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Our last meeting held on August 3rd was well attended and our guest speaker was Mr. Larry Odegard, President of the Alberta Healthcare Association, who gave us a very interesting talk about our Health Care System, including the cost factor of three and one half billion dollars annually.

He covered at some length the many issues and problems, including hospital care, outpatient treatment, long term care, mental health etc. A question and answer period included such items as hospital care versus home care; drugs and generic substitutions; preventive medicine; user fees; ethical & moral dilemma's, etc.

Bert Boren introduced our speaker and Ed Edlund expressed our appreciation for his visit.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that Dan Lawton is out of hospital and presently in Victoria, B.C. where he is recovering nicely from his surgery.

Bryce Van Dusen advised that his brother Wes was recently admitted to the University Hospital for an operation, from which he is successfully recovering.

Gyrette Golf Scramble - as you know this annual fun event is all set for Thursday 19 August at the Westridge Golf Course, followed by a barbecue dinner at Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen's ranch.

Ernie Siegel was busy collecting money for this event at our last meeting and he reports everything is set to go. No mention of prizes! - he must be inundated by now.

Night At The Races - on Wednesday 22 September at Northlands Race Track.

~~John Stroppa is looking after arrangements and will be looking for your cheque or cash (\$17.50 per person) by August 30th.~~

Recent floods in Iowa, etc - Al McClure brought up the subject of the recent flooding of the Mississippi river, particularly in the State of Iowa. It reminded him of the flood disaster in the City of Winnipeg in 1950. He remembered how people from all over Canada and the USA sent money in support of the flood victims.

He thought that our Gyro Club should provide some financial assistance for flood relief by working through the four Gyro Clubs in the Iowa area, to determine where the assistance would be most needed.

After some discussion a motion was made that the suggestion be brought to the attention of the Ways & Means Committee for consideration and submit a report to the Executive Board of Directors.

The idea has merit and we hope that it can be approved in the name of Gyro friendship.

Cash Draw - the name of Gordon Robertson was drawn at our last meeting - but he wasn't present. As a result the money was turned over to Ernie (Prize Money) Siegel for the Gyroette Scramble.

Boy, just like money from home, only you don't have to write for it.

Potpourri - Sympathy sees and says, "I'm sorry," compassion feels and whispers.  
"I'll help".

Luck is not chance - it's toil. Fortune's expensive smile is earned.

Promises may get you friends, but it is performance that keeps them.

God gave us two ears but only one mouth. Some people say that's because he wanted us to spend twice as much time listening as talking. Others claim it's because he knew that listening is twice as hard as talking.

#### A THOUGHT FOR EVERYDAY

A smile costs nothing but creates much,  
It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who give it.  
It happens in a flash and the memory of it may last forever.  
None are so rich that they cannot get along without it, and none so poor that they cannot be richer for it's benefits.  
It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business and is the countersign of good friends.  
It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be begged, bought, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is worth nothing to anyone until it is given away.  
In the course of the day, some of your acquaintances may be too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours.

Nobody needs a smile as much as those who have none left to give.

Birthdays - the birthday boys receiving congratulations and our best wishes at our last meeting, were: Allan McClure & Allan Douglas for August 14th and David Duchak for August 18th.

Born under the sign of Leo - we hope you will each have a roaring good birthday!

#### Laughter is the best medicine

This being the baseball season and the interest in the Toronto Blue Jays is high, I happened to come across the following story about one of baseball's most famous characters, Yogi Berra.

After a television interview in 1978, Yankee Coach Yogi Berra was given a cheque for \$100.00. The cheque read, "pay to bearer".

Yogi took a look at it and said to the interviewer: "come on you've known me long enough to know how to spell my name".

Vox Pop - One explanation as to why our Government hasn't decreased the deficit spending - it's awfully hard to get a hog to butcher itself. (John Plunkett)

Thanks to the interstate highway system, it is now possible to travel across the country without seeing anything. (Gordon Robertson)

Measure success not by what you have done, but what you could do. (Roger Russell)

The eye of a friend is a good mirror. (Vern Sadd)

Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects. (Russ Shepherd)

There is an increased demand for codes of ethics in politics, although most office holders are sworn in with their hands resting on one. (Tony Sheppard).

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#### OUR NEXT MEETING

THE DATE - TUESDAY 17 AUGUST 1933

THE PLACE - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB

THE TIME - 12.00 noon

Program Team No.5 with Team Captain Bob Lippe: Dan Lawton and David Burnett are in charge of arrangements..

Our guest speaker will be Murdoch Davis, Editor of the Edmonton Journal, who asked our club members to provide him with questions, in writing, concerning the operation of the Journal and the media in general.

We understand that his request has been complied with and both questions and answers should prove interesting.

see you there - retread.

