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President Bruce welcomed 21 Gyros plus guests to the first meeting in August. **John Plunkett** was really excited about the opportunity to lead us in Cheerio, and **Dave Burnett** asked the blessing.

Tony Sheppard introduced his guest, Neil Gower and **Ted Hagemann** introduced his friend Gerrit Halversma. We hope the two guests enjoyed the experience and that they will be back.

Mike Matei explained that the bridge club is encouraging people to join. They have about 14 members now and they want to get to 16 to 20. This is a supportive group that provides a great environment to learn bridge without criticism from overly competitive members. There is usually one game per month with each member hosting one evening with three other couples. Individuals can arrange a convenient time for their bridge evening. This is also a good way for new members to meet others in the club.

President Bruce announced that the birthdays in August are **Walter Yakimets** on August 4th, the **Allan twins, McClure** and **Douglas** on August 14th, and **Dave Duchak** on August 18th. He later confessed that his birthday was today, August 1st.

Mort Morter reported that **John Pedden** had his third treatment of chemotherapy and the tumour has shrunk and **John** has a very positive outlook. Also, **Dick Ogilvie** is in the General Continuing Care Unit and would welcome visitors. We wish both of our friends well. **Gerry Glassford** reported on his stays in hospital related to pancreas and gall bladder problems that caused several scans and resulted in surgery to detect the problem. They believe that they have solved the problem so we all will keep our fingers crossed. **Gerry** was in the hospital three times with these challenges and expressed appreciation with the way that he was treated in the medical system. Even though it is under considerable stress, he was provided with very good service.

John Ross provided the following Life Quiz. 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world. 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners. 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America Contest. 4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize. 5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress. 6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But achievements are forgotten.

Here is another quiz. 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school. 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time. 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile. 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special. 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with. 6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

Upcoming Events:

The next meeting will be a ball game at Telus Field. **Jack Ellis** has arranged for two luxury boxes for the World Junior Championships. It will be the USA and Korea. **This will replace the meeting on 15th**. Our own **Marty Larson** is one of the key organizers of the World Championships and there are some of the best future players showcasing here in Edmonton. Try and take in as many games as you can between August 4th and 13th and show the Edmonton spirit.

On Monday September 4th, we will be celebrating the fact that we have two members who have been Gyros for fifty or more years. **Dave Duchak** has been a member for 57 years and **Gord Rennie** for over 50 years. **John** and **Helen Ross** are planning an afternoon social to recognize these very special Gyro friends. Details to follow.

On September 5th, at the regular noon meeting our guest speaker will be Archie Clark, Executive Director of Institutional and Community Services with Alberta Learning. He has recently been involved in an exchange with government officials from North Vietnam and will talk about the training Alberta is doing to assist that country.

On September 19th there will be a **mixed** luncheon at the Devonian Botanical Gardens arranged by **Gerry Glassford**. It will go from 11:30 to 1:30 with a tour and a lunch on site.

Last meeting **Jack Ellis** came out of his slump and won the lunch. Today it was **Gord Rennie** who collected the loot.

Same Old Bull - Allan

