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President Roy kicked off a large meeting by asking Larry Dobson to lead us in Cheerio and John Ross to ask the blessing.

Bruce Foy introduced his guest John Read, Tony Sheppard brought his friend Ross Harris and Don **Assheton-Smith** indicated that his friend Ken McCrae is considering applying for membership in the club. In addition to the three guests and our guest speaker, there were 43 Gyros out to this meeting.

After an excellent lunch, Mike Matei introduced our guest speaker, Barry Johns who is a local architect who is about to become the President of Fort Edmonton. Fort Edmonton Park is the largest living history museum in Canada. It started in 1969 with construction of the fort itself.

There are four eras in the park, the fur trading era, 1885 which is the settlement era, 1905, the municipal era, and 1920 the metropolitan era. Over \$20 million has been spent to build 75 structures on the site. It is projected to be complete in 2006.

The two most recent additions are the Blachford Field that cost \$3.5 million and the Selkirk hotel at a cost of \$3.9 million. The Selkirk is a replica of the original hotel including the long bar. Guests are welcome at the hotel and it is open for lunch and dinner. Call the park office for details.

Under construction is a carousel that will have 24 carved horses and 2 chariots. Each horse takes 400 hours to carve and another 400 hours to paint. It should be a great addition to the park. Jack Ellis thanked the speaker who then awarded Larry Dobson a free lunch.

Mort Morter reported that Birgith Hedegaard is home after receiving a new hip and she is doing well. Also we were pleased to see Andy Friderichsen out after his stint in the hospital.

PDG Gerry Glassford spoke about the District VIII Interim Convention which will be held from Friday March 26 to Sunday March 28, 2004. The event has been scheduled later in March this year with the hope that some of the golf courses will be open. This is an informal convention that is always a great deal of fun. **Gerry** also had registration forms available for the hotel and the convention.

Dave Duchak reported on the first hockey pool winners of the year. Game 1 on November 15th saw the Flames in Edmonton and at the end of the first period Edmonton led by 1:0 and the \$10 winners were Julian Van Dusen and Georgina Plunkett. It was tied at 1:1 after two and Gary Duchak, Agnes Warrack and Doug Ingersol each won \$15. The Oilers finished it at 2:1 and Nichole McClure and Larry Turchansky each received \$25.

Gerry Glassford provided the following insight.

Subject: new math...

Teaching Math in 1950:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100 His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1960:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100 His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1970:

A logger exchanges a set "L" of lumber for a set "M" of money. The cardinality of set "M" is 100. Each element is worth one dollar. Make 100 dots representing the elements of the set "M." The set "C," the cost of production contains 20 fewer points than set "M." Represent the set "C" as subset of set "M" and answer the following question: What is the cardinality of the set "P" of profits?

Teaching Math in 1980:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

Teaching Math in 1990:

By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels "feel" as the logger cut down the trees? There are no wrong answers.

Teaching Math in 2002:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100 His cost of production is \$120. How does Arthur Andersen determine that his profit margin is \$60?

Teaching Math in 2010:

El hachero vende un camion carga por \$100. La cuesta de production es.......

There are TWO CHANGES TO THE NEW ROSTER. The telephone number for Erik and Birgith Hedegaard is close but not accurate. The correct number is 470-0107. Also, Allan Douglas's home number is 436-5903. The number in the roster is my business number so you can reach me there but Elaine does not answer that line. Please make the changes in your new roster.

GYRETTE CORNER: The December Meeting of the Edmonton Gyrette Club will be held on December 9, 2003 at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Please invite friends or family members as guests. Drinks and conversation starts at 6:00 dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Unwrapped gifts or donations for the Youth Emergency Shelter will be collected and a staff member will come to accept them on behalf of the youth. A list of possible gifts requested by the youth of Y.E.S. was distributed at the November Meeting or will be mailed to members not in attendance. We will endeavour to have donation cards available. There will not be a gift exchange between members this year. Please discuss with your phoning committee member menu requirements. Dinner will be followed by Festive Entertainment. Call Elaine Douglas 448-7205 if you have questions or concerns.

The Christmas Party is booked for December 2, 2003. Have cheques payable to the Edmonton Gyro Club to **Walter Yakimets** or **Dick Nichols** before November 29th. A commitment for numbers must be made on November 30th. For those enjoying wine the cost is \$60 per person and for those who do not partake the cost is \$52 per person. It will be in the Riverview Room of the Shaw Convention Centre starting at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00.

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.

Same Old Bull

Allan

