



Gyro Club of Edmonton

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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How's your Christmas shopping coming? I hope better than mine. Actually, Gord Rennie told me not to worry if I didn't have Marlene's gift picked out yet just so long as I got this newsletter done in time to meet his GyroLog deadline.

And this brings me to the main reason for writing - to extend Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year from our home to yours! 'Midst all of the excitement and glitter of the festive season, we remember, as well, the special significance of Christmas and the hope that it offers. It is also a time to remember the special significance of Gyro and Gyro friendship. So, as we celebrate the joy of Christmas, we think of those less fortunate than ourselves, of friends and family who are confined to home or hospital and we offer our prayers that they too might share in the greater comfort of this truly special season.

Remembering that living in Edmonton means you may spend more time on Christmas day shovelling your driveway than opening presents, many of our members have already headed south to warmer climates or are planning to do so early in the New Year. We wish you all a safe journey and look forward to your return BUT this year we have a favour to ask. Those of us who stay behind to keep the flame of Gyro friendship kindled ask that you take a couple of minutes to send us a postcard. We don't care if you even want to lie a bit about your handicap. Send your greetings to Gord Rennie or myself and we will share your news at the luncheon meetings. In return, Gord will keep you up to date on Club news through the GyroLog. He might even publish weekly Edmonton temperatures just to make you feel at home.

The following items are specifically drawn to your attention because of changes in program dates or important deadlines:

. **DECEMBER 20**

Our own Rev. Bill Graham will be giving his annual Christmas message at the regular noon luncheon. Let's have a good turn out - Bill will appreciate our support and we probably need to hear his message.

. **DECEMBER 31**

Last date to purchase an International Life Membership for \$375.00. This will save you \$30.00 or more each year for the rest of your life or forever, whichever comes first. As of the new year, prepaid life memberships will cost \$450.00. Make your cheque payable to Gyro International and get it to Gord Rennie before the end of the year.

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. JANUARY 10 and 24

The January meeting dates have been changed to the SECOND and FOURTH TUESDAY to let everyone get settled back into a regular routine after the holidays. **MARK THIS CHANGE IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

. JANUARY 24

The Board of Directors' Meeting has been rescheduled to coincide with the second meeting in January.

The arrival of another New Year is always a good time to reflect on the past and look to the future. The New Year also brings me to about the mid-point in my term as Club President and a chance to see how we've been doing in reaching some of the objectives your Executive set for this year. Attached is an Edmonton Gyro Club ParticipAction Chart which shows, in percentage terms, our individual attendance records since May. All in all, I think we've been doing very well. The chart does not include attendance at the luncheon hosted by Labatts, the 100% attendance night or Founder's Night which were all extremely well attended but for which regular attendance cards were not used. Our congratulations and thanks to all the high achievers and for the rest of the gang, we hope to see more of you in the New Year as circumstances permit.

The Ways and Means, Objectives and Benevolence Committee has been busy working behind the scenes to identify projects which may be appropriate for our Club to sponsor and which may become a focus for our support in the future. You will be hearing more about this in the New Year so get ready to share your ideas with members of this Committee.

And finally, you will find enclosed an updated list of programs through to the end of June and some other important dates through to the end of 1989. There have been a few changes in dates so be sure to update your calendar. A luncheon address by Dr. Susan Natrass, an evening of Bocci, a Valentine Party at the Fantasyland Hotel, the District VIII Interim Meeting at Fairmont and the TriClub Installation at the Muttart Conservatory are only some of the exciting events scheduled over the next few months. Remember to come out, enjoy Gyro and bring a friend!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!



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