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**President Gerry** welcomed about 28 Gyros to the only noon meeting in December. **Dick Ogilvie** then led us in Cheerio and **Rev. Bill Graham** asked the blessing.

There were several birthdays to record which will be celebrated before our next meeting. On December 6<sup>th</sup> **Dick Mandlis** and **Tony Sheppard** celebrate, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, **Rev. John Dowds**, on the 16<sup>th</sup> **Larry Dobson**, on the 20<sup>th</sup> **Victor Jagoldas**, on the 21<sup>st</sup>, **Bob Lippe**, and to start off the new year, **John Ross** and **John Stroppa** celebrate on January 2, 1998.

Game #3 in the hockey pool was on November 29<sup>th</sup>, between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Vancouver Canucks. At the end of the first period the Leafs led 2 - 0 and Sandy Rennie and Mike Babichuk won. After two it was 2-2 and Gene Zeibarth and Rob Scranton won. At the end of the game it was Leafs 2 and Canucks 4 with **Mort Morter** and **Tony Sheppard** winning the really big bucks.

Related to the health of members of Gyro, **Gordon Robertson** reported that **Art Meidinger** had a stroke and is now recovering at the Glenrose. He will be involved in therapy there for some time. **Gord Rennie** then reported that our good friend from Sherwood Park, **Keith Bradley** had a heart attack on December 1<sup>st</sup> and in the Grey Nuns hospital. We wish them both the very best in their recoveries.

**John Plunkett** passed around a sheet related to the mixed Fun Bowl which is booked for January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Edmonton Bowling Centre. So far there have been a number of Gyros sign up. We will also be extending an invitation to other Gyro Clubs and expect this to be an evening of fun that few people would mistake for competitive, or even real, bowling. Details will be available. If you were not at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and you would like to participate, call **Allan Douglas** at 436-5903 until early January when **John** is away, and after that, **John Plunkett** at 435-7011.

At this meeting we had a ceremony that involved a former Gyro, **Bernie Brown**. When he passed away he left a relatively new power scooter to the Edmonton Gyro Club for someone else to use. After some deliberation, the Benevolence Committee recommended that the scooter be donated to the Good Samaritan Society to be used by a number of people at their hospital. To mark the occasion we had two guests, Diane Chambers, the Development Officer for the Good Samaritan Society, and **Bernie's** son, Malcolm Brown. It was noted that our relationship with the Society was established by our great friend **Bert Boren** with his long association with Good Sam.

Diane Chambers has been a fund raiser with a variety of organizations in a number of countries. She was very enthusiastic about the Good Samaritan organization and said it is the best job she has ever had. She also told us that she was touched on her first day when **Bert Boren** called her to welcome her and wish her luck. There are about 800 volunteers and 1,560 staff in 9 locations in Edmonton and the areas. Their current emphasis is on accommodation for Alzheimer's patients and assisted living facilities. **President Gerry** presented Diane with the key to the scooter on behalf of the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Brown family.

Our renowned silversmith, Andy Friderichsen, made a plaque for the scooter which reads "GYRO SCOOTER - Placed with the Good Samaritan Hospital by the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Brown Family - 1997". Malcolm Brown presented the plaque to Diane Chambers and it will be mounted on the scooter. Malcolm said that he knows many of the Gyros who were around his house when he was growing up. He then talked about how much the Gyro Club and Gyros meant to his father. He said he was very pleased to be able to travel from Calgary for this ceremony. He felt that his father would have been pleased that the use of the scooter would be maximized by having it at a facility where many could benefit from it rather than just one person. Malcolm added that his father's credo was "I have never intentionally hurt another person". In closing he thanked the Gyro Club for its decision and for inviting him to the ceremony. He then drew **Roger Russell's** name for a free lunch. "A popular win!" declared **Mr. Russell**.

Our earth shattering questions for this edition are: Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? And Where do forest rangers go to 'get away from it all'?

In the irony department, police in St. Petersburg Florida, seeking Kevin Callahan for questioning in the stabbing of his wife found him in the hospital after he had been struck by lightning.

**Upcoming Events:** Our Christmas Message and Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at Fort Edmonton. There will be a traditional turkey dinner with carols and mulled wine. The original plan was also for a sleigh ride but the weather may dictate what happens on that front. The cost is \$25 per person and the dress is casual.

Our next regular meeting will be at noon on Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1998. The Fun Bowl will be on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.