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President Victor welcomed 31 Gyros and 8 guests to our first and last noon meeting for February. Out of respect for Bonnie Bennett we dispensed with Cheerio this meeting. The Rev. **Bill Graham** recounted some memories of the **Van Dusen** family and asked the blessing.

The Gyros introduced their guests. **Bruce Foy** brought Art Robinson, and **Tom Chambers** introduced his friend Roger. **Gov. Gerry** welcomed Jim Harkins, and **Wayne Tingley** had three guests Allan Penner, Vern Gabert, and Carlyle Ross in addition to the guest speaker Joe Konstantino. We were also pleased to have **Hank Swankhuizen**, a former Lethbridge Gyro who has moved to Edmonton and who is exploring joining one of the four local clubs. We hope to see him back.

Dave Duchak and **Bob Lippe** have been keeping the hockey pool going but your reporter has fallen behind. So now we will catch up. For game 9 the Senators were in town on January 11th, and the \$10 winners after the first were **Bruce Foy** and **Don Greig** due to a 1:0 lead by the Sens. The second period and final scores were 2:0 and Peter Faid and David McNaughton each walked away with \$40.

On January 18th the Nashville Predators were here and after the first they led 1:0 with Beverly Russell, Bruce Morter and Andrea Scornaienchi winning \$10 each. The Oilers were ahead 2:1 at the end of the second and the \$15 winners were **Dick Nichols** and Bill Nixon. Nashville won in overtime to give **Dick Nichols** and Cheryl Helync \$25.

For game 11 on January 24th Edmonton hosted the Phoenix Coyotes who led by one after the first giving **Mike Matei** and **Tony Sheppard** \$10. They netted two more in the second and the \$15 prize went to **Sharon Matei** and **Marion Morstad**. The Oilers made the scoreboard, but just barely, and after the final 5:1 Bob Scranton and Don Nielsen took home \$25.

Another home game of February 8th saw Chicago in town. There was no score in the first or second periods, so \$25 went to **Janet Russell, Bette McClure** and **Don Assheton-Smith**. Chicago scored thrice in the third and the final winners were Perry Baird, Jennifer Stephen and **Geoff Brewer**.

The Oilers were in Montreal for game 13 and were behind by one after one. Care Mazzuca and **Bryce Van Dusen** picked up \$10. Another Canadiens goal in the second gave Karen Ferguson and Jeff Larson \$15. With a final 3:2 for Montreal, Jeff Baird, Chelsea Poulton and G. Edmonds got \$25.

On February 12th, over 60 of us enjoyed a wonderful Valentine's dinner at the Creperie. There was excellent food and wine and all enjoyed ourselves immensely. Many thanks to **Larry Dobson** and **Don Assheton-Smith** for organizing a great event.

We had our first of the new improved meals today and all present really appreciated the excellent fare. The food was much better and the price stays the same. On behalf of all Gyros, thank you **President Victor** for your efforts in remedying something that adds to the quality of our fellowship.

One of the preferences of Gyros was to dispense with the dessert. **President Victor** called **Dave Duchak** up to help him with a task, namely to receive a large carrot cake to celebrate his 60 years in Gyro. We congratulated him, took some pictures and then the insouciant bunch consumed the cake. I guess we will have our dessert withdrawal next time.

On February 5th, **Bryce Van Dusen** celebrated a birthday, as did **Dick Nichols** on February 8th. Towards the end of the month **Bill Agnew** celebrates on February 22 and **Jack Ellis** receives a toast on the 25th.

Noteworthy achievements of two Gyros were announced. **Don Assheton-Smith** won a gold medal in Zone 8 in Seniors Curling and **Bruce Foy** won a gold medal in a skiing event in Calgary. Congratulations both!!!

Our guest speaker Joe Konstantino, the Senior Vice President for Millar Western provided a very interesting overview of the forestry industry and his company. The third generation family owned company is part of an industry that employs about one million people in Canada.

