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Our new **President Dick** welcomed a total of 35 gentlemen to his first meeting. **Roger Russell** led us in Cheerio and **John Ross** asked the blessing.

There were **two** guests present. **John Plunkett** introduced his friend Jack Brown who has applied for membership in our club and **John Ross** introduced his friend Bill Clark.

Members celebrating birthdays this month are **Andy Friderichsen, Geoff Brewer, Dave Burnett** and **Allan Warrack**.

There are two "milestone" anniversaries to recognize in June. **Walter & Kay Yakimets** celebrate their 45th on June 6th. **Win & Maureen Kirkwood** celebrate their 35th on June 28th. Congratulations **Walter, Kay, Win & Maureen !**

Mort Morter reported that **Andy Friderichsen** had a successful hip replacement and that he is now doing well in physical therapy.

I must apologize to all of you for my inability to produce a Gyrolog for the last couple of meetings. I usually am able to balance work commitments and Gyro meetings so that I can attend and get the Gyrolog to **Gord Robertson** for distribution. When the last couple of meetings were scheduled I was working out of town so there has been a gap. I will try to keep them coming.

Peter Carter introduced Dr. Michael Caley who is the Executive Director of the Education Science Outreach Network. The organization connects scientists with classroom teachers who want more in-depth information than they can provide. Their goals include making

science and scientists more accessible and better understood by the public. **Gerry Glassford** thanked our speaker for his informative and entertaining presentation.

Do you know the difference between the Calgary Flames and a bra? A bra has two cups.

The following report comes from **Bruce Foy**. Forty one Gyros, Gyrettes, friends and guest (from the fair city of Regina), gathered at the Highlands Golf Club on the evening of Wednesday, April 21st for the Gyro Bridge Club wind-up dinner for 2003/04. The evening began with cocktails followed by a wonderful Alberta beef dinner and all the trimmings and after that four rounds of Gyro Bridge. The high evening score went to Joyce Hawirko who had also won last year. Finally it was time to announce the winners of last years awards:

The high aggregate winner of the **Merrill Morstad** Trophy was none other than **Don Assheton-Smith**.

Jean Morter was the winner of the high lady for the season.

Shirley Larson took the prize for the high lady for a single game.

Don Assheton-Smith was a double winner taking the men's high for a single game.

Bernice Pedden was the successful high scoring spare for the year.

Bruce and **Marg** wish to thank all of the members of the bridge club for the support that they received during the year which helped so much in making it a very successful season. A big round of applause to **Don** for arranging it so we could hold the event at the Highlands once again and a special thanks to Samantha, Nora and their staff for the service they provided. It was their idea to have the meal in one room and the bridge in another which made things much more convenient. See you all next year.

John Ross provided the following press release for those of us who missed it.

New Board Chair named to Athabasca University

Athabasca... Mr. **David J. Burnett** has been appointed as Chair of the Governing Council of Athabasca University. A Chartered Accountant, Burnett served for 26 years with the NorTerra group of companies, and held the position of President of NorTerra from 1987 until his retirement in 1999.

Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Learning, appointed Burnett to the role effective May 10, replacing outgoing Chair Robert M. Fulton, Q.C., who will be completing a second term at Athabasca University.

"Mr. Burnett was a natural choice to chair the Governing Council of this progressive institution, which is changing the way we look at post-secondary education in Alberta and the world," said Dr. Oberg. "He has a wonderful sense of community and understands the unique needs of distance learners. In his new role as chair, he will make an invaluable contribution to the Governing Council and the university."

Burnett has served on many boards and committees, including the Athabasca University Governing Council and the Universities Academic Pension Plan Board. Burnett is an active community member, has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and has served on boards for Scouts Canada, the Edmonton Boys Choir, and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program.

Athabasca University, Canada's Open University, is dedicated to the removal of barriers that restrict access to, and success in, university-level studies and to increasing equality of educational opportunities for adult learners worldwide. The university is committed to excellence in teaching, research and scholarship, and to being of service to the general public.

Athabasca University was established in 1970 and currently serves over 30,000 students each year. Almost 200,000 students have benefited from its individualized courses and programs since its creation.

Congratulations **David** from all the Gyros and Gyrettes.

The following comes from Keith Bradley's Park Points bulletin.

An older gentleman had an appointment to see the Urologist who shared an office with several other doctors. The waiting room was filled with patients. As he approached the receptionist, he noticed she was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. He gave her his name. In a very loud voice, the receptionist said, "YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE. YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man. He recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice, replied, "NO, I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS."

Walter Yakimets won the free lunch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 1, 2004 and it will be a business meeting. The budget will be considered and men who have been members of the club for 25 years or more will be recognized.

Barry Walker reports that plans are falling into place very nicely for our June 9, 2004 Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament being run in conjunction with the Canadian Cancer Society. We are now in the prize gathering phase of our work and encourage any of you to contribute prizes for this major event. We are looking for prizes in sets of four. Some members have indicated a desire to simply contribute cash and leave it to the committee to purchase prizes, this is quite acceptable.

For the meeting of June 15, 2004, **John Reid** has arranged for our guest speaker to be Ray Block who is the CEO of the Alberta Mental Health Board. He will inform us about the new mental health system that is being implemented in the province.

The Annual Gyro Golf Tournament is set for Thursday, June 17, 2004 at the Riverbend Golf Course in Red Deer with the first tee time at 9:00 AM. The Edmonton Crossroads Club (**Brian Dunnigan**) is looking after the organization this year and advises that the cost including golf, power cart, barbeque dinner and prizes will be \$95.00. If you are planning to attend, please forward your cheque, payable to the Edmonton Crossroads Gyro club, to **Mike Matei**, or directly to **Brian Dunnigan**. Your earliest confirmation is appreciated.

The Gyro and Gyrette 9 hole golf scramble has been booked for the Legends Golf & Country Club for Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. with a BBQ to follow. Cost is \$45.00 including golf, dinner and wine or \$25.00 for dinner if you prefer not to golf. Golfers are required to pay for their own cart. Please contact **Barry Walker** for more details and signing up.

Lethbridge's 2004 District VIII Convention will be at Waterton Lakes National Park August 5 – 8 and includes a boat trip and breakfast at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Application forms are in the current issue of the Gyroscope.

The Quad Club golf tournament is being run by the Edmonton Gyro Club this year and will be held at the Legends Golf & Country Club on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. with a BBQ to follow. Cost is \$65.00 including golf, cart, dinner and wine or \$25.00 for dinner if you prefer not to golf. The funds must be received by Monday, August 23, 2004 to secure your spot. Please contact Barry Walker for more details and signing up.

John Stroppa reports that he and his team of **Harry Nash** and **Val Pohl** have arranged an afternoon of thoroughbred racing on Sunday September 26, 2004. He has reserved the private **Upper Sky Suite** at Northlands Park. Mark your calendars, more information will follow.

Same Old Bull

Allan

