



December 18, 2001

President

Larry Dobson
Res. 444-5111

President Larry welcomed 32 Gyros to the last meeting of the year. **John Plunkett** led us in Cheerio and the **Rev. John Dowds** asked the blessing.

1st Vice-President

Victor Jagoldas
Res. 434-2438

Walter Yakimets introduced two guests, Tom Chambers and Jack Brown. **PIP Marty Larson** introduced his brother Andy from Australia. **David Burnett** introduced his son Rob and **President Larry** introduced his son Glenn. Allan Warrack introduced his friend Joe Clouthier.

2nd Vice-President

Roy Bennett
Res. 987-2403

Imm. Past President

Bruce Foy
Res. 436-7142

Some of those who attended the Christmas Party wanted to know the names of the wines. The Champaign was Australian entitled Brett Seaview. The red was Montes Alpha Merlot, 1998, and the white was Freiherr Zu Heyl Herrnberg, Cabinet Quality. **President Larry** congratulated **Walter Yakimets** and **Victor Jagoldas** for the very successful Christmas party that enjoyed a great turnout. He also added to the list of long term Gyro members by noting that **Dave Duchak** has been a member for 58 years.

Secretary

Geoff Brewer
Res. 444-6080

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John Stroppa
Res. 469-6133

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Dick Nichols
Res. 476-3221
Ted Hagemann
Res. 435-2833
Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925
Peter Fairbridge
Res. 435-5629

Dave Duchak reported on the next two games in the hockey pool. Game 5 was held on December 8th with Edmonton visiting Nashville. After one it was 1:0 got the Oilers and Jennifer Stephen, **Joe Ramsay** and Glenn Dobson each won \$10. Edmonton led by 2:1 at the end of the second, and the \$15 winners were Kianna Solvason, **Joe Ramsay**, and Leanne Dobson. The final score was 2:2 and the winners were Tess Poulton, **Joe Ramsay**, and **Carol Dobson**.

Gyrolog

Editor-In -Chief

Gordon Rennie
Res. 488-2856

On December 14th, the Tampa Bay Lightning were in Edmonton and with no score after one, Margo McKinnon and **Peter Fairbridge** each won \$10. Tampa Bay led 1:0 at the end of the second and Ken Weisberger and **Harry Nash** pocketed \$15. With the Oilers coming through to win 2:1, Jerry Larson and Don Hendrickson each received \$25.

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John Ross introduced a new wrinkle for the draw at the end of our meetings. Instead of a free lunch, Gyros can choose to increase the awareness of Gyro by choosing a Gyro plate for the front of your vehicle, or a license plate frame for the back.

ATTENTION Bridge Club Members. **Owen Cornish** has requested that you make your cheques payable to him or to **Marion Morstad** rather than the club. This removes the hassle of having payments going through the Gyro books, thus causing extra work for our treasurer.

Our guest speaker was Morag Bront, the parish nurse at Dayspring church. **John Dowds** introduced her and she reflected on what Christmas meant to her family. She also pointed out that there are many people that lack the money to buy gifts and who are lonely and without family and friends at this time of year. She underscored the need to give to those who experience the other side of Christmas. **John Plunkett** thanked her on our behalf.

For those who are doing the phoning, please remember to call the new members who are not listed in the roster. Please make a note of their address and phone number. They are:

Harry and Irma Nash, 1101 10010 119 St., Edmonton. T5K 1Y8 482-1012.

Alan Rusler, 6107 143 St., Edmonton T6H 4W7. 435-1129.

Tom and Lenore Chambers, 13407 83 Ave., Edmonton T5R 3S9. 484-2802.

President Larry informed us of the death of **Jim Sims**, a Past Governor of District IV. You may recall that he sang Oh Canada at our International Convention.

Bruce Foy has volunteered to organize a ski trip in the latter part of March or early in April if there is interest in such an event. At this point it is at the idea stage and he is exploring the level of interest. Should this idea appeal to you, give **Bruce** a call.

This is from **Al Clark** and the Gyroper. Vacationing in Hawaii, two priests decide to wear casual clothes so they won't be identified as clergy. They bought Hawaiian shirts and sandals and soon hit the beach. They notice a gorgeous blonde in a tiny bikini walking on the beach.

"Good afternoon, Fathers" she says as she strolls by.

The Fathers are completely stunned. How does she know we are clergy? So they bought even wilder attire; surfer shorts, tie-eyed shirts, and dark glasses. The next day they return to the beach. The same blond, this time in a string bikini, passes by and nods politely at them and says "Good morning Fathers".

"Just a minute young lady" says one of the priests. "We are priests and proud of it too, but how in the world did you know?"

She replied, "Don't you recognize me? I'm Sister Kathryn from the convent."

Alan Rusler won a set of license plate frames.

Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday January 6th at the Mayfair Club at noon. **First LG Gerry Glassford** has arranged for Bob Steadward to be our guest speaker. For the past 12 years he has been the president of the International Paralympic Committee and is a member of the International Olympic Committee. He will discuss the principles these bodies follow in building sport and sport opportunities throughout the world.

The January meeting of the Gyrette club will also be held on January 8th with cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. We are delighted to have our own **Sharon Lynne-Mater** present "Observations from her career as a stockbroker". The committee of **Elaine Douglas, Marlene Burnett, Georgina Plunkett, and Eleanor Robertson** looks forward to your attendance.

On January 22nd, the meeting will include the installation of Tom Chambers.

The mixed Valentine's party is still in the early planning stages and the date is not established.

On February 19th, the Interim Director of the Centre for Gerontology and a Gyro Scholarship winner will bring us up to date on the activities of the Centre.

The District VIII Interim Convention will take place at Fairmont March 15 to 17, 2002. This is always a great informal convention and it is a bargain at \$130 per couple. **President Larry** has application forms. The accommodation is \$79 per night.

The International Convention will be held July 4 to 7th in Halifax. First Lieutenant Governor **Gerry Glassford** is arranging for some travel before and after the convention from June 27 to July 13, 2002.

The Crossroads Gyro Club is sponsoring the District VIII Convention from August 8th to 11th 2002. There is a 50's theme and it is entitled "The Grease Ball". The Nomads will be providing the musical entertainment. The cost of registration is \$275 per couple or \$150 single. Let's have a good turnout to support our fellow club!

Same Old Bull

Allan