Gov. Gerry Glassford had the pleasure of inducting our newest member **Erik Hedegaard** who was sponsored by **Bruce Foy** and **Tom Chambers**. As is our custom, we all warmly welcomed him to the club. Please note that I incorrectly published his address. His correct address is 76 – 51404 Range Road 264 SPRUCE GROVE, AB. T7Y 1E5. The telephone number is (780) 470-0107.

Again here is **Peter** and **Marjory Fairbridge's** new address. #1208, 2908 109 St, Edmonton. T6J 7J5. Telephone 425-5629. Cel, **Peter** 886-6042, **Marjory** 445-8594.

They are in Victoria until early May. Any club member visiting Vancouver Island is invited to call them.

Please note that **Vern** and **Fran Sadd** have a new address. It is 126 Canterbury Manor, 8311 142 St., Edmonton. T5R 5Y5. The telephone number remains the same, 488-5042.

President Victor extends an invitation to Gyros who want to join the German Wine Society for the Alberta Prairie Railway Excursion from Stettler to Big Valley on Saturday April 26, 2003. The train will board in Stettler at 4:00 PM and arrive in Big Valley at 6:15 PM. It will leave Big Valley at 7:15 when a gourmet dinner of halibut, Cornish game hen or prime rib will be served, with wine included. The cost is \$95.30 per person. Make cheques payable to "Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions" by March 15. Contact **Victor** for further details.

Mort Morter won a free lunch.

THE GYRO STORE has a wide range of Gyro material such as jackets, earrings, sports shirts, hats etc. these would make excellent gifts for Gyros or Gyrettes and they can be ordered by mail or from the website at www.gyro-international.org. How about a granite fleece crewneck or 3-button sweatshirt for \$87 or \$95 respectively. A variety of Gyro logos are available some free, others at a cost.

John Ross offers us some new words to expand our vocabulary. Some examples:

1. AQUADEXTROUS (ak wa deks'trus) adj. Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub tap on and off with your toes.

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>> 2. CARPERPETUATION (kar'pur pet u a shun) n. The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.

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>> 3. DISCONFECT (dis kon fekt') v. To sterilize the piece of confection (lolly) you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, assuming this will somehow 'remove' all the germs.

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>> 4. ELBONICS (el bon'iks) n. The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theater.

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> 5. FRUST (frust) n. The small line of debris that refuses to be swept onto the dust pan and keeps backing a person across the room until he finally decides to give up and sweep it under the rug.

6. LACTOMANGULATION (lak' to man gyu lay' shun) n. Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk container so badly that one has to resort to the 'illegal' side.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mike Matei has confirmed Monday March 3, 2003 for the annual Bocci evening at the Italian Cultural Centre on St. Albert Trail. As in previous years Bocci will start at 5:00 PM for those who can be there, with dinner at 6:30 PM. The Bocci will continue after dinner.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held at Fairmont between March 14th and March 16th 2003.

Our next noon meeting will be on March 18th and it will be a business meeting. The Executive will have a report and will be seeking direction from the membership, so please try to attend.

Once again our election night will be held at Kelly's saloon at Fort Edmonton Park on April 1, 2003. Details to follow but wine will be complementary since there is some remaining from some earlier events.

On April 14, 2003 the ***GYRETTES*** are hosting a mixed casino night at the Yellowhead Casino. Cocktails will be at 6:00 PM with a steak dinner at 7:00 PM. There will be door prizes and \$10 in gambling money. The cost is \$30 per person.

The May 6th meeting will be cancelled because we will have our installation at the Edmonton Country Club on May 10th.

President Victor reported that some Gyros and Gyrettes are unable to make a commitment at this time to participate at the Black Cat Ranch from May 27 to May 29, 2003. He told us that not all the rooms are booked so there may be an opportunity to sign up later when we know what our calendar is like. However, space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so the best way to avoid disappointment is to sign up as soon as possible.

The International Convention in Salt Lake City Utah occurs July 24 – 27, 2003.

The District VIII Convention, which will see **District Governor Gerry Glassford** end his term, will be held in Wallace, Idaho between July 31 and August 3, 2003.

The St. Albert Club has already booked the Faculty Club for Founders Night on October 22, 2003.

The Christmas Party for next year is booked for December 2, 2003.

Same Old Bull

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