends joined in extending their hope for good health and long life.

Howard Wilson told of his wife, **Amy's**, complications with a pacemaker infection. We all join in sending our best wishes to **Amy** for an early and full recovery from this disorder.

Our Past President, **Mike Matei**, reported that six from our club enjoyed a fine day at the Red Deer Gyro golf meet. It seems that while Edmonton was bathed in rain, our city to the south (not Calgary in this particular case) was basking in the warmth of beautiful spring weather. The golfers are convinced that they have received special dispensation for our annual golf event. **John Williams** took advantage of the weather, shot a 74 to lead all participants. **Brian Leeson** somehow "slipped" to an 81. From **Mike's** report it is clear that everyone enjoyed the day of companionship and golf.

Our club hosts this event next year (the first Thursday in June) and we hope that our members will begin planning to participate - we would very much like to have a good turn out.

Gerry Glassford presented plans for a Tuesday, July 2nd, Gyro meeting in Fort Edmonton Par. The meeting will begin at noon with a lunch to be held (tentatively at the moment) in Reed's Bazaar on 1905 Street. Our speaker will be **Mr Peter Hawker**, a well-known local historian who has made his area of expertise Fort Edmonton and early Edmonton. **Peter** is a former Honorary Chief Factor

of Fort Edmonton and a major contributor to the development of this historical museum as we know it today. After **Peter's** presentation there will be a tour of the Fort and the various streets that comprise the complex. Special attention will be paid to our own Gyro Park. Clearly this will add time to the normal one and one half hour block for our regular Gyro luncheon and those that must return to their work should have no compunction about leaving after **Peter's** presentation. Parking (free, and ample) is

available in front of the train station and several options exist with respect to transportation to the Fort Edmonton area - foot, steam locomotive, electric streetcar (horse and buggy is not available for this particular event), The purpose of this event is to heighten our Club member's awareness of the Fort and the early history of our fair city. With the convention only days beyond this date **Dick, Mike, Gerry, Marty** and **David** felt that this special luncheon would be valuable in building toward the "best convention - ever". A special invitation will be extended to Gyrettes who may wish to participate in this luncheon.

There will be no speaker at our next Mayfair noon meeting on June 18th. The three business items on the agenda are: (1) ways to celebrate our 75th anniversary, (2) our budget for 1996/1997, and (3) an update on our 1996 Convention. Mr President, Allan Douglas, hopes for a good turnout and much lively input.

Roger Russell introduced our guest speaker, **Jim Rae**, who, with partner **Bill Jarvis**, began Burger King Enterprises some 43 years ago. Seeing the value of such "fast, convenient food outlets" they went on to create a handshake deal with the Colonel and Kentucky Fried Chicken in 1959. **Jim's** presentation on franchises dealt with both the positive and the negative aspects of such business undertakings. His 30 plus years of successes as a franchisee were a result of astute planning and long hours of work.

Owen, who with **Billy Graham**, was in the post war reserve airforce with Jim Rae, thanked Jim for a most interesting presentation.

PP Mike is asking for Gyro/Gyrette volunteers who would be available to sell draw tickets during Klondike Days. We realize that this follows hard on the heels of our convention but if our club can handle this challenge, it would provide an annual source of revenue for the club in years to come. The objective is to fill 150 x 4 hour slots. The critical question: Can we do it? If you are interested in helping with this project, please call **Mike Matei** to let him know (458-9211).

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

As this Gyrolog is being typed we have left 30 days for the assembly of final plans and the gathering of materials, objects and volunteers before the majority of our Gyro/Gyrette guest arrive in Edmonton (some members will be here before that but they will be involved with meetings). Our registrations still show us at about 513 paid up participants but we anticipate a resurgence of registrations toward the end of this month. With a little luck and with the effective communiques that are still being generated there is every likelihood that we will reach 600 - 650 registrants by the July 11th start date.

David and **Marty's** team of gameplanners continue to meet Tuesday evenings at the NorTerra offices. This is the time when the polish is being applied to the convention and given the amount of energy being invested in this process, we can be assured that it will be a polished event indeed.

We have only two Gyrologs to publish prior to the convention. Therefore, if any of the planners have messages which they wish to convey through the print media,

please share that information with **Owen (469-1514)** or **Gerry (430-7108)** at your earliest convenience. They will work it into the next 'Log.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18th - Regular Gyro Meeting at Mayfair Golf and Country Club 12:00 noon

July 2nd - Special Gyro Meeting at Reed's Bazaar in Fort Edmonton. 12:00 noon to approximately 3:00PM. Cost of Luncheon to be determined with Elizabethan Caterers (initial discussions indicate about \$15.00 including GST and 15% gratuity).

July 11th to 14th - Edmonton International and District VIII Gyro Convention.

A closing word from the Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu:

There is no crime greater than having too many desires;
There is no disaster greater than not being content;
There is no misfortune greater than being too covetous.

Hence in being content, one will always have enough.

(A wish from your Gyro Editors)
May we each go through life with enough.



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