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On Tuesday evening December 2, 2008 **President John** welcomed 80 Gyro's, Gyrettes and guests to the Annual Christmas Party held in the Riverview Room of the Shaw Conference Centre. **Marty Larson** presented the Grace.

**Bob** and **Mary Lue Moore** were guests of Peter and Margaret Butler; **Frank** and **Shirley Power** were guests of Mike and Sharon Matei; **John** and **Helen Hope** were guests of Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen and **Dennis** and **Catherine Leonard** were guests of Walter and Kay Yakimets.

This year's menu consisted of: Cream of Carrot and Fennel Soup, Whole Roasted Turkey carved at the table with Apple-Sage Stuffing, Asparagus Spears, Cauliflower Florets, Cranberry Potato, Turkey Gravy and Cranberry Sauce; and for dessert, Eggnog Spiced Milk Chocolate Gingerbread Mousse, Caramelized Pear Cranberry Compote Centre served with Raspberry Sauce and Fresh Berries.

Each table was treated to an entertaining display of turkey carving by one of our Gyro members or guests. Thanks to **Bob Berube, Warren Garbutt, Chuck Gerhart, John Hope, Bruce Houston, Leon Lubin, Mike Matei, Dick Nichols, Roger Russell and Bill Taylor** for their excellent work.

Those celebrating their birthdays in December are **Sam Gruden** and **John Plunkett** on the 1<sup>st</sup>, **Ron Ramsey** on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, **David Dyck** on the 5<sup>th</sup>, **Tony Sheppard** on the 6<sup>th</sup>, **Larry Dobson** on the 16<sup>th</sup>, **Bill Taylor** on the 20<sup>th</sup> and **Chuck Gerhart** on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The December wedding anniversaries are **Bruce and Gayle Houston**, 26 years on the 4<sup>th</sup>; **Tom and Lenore Chambers**, 56 years on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Ari and Kathryn Hoeksema**, 5 years on the 31<sup>st</sup>.



Mike Matei



Bill Taylor



Leon Lubin

Dick Nichols reported on the results of the GYRO Hockey Pool.

Game 1	November 10		
<b>Oilers vs. Rangers</b>			
First	1	0	
Second	2	1	
Final	3	2	

<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
<b>Jack Brown</b>		<b>Jack Brown</b>	Cole Keddie
<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>		<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>	<b>Peter Butler</b>
<b>John Mann</b>		Unsold	Lynne Howell

Game 2	November 18		
<b>Oilers vs. Columbus</b>			
First	2	0	
Second	3	1	
Final	7	2	

<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Valerie Walker		Carla Walker	Trish Baird
<b>Tony Sheppard</b>		<b>Tony Sheppard</b>	Darren Reed
Unsold		Unsold	<b>Bob Berube</b>

Game 3	November 30		
<b>Oilers vs. Dallas</b>			
First	0	2	
Second	1	2	
Final	3	4	

<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Rob Burnett		<b>Jack Brown</b>	Ken Weisberger
<b>Peter Fairbridge</b>		Brian Scranton	Lucas Burnett
<b>Walter Yakimets</b>		Yvette Stroppa	<b>Alan Rusler</b>

Game 4	December 11		
<b>Oilers vs. Florida</b>			
First	0	0	
Second	0	1	
Final	0	2	

<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Darcy Burnett		Gary Duchak	Dana Boyco
<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>		Diane Brewer	<b>Geoff Brewer</b>
Steve Staciuk		<b>Gord Robertson</b>	<b>Ron Ramsey</b>

President **John Plunkett** welcomed 30 Gyro's and two guests to the luncheon meeting held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Cheerio was led by **Larry Dobson** and the Grace was presented by **Peter Morrison**.

**David Burnett** introduced his guest and son **Rob Burnett** and **Allan Warrack** acknowledged our guest speaker the **Rev. Harry Currie**.

**Peter Morrison** introduced his long-time friend and guest speaker, the Reverend **Harry Currie**, Minister of First Presbyterian Church in Edmonton. Rev. Currie was born in England and moved to New Brunswick where he attended Mt. Allison University and received a BSc. in Science. He later moved to Toronto and earned a Masters of Divinity and has been in the Ministry for 25 years. He and his wife Fiona have 4 grown children.

Harry didn't want to talk about the "true meaning of Christmas" today as has had to do that many times already this month. Instead he opted to share with us a plausible but fictitious and humorous story about the marriage of his "daughter". He and his family lived in a typical neighbourhood with his wife, children and their dog. One of their neighbours had continuing concerns about the noise of the Currie children and the occasional trespassing of the family dog. The neighbour drove large gas guzzling "Hummer" type of vehicles and had other environmentally unfriendly equipment. In the last instance after the family dog escaped and trespassed on the neighbour's property, the dog was captured and sent to the pound. This was the last straw, bitter words were exchanged and the two families' viewed each other as the enemy.

About the same time, one of the Currie daughters' announced her wedding plans and the Reverend was brought into the discussion but his advice and help was mostly ignored. His main role was to stay out of the way and pay the bills. One of the tasks assigned to Harry was the acquisition of sufficient refreshments for the 100 wedding guests. In the Reverend's opinion sufficient wine, hard liquor and beer were acquired for the big event. Twelve, 24 beer bottles cases were deemed to be more than sufficient. The wedding celebrant's were a thirsty lot and the 12 cases of beer quickly disappeared. The Reverend was in trouble again and he went out to the garage to drive to the beer store and noticed that his complete supply of bottled water was missing. In its place were 12, 24 bottle cases of beer. Harry asked one of the young male guests if he new something about the missing bottled water. The response was that" perhaps that the water had been turned into beer". There was no plausible explanation and no one admitted to bringing the beer.

It was later determined that the neighbour had decided to make amends for his behavior and the mistreatment of the family dog and had replaced the water with beer. Thus the moral of the story was "to make an enemy into a friend".

**Allan Warrack** thanked Harry Currie for his very humorous and thought provoking story for the Christmas season.

The free lunch draw was won by **Gerry Glassford**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Regular Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Speaker:** Dean Brumwell, Clinical Occupational Therapist, Independent Homecare Consultants Inc.

**Topic:** "Brain Fitness"

**Contact:** Dick Nichols

**Gyrette Dinner Meeting, Tuesday Evening, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Royal Mayfair Golf Club**

**Speaker:** Mother and Daughter team representing the Schizophrenia Society. They will be relating how schizophrenia has affected their lives. The Gyrettes look for a good attendance.

**District VIII Interim Meeting, Fairmont B.C., March 13 to 15, 2009**