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Our last meeting was held on Tuesday August 5, 1977 with a small but enthusiastic group of 20 present. We were welcomed by **President Gerry** who explained that some of our members had already left for the District VIII Convention in Nelson, one reason for the smaller turnout.

**President Gerry** led us in a round of Cheerio, and **Rev. Bill Graham** asked the blessing.

**President Gerry** informed us of the plans for Gyro events in August. There will be no noon meeting on August 19th which will be replaced by the Mixed Golf on Wednesday August 20th. (See the end of the Gyrolog for details). Also there will be no baseball game in August as this could not be arranged.

Earlier this year, **President Gerry** circulated a survey questioning members about the activities of Gyro and asking for feedback on what activities were preferred and which ones were less favoured. He had the results available and they were placed on the tables for the members. Further feedback on what action to take related to some of the activities was solicited. The survey results indicate support for many activities, but one concern raised by **President Gerry** was a lower score for our bimonthly luncheon meetings. Since this is an important element of Gyro which can bring in new members if programs are interesting, he is seeking the views of members on how to improve the regular meetings.

**Birthdays.** On August first, **Bruce Foy** celebrated a birthday, and **Dave Duchak** will celebrate his birthday on August eighteenth. On August fourteenth, **Al McClure** and **Allan Douglas** (not necessarily in alphabetical or birth order) celebrate birthdays. This led to the observation that the two are twins and the resemblance is obvious. Other than our mutual preference for haircuts featuring a wide part, we confess that the resemblance eludes us.

A very special event took place on August 6, when Dave and Lauraine Duchak celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes from all your Gyro friends!

**Health and Welfare:** President Gerry reported that both Dick and Marg Ogilvie are experiencing health problems. Dick has a cardiovascular problem that was helped somewhat by angioplasty but he is still having some problems. Marg is under a doctors care for heart problems which leaves her very tired. All our best wishes for a speedy recovery and a return to the normal pace of life. Also Dick Mandlis has his activities restricted by the need to be on dialysis three days per week. Each is a time consuming process which prevents him from engaging in normal activities. Our thoughts are with you Dick. Finally, we have noticed that Boyd Slavik has not been as active since he has not been feeling 100%, but it is reported that he expects to be back in September, and we look forward to his return.

Out speaker was our own Allan Ursulak who discussed his role as an architectural technologist. After a frustrating start in the field working for Public Works, Allan has gone on to enjoy a wide range of experiences as an architectural technologist. The architectural technologist works on the drawings prepared by the architect to ensure that they meet the building code and that the various technologies such as mechanical, structural, electrical and civil can incorporate their requirements into the drawings and the construction. As well as the technical role related to the drawings, the architectural technologist also plays a coordinating role for the different disciplines. Of note is the fact that the specifications used in North America (general, materials and applications) were developed by an Edmontonian. Allan led us through the various interesting steps in completing a project. First VP Jack Ellis thanked him and presented him with a gift.

A special guest, and honorary member, Wes Van Dusen, was welcomed by President Gerry, and he in turn brought greetings from his active club in British Columbia.

We were disappointed to learn that John Tartar has resigned from the club. Please make a note of that so that if you are on a team planning an event you delete him from the phoning list.

**Upcoming Events:** MIXED GOLF SCRAMBLE Wednesday, August 20, 1997. The first Tee time is 1:00 p.m. There will be a BBQ afterwards at Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen's. If you are not a golfer, join the group for dinner. The cost is \$15.00 for golf and \$15.00 for the BBQ per person. Lets have a good turnout, Barry Walker and Roger Russell promise excellent weather!

Our next regular meeting is on Tuesday September 2, 1997 at the Mayfair.

Wes Van Dusen cut the cards, and the lucky Gord Rennie enjoyed a free lunch.