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To date, **PYS** has received 41 registrations, 13 from Edmonton and 28 from out of town

Gary Diment introduced our speaker, **Alex Mair**, and what a delight this humorous, dedicated historian was. His relaxed, informal style and sense of humour made his talk about Edmonton's exciting and unique history so easy to listen to. The general consensus was that we should have **Alex** back again - real soon.

John Ross really set the tone for our February 6th noon meeting at the Mayfair when your nosy reporter suggested we hadn't seen much of each other recently, "Big Red's" quick response was that we' probably been laying in different ditches. I had nothing further to ask him after that.

President Mike welcomed a good turn out on a buoyant spring-like day. **Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio and **Rev. Billy** was there with a meaningful message as he led us in a special Grace.

President Mike welcomed guest **Herb Maicomson** and after a gracious apology, extended a belated welcome to our fellow Gyro, **Wayne Knight** from the St Albert Club.

Bert Boren was away as his wife, **Ellen**, was not well. We extend our sincere wishes to **Ellen** or a speedy and full recovery. The membership applauded the return of our own **Billy Graham** who was under doctor's care and wished him continued good progress in the days to come.

Marty Larson and wife, **Shirley**, joined 183 other Gyro folk at the New Orleans International Interim Convention in late January. His reference to the "cold" south evoked the comment that for cold he should have been here or standing on the corner of Portage and Main in Winnipeg when those lazy northern winds whip the breathe from your lungs. Marty promptly drew upon the wisdom of Einstein - "It's all a matter of relativity, fellas!"

Barry Walker reported that 165 Gyros and ladies attended the Vancouver District IV convention on February 4th. All but two of those present assured him and fellow Edmonton Gyros that they would be coming to Edmonton for the International and District VIII convention.. He promised to work on those delinquent "two". While our ambassadors reported that "every" planned to come to Edmonton, only one cheque was received for our convention registration.

Congratulations to all our teams who have provide us with such enjoyable programs at our luncheon meetings. Every one is a wonderful learning and sharing experience.

Andy Friderichsen thanked **Alex** for his very enjoyable presentation.

Our hard working **Retread** presented the Club with the 15th volume of our Club's Historical Record. If any of you have ever assembled even a small photo album, you will have some idea of the time, care and effort our **Retread** puts into projects like this. The members joined Ivan Ivankovich in expressing our gratitude to **Gord** for his on going commitment to the Gyro philosophy and our Gyro Club in particular. **Gord** reminded us that all of these records are available from the City archives for our members use.

The draw was won by **Dave Duchak**.

GYRO HOCKEY POOL

CAME 10 JANUARY 20th ALL STAR GAME

1st Period Perry Majeau, Gary Latimer, Ron Ewoniak

2nd Period Lynn Howell, Jennie Rasko, John Ross

Final Score Dave Ross, Stewart Graham

GAME11 JANUARY 27 TORONTO AT OTTAWA

1st Period Eileen Entwistle, Susan Ellis, K. Becker

2nd Period Bruce Morter, Jack Ellis, C. Sullivan

Final Score Rick Tomniuk, H. G. Amos, Ralph Uiveland

GAME 12 FEBRUARY 3rd MONTREAL AT TORONTO

1st Period Michael Lawton

2nd Period Michael Lawton

Final Score Bob Lippe

A NOTE: John Ross pointed out that our club had been a sponsor to pianist Marek Joblonski who has become a world renowned performer. Marek will perform at the

University of Alberta Convocation Hall on Saturday, February 17th. This concert series is very popular and Gyros who might wish to attend one of Marek's programs should plan to purchase their tickets in advance. Call 492-0601.

OUR CLUB'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 13th | Valentine's Day Celebration (mixed). 12 noon at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. |
| February 20th | Lunch and tour of the new Federal Womens' Prison at 10735-180th St. Tour starts at noon. Deadline for confirming attendance is Feb. 10th. There will be no Mayfair meeting on this date. |
| March 2nd | Mixed Curling |
| March 4th | Bocci Night |

OTHER CLUB EVENTS

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| Feb. 23-25th | Sherwood Park Gyro Ski Trip to Jasper |
| March 15-17th | District VIII Interim Convention at Fairmont |
| April 17th | Quad Club Meeting at Nelson, B. C. |
| June 6-9th | District IV Convention in Victoria, B. C. |
| July 11-14th | Edmonton Gyro Club International Convention |
| Aug. 8th | Golf Scramble and BBQ (It's not too early to be thinking of golf prizes!!) |

FIRST POSTING

Edmonton Gyro Club is pleased to announce the first posting for membership for Mr Haig Lewis (wife, Betty) of 4216-147th Street, Edmonton, Ab. T6H 5V6. Sponsor - Gord Robertson, seconder, Mort Morter.

BIRTHDAYS

Retread tells us that middle age is when the words "happy" and "birthday" start to go their separate ways. This is clearly not the case for the birthday Gyros this time. Feb 22 is the big day for Bill Agnew. Stanley Noel Smith is going to celebrate number 97 on Feb. 24. Jack Ellis follows that with a special day on Feb. 25th. Best wishes to all.

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

One of our International Convention events will be held in Fort Edmonton so a few paragraphs of information on this amazing museum seems appropriate.

The Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation, a non-profit organisation, grew out of the vision and efforts of a group of early pioneers and the Rotary Clubs' Fort Edmonton Committee. Their dream was to build a high quality living history museum to honour and accurately reflect Edmonton's past - a celebration and restoration of our mutual roots. The Foundation began in 1969 and is still active in its 27th year having raised over \$12.5 mill. for numerous Park projects. Currently the Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation is raising \$2.5 mill. to reconstruct the Blatchford Field Hanger in celebration of Edmonton's aviation leadership as the "Gateway to the North".

Fort Edmonton Park is Canada's largest living history museum. It lies nestled in Edmonton's picturesque river valley only minutes from the city's downtown core. The park is comprised of 54 hectares (158 acres) of flood plain. It first opened its doors in May, 1974 and today it has grown to become the host of more than 70 period buildings set in four distinct eras of Edmonton history - 1846 when Edmonton was a Hudson's Bay fur trading post; 1885, an early period in our city's life prior to the Klondike goldrush and the coming of steel; 1905, a period of great growth when this bustling city was poised to become the capital of a newly created province; and 1920, a period just following the first great World War.

The average annual attendance of 210,000 continues to show growth. Apart of the Fort's attraction is the corps of interpreters who dress in period costume and who help to bring the Fort to life by depicting the lifestyles of each era as life would have been. Our Klondike costume for the Gyro Convention will add a wonderful touch to life in the Fort when our International guests come to share this special time with us.

OVERHEARD AT GYRO LUNCH

A small group were discussing the matter of multiple marriage and Rev. Billy Graham, ever sympathetic, was heard to say "Elizabeth Taylor is more to be pitied than censured - we should pray for her." Off to the side came the quiet voice of a single Gyro "I've been praying for her for years but I never get her."



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