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There was an extra warmth to the handshake and Yuletide wishes exchanged by some 43 Gyros and guests at the noon meeting December 17th. Although quarters were a mite cramped in the lower "dungeon" of the Mayfair, the lively, even boisterous, Gyro spirit was much in evidence as **President Allan** opened the meeting. **Bert Boren** lead our "Cheerio" and **Rev. John Dowds** said a very appropriate blessing for us.

Rev. Wm. Graham introduced his guest, **Art Skinner** and **Roger Russell** introduced **Bruce Foy**. **David Burnett** had two guests with him as well; his son **Andrew** and his friend, **John Lakusta**. **Rev. John Dowds** introduced his friend, **Jack Little** and (somewhat belatedly) **Marty** introduced **Dr Walter Yakimets**.

Welcome everyone. It was wonderful of each of you to share this pre-Christmas Gyro luncheon with us.

A good laugh for all resulted when **John Stroppa** said that a New Zealand coin (tuppence, I believe) had been paid towards lunch instead of a "tooney". No names shall be mentioned, but a certain wine maker, recently returned for New Zealand?, is believed to have made amends for this dastardly deed.

For birthdays, our best wishes go out to **Victor Jagoldas** on December 20th and **Bob Lippe** on the shortest day of the year (when winter begins!!!).

Bert Boren reported that **Dave Duchak** was at the Royal Alex for surgery and our Gyrolog teammate, **Gerry Glassford**, had been laid low for a few days with pancreatitis. **Gerry** will undergo further tests in the new year. Gentlemen, we wish you both a full recovery.

Toni Sheppard of our Ways and Means Committee moved to adopt a proposal that we make a one time \$500.00 donation to the Christmas Bureau in memory of **Harry Mills**. This was unanimously supported by all present.

Toni graciously pointed out that figures reported in the last "Log" on his talk on CAFE were in error. The failure rates of 70% and 90% applied ONLY to the failure of family owned and operated businesses NOT to be passed on to the first and second generations of the family respectively. It was NOT the failure rate of the businesses themselves that were being presented. The Gyrolog team apologizes to **Toni, Mark** and CAFE for this error.

Marty Larson was pleased to present a cheque representing a surplus from our Convention pendant raffle to **Don Pringle** who heads up the Fund Development

Division for the Good Samaritan Society. Our own **Bert Boren** has long added his help to this wonderful group who assist so many in this and other centres.

This is the second and final posting for **Dr Walter Yakimets**, a retired Professor of Surgery at the University of Alberta. **Walter** and his wife, **Kay**, reside at 483 Lansdowne Drive in Edmonton and he has been proposed for membership by **Marty Larson** and **Ron Ewoniak**.

This is the first posting for **Norman (Art) Meidinger**. **Art** and his wife, **Sheila**, reside at 100 Hearthstone Place in Edmonton (T6H 5S5). Their phone number is 438-0025. The Gyros proposing **Art's** membership are **Gordon Robertson** and **Mort Morter**.

Our Convention Klondike '96 Golf Committee chaired by **Allan Warrack** and ably assisted by **Mike Matei** ran such a successful Golf tournament that a money order for funds, after expenses, has been forwarded to Gyro International for the Gyro Betterment Fund. Well done, **Allan, Mike, and Allan Ursulak, Ron Ewoniak, Beth Seigel, and Pat Rasko**. You did us and all Gyros and Gyrettes proud.

Bob Lippe presented the hockey pool results for Games 4 and 5. They are as follows:

GYRO HOCKEY POOL

	DATE Dec. 7th	TEAMS	New York (4)	at	Toronto (0)
FIRST PERIOD		Bruce Morter			
(\$10.00)		Betty Rawlinson			
SECOND PERIOD		Mike Lacoursiere			
(\$15.00)		Owen Cornish			
FINAL SCORE		Gene Zeibarth			
(\$25.00)		Pat McAllister			
	DATE Dec. 14th	TEAMS	Phoenix (5)	at	Toronto (3)
FIRST PERIOD		Roger Russell			
(\$10.00)		Mort Morter			
SECOND PERIOD		Bruce Morter			
(\$15.00)		Betty Rawlinson			
FINAL SCORE		Dean Rompel			
(\$25.00)		Larry Knicktel			

Rev. Bill Graham introduced our speaker, **Father "Mike" McCaffery**, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Edmonton. **Father Mike's** message, delivered with warmth and good humour, dealt with intangible gifts of love and giving of one's self. These are the gifts that truly give and continue to give the year round. In his message is found the true spirit of Christmas and the deep meaning of this special time of the year. **Rev. John Dowds** thanked **Father Mike** pointing out, as he did so, one of the many freedoms we Canadians have - the freedom to choose and enjoy the company of those of different faiths. This is a message for the people of the world.

