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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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At our last meeting on 19 September at Mayfair, we were pleased to welcome three guests, Ken Crockett (introduced by Howard Wilson) Gordon Tidswell (by Ed Edlund) and Barry Bentz (by Bryce Van Dusen). This is the third time we have had the pleasure of Barry's company and I think there is something in the "membership wind" in this regard.

President John Pedden called upon Harry (Harmony) Mills to lead us in cheerio. Howard Wilson served as a fine substitute for Padre Bill Graham, by asking the blessing.

Our President then related a (very sub-standard) joke about how the Grand Canyon came into being, by saying it happened when a Scotsman dropped a nickel down a gopher hole.

We were privileged to learn from a fine talk and presentation by Mr. Owen Bolster, who is the Fire Operations Supervisor for the Alberta Forestry, Lands & Wildlife Service. He has served with the Forest Service for some 33 years.

Alberta Forests are one of our most valuable natural resources, which in economic terms, means billions of dollars in renewable income over many generations.

Fire prevention of this most valuable asset is of prime importance and it is widely acknowledged that Alberta is a world leader in the area of forest fire suppression. Since the implementation of a pre-suppression preparedness resources system in 1983, the number of hectares of forest lost by fire is now practically nil.

At the peak of the fire season, up to 100 helicopters and 500 fighters may be standing by to "action" reported fires. The extent of the system is to provide reliable means of fast initial attack. During the periods of extreme danger, the service is mandated to physically attack a fire within 15 minutes after it is detected. An expensive program, but one that has proved successful by saving millions of dollars in timber values.

Fortunately, Albertans have every reason for confidence about the future due to the forward thinking programs by the Forest Service. If today can be seen as an indication of tomorrow, then Alberta's forest are in very good hands.

Bert Boren very nicely expressed the thanks of our membership and guests, for Mr. Bolster's very interesting, informative talk, which was most appreciated. Our thanks to Dave Burnett and his program team for arranging to have Mr. Bolster visit with us.

BIRTHDAYS - 19 Sept, Vern Sadd, to whom we had hoped to give a rendition of "Happy Birthday" but unfortunately he wasna' there! Anyway we hope you had a great day Vern.

Other upcoming birthdays were announced and our best wishes go to the following Gyros:- 20 Sept Jim Wright: 24 Sept David Castell: 29 Sept Paul Green: 2 October to Tom Douglas and to Gordon Robertson, all of whom will have had a birthday bash before our next Gyro meeting. Just think, if they each had a birthday cake with candles, they would certainly light up a room. (CCCXXV).

2ND ANNUAL CAR RALLY - held on 19 Sept 1989, organized by Neil & Ann Sheidow, assisted by Dave and Marlene Burnett, was a great success. In his report Dave advised there were 32 who took part in the rally and a total of 41 attending the dinner at Sheidow's. For those who have not been to this car rally, it is like a scavenger hunt on wheels. There are normally 4 people to a car, the driver, a co-pilot, and two people to study the map, spot locations, signs, etc., and to help interpret the route instructions and questions; with all four helping to get the right answers.

Some of the questions (including Gyro trivia) together with some of the answers provided, proved to be a riot. They included everything from - "the price of a one way ticket to Vegreville); the Oriental shopping spree at Dong Phuong or Tung Lam's, to say nothing of Jin Jong & Ping Ping; while the visit to the "love shop" was an eye opener to say the least. The winning teams were declared to be as follows, (despite several dissenters):-

First Team No.2. Mike Matei: Jean Warrack: Shirley Larson: Vern Sadd.
Second " " 3. Allan Warrack: Sharon Matei: Doris Douglas: Al McClure.
Third " " 6. Dick Ogilvie: Flora Peterson: Ruby Mills.
Team No.5. won the most bizarre Team Photo: Marty Larson: Barry Walker: Bernice Pedden:
Eileen Entwistle.
Team No.7 won the best shopping spree: Rick Newcombe: John Pedden : Fran Sadd.

In his report, organizer Neil Sheidow made the following observation. "Every Team got the question right about the cost of the mannequin's outfit in the "love shop", but only one team knew what arabic meant. This only proves what we have known all along - that the average Gyro knows more about love and sex, than he does about numbers!"

The dinner and wind-up party at Neil and Ann's completed the day in fine style. Judging from the enthusiasm everyone is looking forward to this fun event again next year. Our thanks again to Neil & Ann, Dave and Marlene for this great "mixer."

