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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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At our last meeting on August 17th, we were pleased to have the company of Past District 8 Governor, Keith Bradley of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, who came to make a special presentation which you can read about later in this bulletin.

Our guest speaker on this occasion was Mr. Murdoch Davis, Editor of the Edmonton Journal who was formally introduced by Gyro Bob Lippe.

We learned that Mr. Davis was born, raised & educated in Cape Breton; where his family have a long and very proud association in the coal mining industry for many years in Nova Scotia. Mr. Davis came to Edmonton in 1989 and joined the staff of the Edmonton Journal as Managing Editor.

During his talk about the newspaper business, he dealt with a variety of written questions that had been sent to him by some of our club members in advance, at his request.

He made special reference to a letter submitted by Stanley Smith, the most senior member of our club, which he read to us verbatim. Stan's great sense of humour was very much in evidence, when he described the daily problem we face in dealing with the numerous daily advertising inserts, enclosed with the Journal.

While there was no solution proffered for this problem, we were advised that 75% of the Journal's revenue comes from those inserts.

Mr. Davis gave us an interesting overview concerning the problems of publishing a daily newspaper, with its many controversial facets and opinions. Bert Boren thanked our speaker for his presentation.

Birthdays - Greetings were extended to Gerry Glassford, who will be celebrating on September 5th. Have a super day Gerry.

Health & Welfare - Dan Lawton is recovering well from his recent surgery and he certainly looks great. Wes Van Dusen is home from hospital and is also doing very well.

Harry Mills our "cheerio" leader missed our last meeting due to an "off day". We hope you are better by now, Harry.

John Boychuk is still in the nursing home and would appreciate visitors. How about it boys!

Gyro Membership Certificates - Two Certificates of Appreciation were presented at our last meeting. The first was given to Past Governor of District 8, W. Howard Wilson in recognition of his 25 years as a member of Gyro.

When making this presentation, Past Governor D-8 Keith Bradley of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, made special reference to 1975; the year that Howard Wilson worked long and hard on Gyro external expansion.

As a result of his diligence, persuasion and organizational ability he was able to bring about the chartering of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club. For this fine achievement he was awarded the Jimmie Hubbell Award by Gyro International, a high honor which was most deserving. Howard is now an Honorary Member of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club.

Howard became a member of our club in 1968, became President in 1972 and continues to be an active dedicated Gyro. We hope you will enjoy good health and to experience many more years in Gyro.

The second certificate was presented by our President John Stroppa, to David Duchak who has been a Gyro for 50 years. Dave was born in Moose Jaw, Sask., was very involved in athletics during his school years, including football, hockey, baseball, etc. His success in football included participating in two Canadian Junior Football championship finals. He later received offers in senior football by both Regina & Calgary.

After completing his education, athletics turned out to be his best entry into the work force particularly in hockey, first in North Battleford & then Trail, B.C., where his team, the Trail Smoke Eaters won the Allan Cup in 1938.

Dave is a quiet, modest, unassuming person but was an excellent hockey player - the "Wayne Gretzky" of his era. He has retained his interest in hockey over the years including coaching, management etc., in many areas.

Dave joined the Calgary Gyro Club in 1943 and transferred to the Gyro Club of Edmonton in 1962. An active member over the years and a member of both club executives, he enjoys inter-club activities and conventions. Unfortunately he was unable to accept the office of President of our club in 1987 for health reasons, but was made Honorary President for 1987-88.

Gyro holds a very special place in his life and his continued participation in our clubs activities is much appreciated. Congratulations Dave, & thanks for your 50 years of friendship.

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Ways & Means Committee - at our last meeting, Tony Sheppard presented a report on behalf of the ways and means committee, concerning the proposal that our club make a financial contribution in aid of the flood disaster, which recently occurred in the Missouri area.

The proposal was duly discussed and a motion made and approved by the membership. A copy of the W&M Committee report is attached.

External Expansion - Marty Larson advised that the next organizational meeting for the proposed Gyro club in the city of Red Deer, Alberta, will be held on Thursday September 9th at 6.15 p.m. at the Riverbend Golf Club in Red Deer, Ab. Anyone interested in joining the group going to Red Deer, please call Marty at 434-79692 - or if anyone happens to be in the area that daym your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Change of address - Patrick A. Rasko's new address is 11318 - 68 Street, Edmonton, AB. T5B 1N7. Phone 471-1286.