John Ross was the fortunate winner of the luncheon draw.

COMING EVENTS

- January 7th (Tuesday) Our next meeting will be the noon meeting at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. **Larry Dobson** and his teams' guest will be a lady from the Canadian Wildlife Association who will speak on the successful work that has led to the resurgence in the numbers of Peregrine falcons in our country.
- January 11th (Saturday) Bowling Night. This special event will be held from 6:45 PM to 8:45 PM at the Edmonton Bowling Centre Address? 3223 Parsons Road. Our contact person is **Jack Ellis** (435-2349).
- January 21st (Tuesday) Our usual Tuesday luncheon meeting will be held and the Mayfair and will be devoted to business of the Club.
- January 28 to February 2nd International Interim, St. Augustine, Florida.
- March 3, 1997 Mark your calendars, Bocci lovers.
- March 14th to March 16th District VIII Interim Meeting at Fairmont. Please note that the hotel will only provide the reduced room rate if your reservation has been made by January 14th. If you plan to attend, book soooooon.
- June 5, 1997 Golf and BBQ at the Red Deer Golf Club

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are going to try to create a full year calendar of events in January but to do

this most effectively we will need the cooperation of each Gyro and Gyrette. If you are involved with any Gyro or Gyrette function - local, district or international - please send information on the event to **Owen Cornish or Gerry Glassford** and they will try to incorporate the event into the calendar. If we can do this well, it will give each of us more planning time for our own calendar of events. Thank you for your cooperation

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Each year our Mr Gyro, Gordon (Retread) Rennie, prepares a Christmas message for members of our club to read and to enjoy. Now this is not an ordinary Christmas message. This is a message embedded in a beautifully shaped Christmas tree - a tree that is so much a symbol of this special season of love and hope. A full appreciation of a Christmas tree takes time and effort. And a full appreciation of Gordon's Christmas message also requires time and effort. But Gordon, true friend that he is, always sends along a "translated" copy to enable those of us that not as skilled as others in the gentle art of cyphers. You will find both versions enclosed with this 'Log for your enjoyment. Deep appreciation to Gordon for continuing to add to both the Christmas and the Gyro spirit - and true to the spirit of friendship, Gordon extends best wishes on behalf of the Quad Clubs: Crossroads, Sherwood Park, St. Albert and the Edmonton Gyro Clubs. Many thanks, Retread.

LOSS OF A GYRETTE FRIEND

Gyros and Gyrettes lost a long time friend with the recent death of Florence Clark of Dawson Creek, B. C., the widow of Allan Clark, Past President of the Dawson Creek Gyro Club and Past Governor of Gyro District VIII. This couple will be remembered as the Gyro ambassadors from Dawson Creek for their regular attendance over the years at the Edmonton Gyro Club Annual Installations as well as District VIII and Gyro International conventions.

SPECIAL GYRETTE ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Gyrette meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14th, as a regular evening meeting. Gyrette Enid Green's daughter, Charlotte, will be the speaker at this meeting. Charlotte is a professional stage manager and her topic will be "Real Backstage Magic". Enid's phone number is 437-1505. Please plan to attend this special, first of the new year, meeting.

EDITORIAL NOTE; To get maximum attention in a newsletter such as ours, it is hard to beat a big mistake so if you should find one in any of our editions please understand that it is only a ploy on our part to increase our readership.



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We hope you enjoy the above greeting, but if any of you have trouble deciphering it, the message should read as follows:-

Once again it is time for our annual **GYRO CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** for our Gyro friends everywhere.

These Christmas greetings come to you from the **QUAD CLUBS** located in Edmonton and area. They are: **EDMONTON CROSSROADS; SHERWOOD PARK; ST. ALBERT and THE EDMONTON GYRO CLUB.**

We wish you all a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** with your family and friends at home, at church or wherever. Let us also be truly compassionate towards those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

As Gyros, let us keep one special thought in mind. Let us not forget our **GYRO FOUNDERS; viz; CLARENCE HANDESON; PAUL SCHWAN and ED KAGY, for their LEGACY OF FRIENDSHIP - one of life's greatest privileges!**

May 1997, be a healthy, happy one for us all, as we continue to work and preserve our special Gyro inheritance for the future.

Yours in Gyro friendship,

CROSSROADS; SHERWOOD PARK; ST. ALBERT and EDMONTON GYRO CLUB.

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