COMING EVENTS - 29 Sept 1989 - Calgary Gyro Club Installation at the Officers Mess, Armouries, as announced by our President at our meeting on 19 September. Please call John if you plan on attending. We need reps from our club to welcome Incoming President Jack Mooney and to thank retiring President Walter Howard for his year at the helm. Remember - inter-club visits are a two-way street!!

TRI-CLUB FOUNDER'S NIGHT - will be held on Wednesday 18 October, at the Capilano Inn, 9125 - 50 Street, Edmonton. Cocktails at 6.00 p.m. dinner at 7.00. It was recently announced by the Sherwood Park Club, who are our hosts, that the keynote speaker will be one of their Past President's Dan O'Brien. This is good news, so circle the date now and come prepared to enjoy an Irish interpretation of Gyro, by this witty, imaginative, bright and lovable son of a leprechaun. One note of caution - as we are a friendship group (according to our Founders), you are requested to leave your shillelagh's at home!. (Retread - please note)

CURL-A-RAMA - 1-3 December 1989 at Banff, AB. This is one date you should keep. I will give you all the details about this popular annual event, as soon as I get them from Calgary. It will be great to have some of our younger, newer members make this trip to support the "old guard", where you will witness Gyro at it's best - ~~to~~ say nothing of the curling!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - has been booked at the Edmonton Club for Friday 15 December. Andy Carabott is in charge of arrangements and details will be published in a later bulletin. Meanwhile - because December is such a busy month, please mark your calendar now. Guests are welcome, with a special invitation to the members of the Crossroads and Sherwood Park Clubs.

GYRETTES CORNER - the next meeting of our Gyrettes will be held on Tuesday 10 October 1989 at the Mayfair Club. The guest speaker will be Jan McLaughlin, from Eucalyptus Imports West, who will explain to us about systematically preserved trees. Please mark this date.

CROSSROADS WHIST DRIVE - 20 October 1989 - THE CROSSROADS GYRETTES are holding a whist drive on Friday 20 October at the Highlands Masonic Hall, at 5526 - 108 Avenue. A special invitation has been extended to the Sherwood Park and our Club to attend. Card playing will start sharp at 8.00 p.m. Cost \$5.00 per person, which includes a lunch - no question the best deal in town! Each couple is asked to bring a card table. Thanks.
The Crossroads gals need to know how many to expect, and they need these figures by October 15. Please call Jane Kirkwood at 465-3243 or Colleen Dunnigan at 475-8345 and let them know you will attend. Guests are welcome, so call a friend and let's go.

MEMBERSHIP - FIRST POSTING

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Proposed by Bryce Van Dusen, seconded by Andy Carabott.

HEALTH & WELFARE - we are sorry to report that Nan Greenlees is back in the Misericordia, and not at all well. We trust that things will improve soon.

Howard Wilson reported that Amy is receiving treatment in the Royal Alex for a heart ailment, but she expects to be discharged soon.

Norma Treacy is recovering from her accident and is learning to be left-handed. By the time the cast is off she expects to almost be ambi-dextrous!

Obituary - it is with sadness that we note the passing of a former member of our club, Benny Van Loon, on 13 September 1989. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Helen and family.

Things to remember - The value of time: the success of perservance: the pleasure of working: the dignity of simplicity: the worth of character: the power of kindness: the gift of friendship.

Smiles & chuckles - A Gyro and his wife drove for hours in silence after a terrible argument, in which neither would budge. The husband pointed to a mule in a pasture. "Relative of yours?" he asked. "Yes" she replied, "by marriage."

The age of some women is like the speedometer on a used car - you know it has been set back but you don't know how far.

Sign language - On a Toronto Travel Agent's door. "Plaese -- Go Away."

Outside a muffler shop in New Sarepta. "Our business is shocking and exhausting!"

~~On a trash pick-up truck in Kelowna, B.C. "Yuck Truck."~~

ATTENTION - ACHTUNG - ARRET! - Take note that our regular noon meeting scheduled for 17 October as been CANCELLED - because we will be attending the Tri-Club Founder's Meeting on 18 October.

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING will be held on Tuesday 3rd October 1989, at 12.00 noon at the Mayfair Golf Club. Program Team No.5 under Allan Ursulak are in charge of arrangements. At press time we had not received confirmation about the speaker, but no doubt Allan & company will fill the bill, so come out and find out for yourself. As for me I'm already surprised -- I just learned that I am a member of Team 5! along with Al McClure. Some Secretary - doesn't even know what's going on or whatever. How about getting a new one?? Any takers??



Meanwhile - remember

Our next meeting

On: 3 October 1989

At: Mayfair Golf Club

Time: 12.00 noon

Reason: To meet your friends and be one.
It's Gyro: Make the most of your opportunities.

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