Allan Ursulak has a new business address as follows: Frost-Haight Architects, 10620-103 Ave Edmonton, AB. T5J 0J2. (B) 426-5665 (F) 426-5667. It is suggested that you record the above changes in your Gyro Roster.

Obituary - We regret to report the death on 28 August 1993 of John H. Harding, who was the Secretary-Treasurer of Gyro International for many years, and had recently retired. His long, faithful and dedicated service to our Gyro organization, his warm, caring friendship was much appreciated and will be long remembered. He was a great friend to one and all and he will be sorely missed.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Pat and family.

Gyrettes Corner - Florrie Van Dusen reports that the next Gyrette meeting will be held on Tuesday evening September 14th at the Mayfair Golf Club. Cocktails at 6.00 dinner at 7.00 p.m.

The speaker for the evening will be Sandy Rennie, Associate Professor Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta. His topic, together with a slide presentation, will be about Medical Care for Team Canada at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

The Gyroette Golf Scramble held on 19 August was another real success. The weather was good, the golf keen but friendly, with the new format at the tee head a real improvement. ~~The turnout was good - 64 played golf and 80 enjoyed the barbecue that followed at the~~ ranch home of Bryce & Florrie Van Dusen. There were a good number of guests, who are always welcome.

There were 15 golf teams of four players, 2 ladies and 2 men and every team was a winner and all received prizes. Our thanks to Ernie Siegel for the overall arrangements and to his right hand ~~man~~ and organizer, Al McClure. Thanks also to bartender John Pedden and to Bernice Pedden for her smooth ticket selling approach.

Our special thanks to Bryce & Florrie for their very kind hospitality. We look forward to next year - our best annual Gyro mixer.

Editorial Note - you may not get to see much of our good friend Gyro Larry Wang for the next couple of months. He is going to be travelling to some 40 cities in the United States marketing his Canadian Cold Buster Bar in that country. We will miss your company Larry, but we wish you every success in your venture.

Vox Pop- Dogs can't talk, maybe that's why they are man's best friend. (Ernie Siegel)

A person's character is like a fence, it cannot be strengthened by whitewash. (boyd Slavik)

I'm at the age where my back goes out more often than I do. (Stan Smith)

~~When you have made a fool of yourself, a real friend doesn't feel that you have done a permanent job. (Mel Snihurowych)~~

To entertain people all you have to do is listen. (John Stroppa)

In the race for quality there is no finish line. (Allan Ursulak).

#### OUR NEXT MEETING

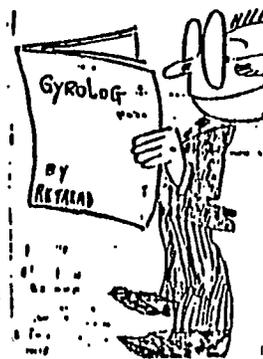
THE DATE - TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

THE PLACE - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB

THE TIME - 12.00 NOON

Program Team No.16 with Captain Pat Millard, Roger Russell and John Ross are in charge of arrangements.

The guest speaker will be Jan Fox, Warden of Edmonton's Female Prison Facility. Her topic will be about the need for a new prison and the public process that will lead to a site selection.



**REPORT TO THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
BY THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 17, 1993**

The Ways and Means Committee was requested by President John Stroppa to consider making a contribution to the four Gyro Clubs in Missouri due to the flood disaster occurring in the area.

Your committee discussed this subject at some length, and are split on the question of providing financial aid.

After discussing the various issues raised, including recognition that the 1996 Convention will be held in Edmonton, our committee proposes for your consideration the following:

// The Gyro Club of Edmonton will commit to sending \$200.00 U.S. to each of the four Gyro Clubs directly affected in Missouri as a gesture of international goodwill.

The Gyro Club of Edmonton through the medium of the gyroscope will challenge all Canadian clubs to match our contribution.

Prior to reaching this decision, your committee considered that a request for aid had not been received, that we do not know the purpose for which the money will be used, and also that there are other disaster which occur including local suffering which require our consideration every bit as much as this flood.

The dollar contribution recommended of \$800.00 U.S. will translate to approximately \$1,000.00 Canadian from our club, however we are of the opinion that by challenging the other Canadian clubs to participate in the project that the total Canadian contribution may be far more significant.

Presented by Tony Sheppard, on behalf of: Victor Jagoldas, Ed Edlund and Ivan Ivankovich.