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Your scribe was late and I forgot to find out who led Cheerio for this meeting but John Dowds asked the blessing.

Bruce Foy introduced his guest, Rick Cloutier, David Burnett brought his son Andrew, and John Plunkett introduced us to his friend Jack Brown.

In addition to the guests, there were 28 Gyros in attendance to hear the Christmas message.

President Roy read off a bumper crop of birthdays for December, John Plunkett, John Dowds, Larry Dobson, Victor Jagoldas, Bob Lippe, and Erik Hedegaard.

The following is from the Sherwood Park version of the Gyrolog written by Keith Bradley. Does anyone know the identity of our mystery member? External Expansion – Canmore. We have been advised that a Gyro from the Edmonton Club is retiring and moving to Canmore next summer to take up residence there. He has expressed interest in remaining in Gyro and has indicated he might be prepared to act as a "spark plug" to start a new club in Canmore.

I propose we do all we can to provide support and it just may be that Canmore (and Banff) have sufficient populations to make a new club work. In particular, there may be a number of other newly retired in Canmore and I expect more are to come as the population is projected to increase dramatically over the next few years.

Please spread the word about this and hopefully some of our members and other acquaintances will also know of other prospective candidates. I am prepared to act as a "clearing house" to collect a list of prospects to help build a club nucleus and then, combined with support of our Calgary clubs, we hopefully will be in a strong position to assist in forming a new club. This is a good opportunity for Gyro. Let's capitalize on it.

PDG Gerry Glassford provided some background information on the insurance that our club has for liability litigation as a result of the Gyro International coverage for Canada. **President Roy** indicated that there is a motion that has been approved by the Executive and that it will be brought to a future meeting for the members to ratify, modify or reject.

The Christmas message was delivered by the Rev. Harry Currie from First Presbyterian Church. In addition to the Christmas story he focused on the lineage from which Christ came and what the individuals included in it mean in terms of Christianity. **David Burnett** filled in for the **Rev. Bill Graham** and thanked the speaker. As a result of the draw, **John Plunkett** won a free lunch.

A number of Gyros commented that we have been missing **Bible Bill** at our events recently. **Mort Morter** reported that he is receiving medical treatment and had hoped to be out to this meeting if the schedule permitted. **Larry Dobson** informed us that **Don Assheton-Smith** is undergoing treatment for kidney cancer and we all hope that is will quickly be successful.

The Executive decision to sponsor a hole at the Prostate Cancer Tournament was supported by the members present.

SECOND POSTING: Davis McNaughton has applied for membership in our club. He and Laura Travis live at 18851 51 Ave in Edmonton. Their postal code is T6M 2L1 and their telephone number is 481-3612. The email address is <u>david@mcnaughton.org</u>. David is an investment advisor with CBIC Wood Gundy and his business phone number is 498-5003. David is sponsored by **Marty Larson** and seconded by **Barry Walker**.

FIRST POSTING: John Read has applied for membership in the club. He and his wife Diane live at 230 Omand Dr. in Edmonton; the postal code is T6R 1L4. their telephone number is 430-8669 and his email address is johnread@connect.ab.ca. John is a retired physician and health care administrator. His is being sponsored by Bruce Foy and his seconder is Walter Yakimets.

Dave Duchak reported on game 4 on December 6th, when the Penguins were in town. There was a one all tie after one and Trish Baird, Brandon Bennett and Valerie Jagoldas each won \$10. Pittsburgh was ahead 3:2 after the second and Kendra Russell, Bob Lippe, and Jim Hutton collected \$15. The Oilers prevailed after three with a 4:3 final and the \$25 winners were Margaret Butler, and Anorer Scornaienoni.

On December 12, game 5 was held in Phoenix. The Oil led by 1:0 after one and Dan Warrack and Paulette Schulte won. The Coyotes were ahead 2:1 after two and Gordon Brooks and Vanessa Presley collected. With a final overtime tie of 3:3 the big winners were Trish Baird, Brandon Bennett and Valerie Jagoldas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our next meeting will be a luncheon meeting at the Mayfair on Tuesday January 6, 2004.

Team **Butler/Brown/Glassford** is coordinating what promises to be a very interesting presentation for our first meeting in 2004. The speaker for our 6th January luncheon meeting will be Doug McNally, CEO of the Edmonton Community Foundation. As a past Edmonton Police Chief, Doug has an intimate knowledge of the social fabric of the city, which makes him ideally suited for his position at the ECF. His presentation will outline how and why the Foundation is truly an asset the city can be proud of. Bring a friend along with you, to share in some GYRO friendship *plus* hear what promises to be a very informative presentation.

Team Russler/Carter/Rennie advise that the guest speaker for our next luncheon meeting on the 20th January is a friend of Walter Yakimets, U of A's Dean of Medicine, Dr. Lorne Tyrell.

THE GYRO PROSTATE CANCER TOURNAMENT sponsored by the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Canadian Cancer Society is scheduled for June 9, 2004 at the Links Golf Course in Spruce Grove. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 am with 144 golfers able to participate.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held in Fairmont Hot Sprints and Resort March 26 to 28, 2004.

Lethbridge's 2004 District VIII Convention will be at Waterton Lakes National Park August 5 – 8 and includes a boat trip and breakfast at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

After the resounding success of the Christmas Party, Walter Yakimets has booked the same venue for Tuesday December 7, 2004.

Same Old Bull

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