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The attendance at our last meeting on 5 July was good and we were pleased to have the company of two guests; Randy Diamond, who was introduced by Tony Sheppard; and Peter Rausch who was Allan Warrack's guest.

Prior to giving the blessing, Padre Bill Graham asked for a moment of silence in memory of Bernie Brown, who passed away on 22 June 1994. Bernie was a 50 year member.

Gyro Memorial Fund - It was moved by Gord Rennie & seconded by Dick Ogilvie, that our club make a donation to the Gyro Memorial Fund in memory of John Boychuk and Bernie Brown. The motion was passed unanimously.

Birthdays - One birthday will be celebrated before our next meeting. Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Ron Ewoniak on July 17th. Have a great day Ron.



Sick & visiting - We were happy to have Andy Friderichsen after his recent hospitalization. Andy is looking well and says he is coming along fine. Bert Boren advised that Ken McKenzie is home but still having some health problems. Ernie Siegel recently had a back operation, but he is home again and free from leg pain.

Our guest speaker on 5 July was Mr. Dennis Fahlman, general manager of the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association, who was formally introduced by Ivan Ivankovich. We learned that Mr. Fahlman is a man of many talents and interests. He is a noted sportsman, including golf, curling and is a marathon runner. He has been very involved in the operation of the Edmonton Heritage Festival as general manager for the past 8 years.

He gave us a most interesting and very informative talk about the festival which was first produced in 1976; when it was a one day affair with 12 pavilions. Since that time it has continued to grow both on the cultural pavilions and attendance. They now showcase approximately 60 cultures from five continents and lay claim to the "World's Largest 3-Day Celebration of Multiculturalism."

The festival utilizes a huge volunteer component with over 6000 volunteers contributing over 100,000 hours to operate the festival. The Festival Association has developed a substantial tourism attendance and surveys indicate it provides an economic benefit of 12-15 M dollars to the City of Edmonton.

They are looking forward to another successful festival at Hawrelak Park from July 30 to 1 August, 1994.

Jack Ellis very aptly expressed the appreciation of our club to Mr. Fahlman for his fine presentation. Our thanks also to Ivan Ivankovich for arranging this program.

District 8 Convention Review - President Barry Walker reported that the D-8 Convention recently held in Lethbridge, AB., was a great success. The Lethbridge Gyros & Gyrettes produced a fine program of events. The food was excellent; there was great music on Friday evening by Stampede City Gyro Floyd Mueller and the entertainment was outstanding. (Rachel was a riot - very professional). The evening closed with a fine fireworks display. The Saturday evening was first class. Our congratulations to the District 8 Officers who were installed for the coming term.

District Awards included: Man Mile Award, Coeur d'Alene: Best Secretary, Cranbrook: Best Bulletin, Grand Forks (nice work Doris): Russ Carter Award, Coeur d'Alene.

Our Gyro Club was well represented by the following:- David & Marlene Burnett, Jack & Terri Ellis, Gerry & Alice Glassford, Marty & Shirley Larson, Al & Bette McClure, Dick & Margaret Ogilvie, Gord & Ivy Rennie, John & Yvette Stroppa, Barry & Valerie Walker, and Allan & Jean Warrack.

Gyro International Convention - President Barry advised that there are 5 couples from our club going to Moncton including:- Marty & Shirley Larson, Barry & Valerie Walker, Mike & Sharon Matel, David & Marlene Burnett, and Roger & Janet Russell.

11 August Golf Scramble Update - from our raving (no retreat) our roving reporter Owen Cornish. Ernie's wine is mellowing nicely. Our "sunworshipper" Rev. Bill Graham promises there will be no eclipse that day. Registrants for the event as of 5 July were 28 for golf and 39 for the BBQ. The deadline for registration is August 1st. Golf is \$12.00 p.p. & the BBQ \$13.00 p.p. Post-dated cheques to Ernie Siegel acceptable. **Late FLASH** - we regret that our weather prophet tells us he will not be there - that he is going out of town!. We will expect a full explanation upon his return. (Your roving eye! - Owen)

Change of address - Gyrettes please note, Eva Pawling is now residing at Apt.23, 5210 - 110 Street NW. Edmonton, AB. T6H 5K1. In her letter Eva advised that she is not enjoying the best of health, but she hopes to attend a Gyrette meeting in the near future.

Cash Draw - at our last meeting the lucky winner was Bert Boren - who won the "carry over." Ernie Siegel wasn't there to persuade Bert to turn his winnings over for golf prizes!. Too bad Ernie - but I'm sure you are already well stocked with prizes for all.

Laughter is the best medicine - The following two items are from Bert Boren, who told these stories at our last meeting.

DO YOU KNOW BRIDGE?

A maid was being interviewed for a job and when asked why she left her former position she replied: "They paid good wages, but it was the most ridiculous place I ever worked. They play a game called "bridge" and last night they had a lot of people in to play this game. Just as I was about to bring in the refreshments, I heard a man say to a woman - "Take your hand off my trick." So help me I nearly dropped dead! Then I heard another man say to a woman - "lay down and let's see what you've got!" Another man said, "well, I've got the strength but not the length!" Just then a woman said - "you forced me and jumped me twice, when you didn't have the strength for one raise!" Then I heard another woman talking about "protecting her honor." Well, that did it! I got my hat and coat and just as I was leaving, so help me, I heard a man say - "well I guess we'll have to leave, as that was our last rubber!"

LIFE BEGINS AT EIGHTY

I have good news for you....the first eighty years are the hardest; the second eighty, as far as my experience goes, is a series of birthday parties. Everybody wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name, or any body else's, you need only explain that you are eighty.

If you put things away, then forget where you put them, And you have to search for hours to find them....or forget what you went to the store to buy, it's alright, because you are 80. If you act silly, it's your second childhood; everyone is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain. At 65 or 70 they expect you to retire to a little house and become a discontented, bumbling Has Been. But ..if you survive until you are 80, everyone is surprised that you are alive, surprised that you can walk, surprised that you can drive a car, surprised that there are lucid intervals.

At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 they forgive you for everything. If you ask me, life begins at 80!! (Thanks Bert for the above - please submit more if you get them).

BITS & PIECES - People are inclined when in the wrong, to lay the blame on someone else. We're like the small boy who was standing on the cat's tail. His mother hearing the terrible commotion called from an adjoining room: "Tommy, stop pulling that cat's tail." Tommy replied, "I'm not pulling the cat's tail, I'm standing on it. He's the one that's doing the pulling."

The famous painter Picasso, wanted a special piece of furniture made for a large room. He went to a cabinet maker and to make his wishes clear, sketched on a piece of paper exactly what he wanted. When he finished he asked what the price would be. "No charge" said the wily craftsman. "Just sign the sketch."

VOX POP - You start growing up when you have the first laugh at yourself. (David Burnett)

Remember a smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight. (Owen Cornish)

The biggest step you can make is when you meet the other person halfway. (Allan Douglas)

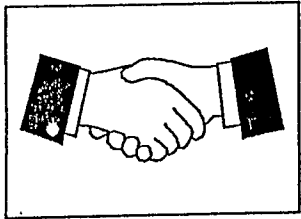
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MAYFAIR

GOLF CLUB AT 12.00 NOON ON TUESDAY 19 JULY.

AT PRESS TIME A SPEAKER HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

SEE YOU THERE (RETREAD)

Gyro means



Friendship

