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Our new **President Gord** welcomed 26 Gyros and one guest, Joe Ramsay, to our meeting. **John Plunkett** then led us in Cheerio, followed by the **Rev. John Dowds** asking the blessing.

Those celebrating birthdays were **David Burnett** on the 18th, **Ivan Ivankovich** on May 23rd, and **Allan Warrack** on May 24th.

An archeologist is defined as a scientist whose career lies in ruins. And an adult is someone who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Walter Yakimets did not have anything to report on the health of the club, which means we are in good shape.

Gord "Retread" Rennie brought to our attention the article that was in the Edmonton Journal about the life of Merik Jablonski, who passed away in March. When he was young, his immigrant parents could not afford a piano and he used a neighbour's piano to practice. He was recognized for his talent early but was unable to cover the costs of his lessons. Some service clubs in town were approached to assist and the Edmonton Gyro Club supported the costs of his lessons. He later became a world famous pianist who had concerts all over the globe. The role of the Gyro club was mentioned in the article about his life. The President of the club when the decision was made to support Merik was **Gord Rennie**.

Do you know the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline? You take off your shoes when you jump on a trampoline.

Mike Matei reminded us of the Annual Gyro Golf Tournament in Red Deer on June 3, 1999. At press time there were six Gyros from our club planning to attend. It is past the deadline but if you would like to see if you can join us, contact **Mike**, he will do his best to get you into the match play or the scramble.

Gyrette News

The next Gyrette meeting is scheduled for June 8, 1999 at the Mayfair. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner will be a 6:30. The cost is \$15.00. There is an interesting speaker planned. Jasmine Hoeven, the program manager for the Edmonton School Lunch Program will be present. All Gyrettes are invited to come and learn about how the December donation was used and how the program is operated.

Our guest speaker was **Second VP Bruce Foy**. He told us about himself from his beginnings in rural Saskatchewan through an interesting career as an engineer. It included stints at Mines and Technical Surveys in Ottawa, at Vancouver International Airport with Transport Canada and moving to Winnipeg just in time to enjoy the coldest November in history. He ended his career in Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Upcoming Events:

Our next meeting will be on May 18th and our "guest speaker" will be our own Al McClure. The topic will be the Gyro Hockey Pool, past, present and future. This has been an ongoing activity of our club for some time and it is now appropriate to consider its future. Al would like to see a good turnout for this discussion, so try to attend and participate.

The **International and District IV Convention** will be held in Whistler, British Columbia from June 10 – 13, 1999. If you are attending let **President Gord** know.

Barry Walker informs us that the annual gyro/gyrette golf tournament will be held on July 14, 1999 followed by a full steak BBQ at the ranch of **Florrie and Bryce Van Dusen**. Cost per person is \$17.00 for golf and \$17.00 for dinner. Make cheques payable to the Edmonton Gyro Club. The numbers must be confirmed by July 14th. Please provide prizes to **Barry** or **Roger Russell**.

The **District VIII Convention** is scheduled for August 5-8, 1999 at the Prestige Inn in Cranbrook B.C.

The Sherwood Park Club is organizing a Quad Club Golf Event for August 30, 1999. Mark the date so that you will be available, and details will follow.

The Sherwood Park Club will also be hosting the **District VIII Convention** in the year 2000 at the Fantasyland Hotel.

After the last meeting, I reported that "The popular winner of a free lunch was **Past President Jack Ellis**". I am not sure what it is doing for his popularity, but he is on a roll and the first card drawn was **Past President Jack Ellis**.