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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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OUR LAST MEETING: was held at the Mayfair Golf Club on September 17, 1991 with only 25 Gyro's in attendance. The summer is **over** guys, we need to turn out! There were no guests of members **President Merrill** called the meeting to order and asked golden throated **Harry Mills** to lead us in Cheerio. Next was the smooth and charming **Bert Boren** who asked the blessing.

BIRTHDAYS: Two Gyro's has birthdays this month, Vern Sadd and David Castell. Unfortunately neither was present, which is too bad because the game of musical chairs was fun and the cake was excellent.

SPECIAL REPORT: **Allan Douglas** reported on his exploration of the contributions of the **Edmonton Gyro Club** to **Gay Rutherford**. He explained that after talking to **Gay**, the administrator of her account at the care centre and her mother it is evident that the funds donated monthly by the Gyro's contributes to her quality of life - the intent of the original commitment. The Executive will be deciding what action to take with respect to future payments to **Gay**. She is very fond of the Gyro Club and sincerely appreciates our support to date. She would welcome a visit from any Gyro at her residence - Lynnwood Extendecare.

RESIGNATION: **President Merrill** explained that he had received a letter from **Don Popovich** who said that due to his new career he has classes on Tuesday and is unable to attend the Gyro functions. As a consequence, he has resigned from the club.

CONVENTION: **Allan Warrack** who volunteered to coordinate the reservations for those Gyro's planning to attend the convention in Lake Tahoe (where **Marty Who** will be installed as International President) asked for some guidance. There are two options for rooms, facing the lake or the mountains, with the lake view being more expensive. There was a unanimous vote amongst those in attendance who were going that we opt for the mountain side. All of which goes to show that you can lead a Gyro to water but you can't make him think. For those unable to commit at this time, there should be no problem joining the Edmonton group if reservations are needed in the future. Should you want to reserve, call Candace Frakes at (702) 588-2411.

For those of you who do not know, **Allan's** first career was as an electrician. His first major job was to install electricity in the outhouses at Saddle Lake. That is how he became one of the first Albertans to wire a head for a reservation.

MULTIPLYING GYROS: Gyros are copying rabbits, they are multiplying all over the place. In addition to **Barry Walker** trying to figure out the lunch bill, **Marty Larson** reports that he, **Al McClure**, **Rick Little**, **Keith Bradley**, and **Mike Matei** attended a meeting in St. Albert with 7 prospective Gyros. There will be a dinner meeting next week and in there are others who may be interested, please contact one of the above and add the names. Also there are new clubs starting in Ogden Utah and a seventh (and possible eighth) club in St. Paul Minnesota.

BRIDGE: At this point in the meeting **John Pedden** passed out. No, sorry, at this point in the meeting **John Pedden** passed out information about bridge activities this year. The first draw will be held in September, so if you are interested contact **John** soon. If a regular schedule is too big a commitment and you would like to be on the spare list, call **John** and you will be included.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING: The next meeting of the Directors of the Gyro Club will be held at the residence of President **Merril Morstad** on September 24 at 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to

attend.

GUEST SPEAKER: St. Albert's own **Mike Matei** introduced the guest speaker, the Executive Director of the Victorian Order of Nurses, **Jean Greschuk**. She explained that since government had taken over much of the home care nursing, the VON has moved farther afield. The VON has been in Canada since 1897 and in Alberta since 1909.

The home visiting nursing program provides medical treatments, health surveillance and monitoring of medications for people who are not eligible for government programs. The adult day health care program assists families to care for older people who are frail or people with disabilities in their homes. This provides relief for those providing care to their family members. The people in crisis program works in local crisis shelters to break the cycle of family violence. The footcare program helps to "keep Canadians on their feet". Since painful feet can limit independence, this service assists people to remain active. There are 40 clinics throughout Edmonton, yet there are still waiting lists at some times. The occupational health programs works with employers to care for the health needs of workers and provides health promotion to enable workers to understand and protect their own health.

Two of the fundraising efforts of the VON are the Entertainment Books and selling Christmas cakes. The Bee Belle bakery provides the cakes at cost and they were very popular last year. A major event is the Victorian Gala to which Gyro's are invited.

The VON is involved in teaching community health as well as having precept students during the academic year. The staff of VON are loyal and committed and stay for a long time even though they are not paid as highly as other nurses.

HEALTH: **Bert Boren** reported that **John Boychuk** has decided to cancel his second cataract operation. **Dan Lawton** is in Victoria and is expected back next month. He also reported with regret that **Louis Tremblay** passed away - a minute of silence was observed in his honour.

WHIST: The Edmonton **Crossroads** Gyrette whist will take place on Friday October 18, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. It will be at the Highlands Masonic Hall at 5526 118 Ave. The cost is \$5.00 per person and guests are welcome. Please contact Gwen Moir at 465-1923 before October 9, to confirm your attendance.

TRIVIA: Did you know that with the fast moving events in the former Soviet Union, a number of republics are creating or re-establishing their own flags. It seems some people want to replace the hammer and the cycle with a pneumatic drill and a weed whacker. In a different vein, we were all pleased to see **Stan "the writer" Smith** at the last meeting. Apparently he claims that old age and treachery frequently is able to overcome youth and skill.

GOLF: This time it has nothing to do with **Ernie Segal**. However, those Gyros who went to the Regina convention and played golf may be interested to note that two records was set on the Flowing Springs Golf Greens this year. The first was that **Gord Rennie** set a course record by loosing 86 golf balls in a single round. The other was that Sandy Harmel of Regina sank 3 holes in one this year. On May 19, she aced the 105 yard #11, carded a second on August 10 on the 110 yard third hole, and capped it off with a 120 yard ace on the 13th hole. She must have been watching the Gyro tournament. The odds of sinking a hole in one are 3000:1. She is now buying lottery tickets.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at the Mayfair on October 8, 1991 with **Bryce Van Dusen** in charge of the program. The guest speaker will be **Harry Nash** from ABS Casino who **Bryce** led astray many years ago.

FOUNDERS NIGHT: Will be held on October 15th at the Regency Hotel and it will be a dinner meeting.

