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**President Walter** welcomed 37 Gyros and four guests to the first meeting of his Presidency. **Larry Dobson** led the group in Cheerio and **David Burnett** asked the blessing. **President Walter** thanked **Immediate Past President Dick Nichols** for the excellent job he did in stewarding the club over the past year.

**David Burnett** introduced his guests, his two sons Rob and Andrew. **David McNaughton** again introduced Bruce Houston. The other guest was the guest speaker, Pat Laforge. **Marty Larson** introduced **Walter Boldt** from the St. Albert Club.

**President Walter** presented badges with the flags of Holland and Canada to **Owen Cornish** and **Ernie Siegel** for their part in the liberation of Holland in the second World War. They were provided by **Rikke Dootjes** of the Sherwood Park Club.

**Allan Warrack** introduced Pat Laforge, the President of the Edmonton Oilers. Pat is originally from Lac LaBiche and he spent many years with Molsons before coming to Edmonton. At one point he ran the Canadian Alpine Ski Team during the era of the crazy Canuks.

The Oilers are currently owned by 36 Edmontonians 7 or 8 of which are active in managing the club. There has been a struggle to keep hockey in Edmonton for 50 years. In the late 1950's the Edmonton Oil Kings were part of the Western Hockey League and in the 70's Bill Hunter brought them into the WHA. In 1972 the Alberta Oilers played half their games in Edmonton and half in Calgary. In 74 the coliseum was build and in 77 the Oilers were sold to Peter Pocklington. In 78 he acquired Wayne Gretsky from the Indianapolis Racers and in 79 they joined the NHL.

The Oilers wanted to get to 2004 so that they could get a better arrangement with the Players Association so that the club would be viable in the long run. It is a community based club that brings in \$75 to \$100 million a year for Edmonton. The Oilers are one of the reasons that Edmonton is a AAA city. Pat

confirmed that the Road Runners will be staying in Edmonton and the club is committed to them. He also pointed out that Edmonton has produced more NHL hockey players than any other city in the world. He drew a card and **Bryce Van Dusen** won a free lunch.

Members of the club congratulated **Fred Schulte** on completing the Vancouver marathon.

**PIP Marty** has submitted the following article to the Gyroscope. He advises members that there are frequent articles from our club in the Gyroscope and suggests that they are interesting reading. In the last edition there are stories about the Edmonton Club included on page 18.

The University of Alberta April 2005 edition of Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry News gave prominent mention to three Gyro Club of Edmonton families.

A noted general surgeon, Dr. Michael Chatenay, commenting on how he was just “giving back” what he had received as a med student, praised **Dr. Walter Yakimets** for his remarkable extra effort for residents and students. **Walter**, who is the new president of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, regularly invited students, residents and any who were interested, to join him at the cafeteria table at the University Hospital. **Walt** would buy the coffee and buns and proceed to teach on a topic. It was outside the curriculum, but “well worth attending”, recalls Dr. Chatenay.

**Walt Yakimets** was a noted general surgeon, as well as a teacher, and still remains active with the Canadian Medical Association after retiring a few years ago.

A story on Dental Hygiene instructors featured two long-time teachers with a Gyro connection. **Paulette Schulte**, whose husband **Fred** is 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president of the Edmonton club, and Jan Ritchie, whose father **Owen Cornish** (a retired dentist) is also a member of the Edmonton club, were featured for several reasons.

The two ladies, in addition to their lengthy careers as instructors, have also served as advisors on research projects, helped design curriculum changes, participated in public clinics, and served on numerous committees. They have been members of a Dental Hygiene study club since the 1970s.

Gyro can be justly proud of these great contributors to our community.

In the last Gyrolog your scribe incorrectly spelled the names of two guests. They were Warren Garbutt and Leon Lubin.

In planning for the Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament, **Marty** has received a painting from local artist Joan Healey for our silent auction. However, the club needs to get it framed. Is there anyone who could either frame it or knows someone who could do it for a reasonable cost?

**John Ross** advises that *Habitat for Humanity* is now gratefully accepting *Canadian Tire* 'Money' as a form of donation. With this 'money', *Habitat can* purchase lighting fixtures and other building materials for the homes being built here in Edmonton. So if you have any *Canadian Tire* 'money' stashed away, that you would just as soon give to *Habitat for Humanity*, please bring it with you to some future Gyro meeting. **John** will have a donation box there, and will forward the 'money' to *Habitat* on a periodic basis. (*Habitat's mission* is to provide hope to the lives of low income families through home ownership, by building simple, decent and affordable homes, with the assistance of volunteers and community partnerships.)

Forty two Gyros and their guests spent a delightful evening at the beautiful Highlands Golf club enjoying fine food, playing a very serious round of bridge and most importantly, telling tall tales. The winner of the Merrill Morstad trophy for the highest point total for the season was none other than "Gyro Jack" Ellis who also won the prize for having the highest one- night score for the men. Erma Nash was not only successful in winning the season's high point total for the women she also had the highest one night total for the women. And low and behold if her husband Harry didn't capture the evening's party high score. Bernice Pedden was the successful spare player. Congratulations to Jack, Erma, Harry and Bernice.

Carol and Larry Dobson will be looking after the bridge club this following year. We will be needing some new players and I urge all of the new members of Gyro who are interested in playing to contact the Dobson's in the very near future. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Gyros and have a lot of fun at the same time. Nobody takes the game seriously and you are just as welcome as a new player of the game as well as an experienced dude. Don't think about it- just do it.

Marg and I wish to thank all the regular players and spares who really helped to make the past two seasons a huge success. It is a very easy club to run when you have such good people participating in it. I know that you will give Carol and Larry the same support that you gave us. See you next season.

Marg and Bruce Foy

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

On May 10, 2005 the Gyrette Meeting will be at the Mayfair with cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:30. The speaker will be Dr. Lara Ostolosky (Burnett) who will speak about eating disorders and the clinic at the University of Alberta Hospital.

At our regular meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the speaker will be Dr. Ron Moore who will talk about prostate cancer.

On June 7 Ab Nightingale the Vice-President of Gyro International will be present at our regular meeting.

**Mike Matei** is organizing the Gyro District VIII Inter Club Golf Tournament for Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Riverbend golf course in Red Deer. The T Off time will be 11:00 AM on the first and tenth tees. Dinner will be served at about 5:00 PM. The cost for the golf, power cart, BBQ, range balls and prize fund is \$105.00.

**Our annual Prostate Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday June 17, 2005.**

The District VIII Annual Convention will be held June 23-26, 2005 at the Regina Travelodge, in Regina, SK

**Barry Walker** advises that the Gyro/Gyrette golf scramble will be at the Legends on July 12-05, golf will start at 1:00 PM with the traditional BBQ to follow. More details to follow, and we are in need of prizes.

There will be a mixed evening meeting on September 6, 2005 at Fort Edmonton to celebrate the centennial of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

On Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> we will be at the horse races at Northlands.

**John Stroppa** announced plans for a Gyro/Gyrette luncheon to celebrate Thanksgiving. The date is Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 12:00 noon. It will be at the Santa Maria Goretti Italian Community Centre, 11050 – 90 Street. There is ample free parking available behind the centre, on the front street, or across 90<sup>th</sup> Street in the Commonwealth Stadium parking lot. Further information to follow.

**Walter Yakimets** has booked the same venue for our Christmas party on December 6, 2005.

**Barry Walker** informed us that we will be hosting the District VIII Convention in 2007 from August 9 to 12. It will be at the Delta City Centre Hotel and the room rates will be about \$100.

Same Old Bull

Allan

