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On a rainy, windy day at Mayfair, **President Allan** opened our September 17th meeting to a smaller than average attendance. Guest, **Doug Thomas**, was introduced by **Bryce Van Dusen**. **Owen** introduced his brother-in-law, **Jim Currie**, from Saskatchewan and **Gord Rennie** presented **Don Birmingham** from the Crossroads Club.

Bert Boren and **Roger Russell** lead us in Cheerio and grace as said by our **Retread**. Birthday wishes were extended to **Vern Sadd** who celebrates his special day on September 19th. May they continue to be great days for you, **Vern**.

The health-of-the -club report was wonderfully short; **Bert Boren** reported that **Fred Kemp** is progressing very well and is able to get around with one of those special canes with a three pronged base for more certain support. **PYS** (alias **Roger Russell**) had a humorous tale to tell of **Stan Smith**, who made a remarkable recovery after being seriously ill. **Stan's** daughter arrived for a visit after seeing her father in what appeared to have been a grave state of health only a short time before. On entering his room there was no one present, the bed was neatly made and all the items carefully placed in it. She feared the worst. But on going out into the corridor she spied **Stan** wheeling his chair vigorously down the hall. On seeing her, he threw both arms into the air and joyeously called out "The Phoenix has risen!!" A truly remarkable 96 year old!

Highlights of the executive meeting held at **President Allan's** home on September 4th include membership promotion with funds allocated to the membership committee. The matter of club membership will be a key focal point for the executive this year. **Dick Ogilvie** is looking into the plan to create group pictures to commemorate our club's 75th anniversary. Club members and Gyrettes will be kept informed on emerging plans.

Al McClure gave us a history of our hockey pool and spoke of the advantages of continuing the pool operation again this year. **Al** and fellow Gyros **Dave Duchak** and **Ron Ewoniak** are to be thanked and congratulated on the fine job they have done for us in the past. With **Ron's** retirement, the Club will look into a replacement person to mail out the cheques to the winners of the pool. Any volunteers for this job? Please contact **Al** if you would be interested in becoming a member of the hockey

pool team for 1996-1997.

Mike Matei and **President Allan** will supervise our hosting the Red Deer Golf Tournament slated for Thursday, June 5th, 1997. As host club they hope that we will have a good turn out. Please mark it onto your calendar now if you are interested in being a part of this Gyro tradition.

In planning for the 1996 International Convention some wise club leaders invested a block of money in some well secured but lucrative GIC's. This investment accrued to a value of \$25,000 which became the secured base upon which the Convention planners could call should it be necessary to do so. Due to the planning executive's business acumen this fund was not needed. The question arose at the executive meeting as to what good purposes this fund might be put in the years ahead. **President Allan** led a lively discussion on this topic. Several ideas were "flown" but none took permanently to wing. In the end it was agreed that our club benevolent committee should meet together with the executive and come forward to the club with a series of options which can be discussed and a resolution reached.

Our guest from Crossroads, **Don Birmingham**, made a humorous presentation of "**Giles**", the cheeky wooden figure holding a tray out for whatever reason. **Giles** and an accompanying album (for photos and comments) to record his travels are to attend as many Gyro functions as possible before the International Gyro convention in the USA next year. **Mr President** has the challenge of introducing **Giles** to another Gyro club as soon as possible. It seems that this is not a challenge of choice but of requirement so good luck with it **Allan**.

Marty Larson passed along Resolution#3 from the Annual Meeting held during our Convention. It reads "*Whereas, the Gyros and Gyrettes of the Gyro Club of Edmonton under the strong leadership of convention co-chairmen **David Burnett** and his Gyrette **Marlene**, Convention co-chairman Past International President **Marty Larson** and his Gyrette **Shirley**, along with Registration Chairman **Barry Walker** and his Gyrette **Valerie** and all other members of the convention committee have done a superb job of hosting this Gyro International Convention and whereas, as a result of their efforts all Gyros and Gyrettes in attendance have had a most wonderful and memorable time at this International Convention: Now therefore be it resolved, that all Gyros of the Edmonton Gyro Club of Edmonton and their Gyrettes be thanked and congratulated for the time and effort put forward in the preparation and presentation of this outstanding and successful International Convention.*"

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27th (Friday)

St Albert Gyro Mixed Event at Northlands.
Monday, Sept. 23rd is the deadline to contact
Fred Ryder or Mike Deegan.

November 1, 2, 3

Banff Curlarama. Curlers \$135.00, Non-

Curlers \$105.00. Deadline for confirmation is October 11th. Contact **Mike Matei** (Res. 458-9211; Fax 458-9211).

November 18 (Monday)

Our St Albert Gyro Club friends will host FOUNDER'S NIGHT at Eagles Club at 6:30 PM. A Poker Night will follow.

December 4 (Wednesday)

A traditional Christmas Party is being planned which will be held in the clerk's quarters in Fort Edmonton. More details will follow.

Our lucky draw winner was **David Burnett**. Next meeting will be held at noon, October 1st (Tuesday) at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club.

The following conversation was overheard between a Gyro and Gyrette who had gone out for dinner one evening. The Gyrette observed her husband as he ordered fried steak with cream gravy, french fries, and fried okra. Quietly she said, "You're selecting too many fried foods. You should consider ordering something steamed or baked." He reached up onto the dessert tray for a piece of cherry pie topped with ice cream. "There," he was heard to respond, "I have got something baked."



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