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We got off to a good start for the new year at our last meeting, when our attendance was 35 members and five guests. We thank the following Gyros who brought guests to share Gyro with us. Tony Sheppard introduced his son Grant, also another business associate Pat Hall. Then Marty Larson introduced David Stam while Mort Morter's guest was our speaker Bob Dean. President Barry Walker chaired the meeting and called on Roger Russell (in the absence of "melodious" Mills) to lead us in Cheerio - which came on well after a slow start. Rev. Bill Graham then provided the Grace.

Sick & Visiting - We learned from Bert Boren that our club's elder statesman Stan Smith had suffered a slight stroke, but that he was getting along alright. With Stan's determination and tenacity, no doubt he will soon be on the rebound. Apparently everyone else is alright following the Christmas and New Year's activities.

Now if I could just get "Mr. Mac" to stop making errors when producing the Gyrolog - all would be well!

New Gyro Club - Gyro International announces the Chartering of the Gyro Club of Texas on 18 February 1995, at the Headliner Club in Austin Texas. One very interesting note if you should happen to be in that area at that time; you will be interested in the Dress:- Full Black Tie, Texas Black Tie (Tux Top with Jeans and Boots) or Business suits for the men and Cocktail Dresses for the women.(Sounds real sharp!) Our congratulations to John Turner (Charter President) and to all Charter Members. Have a wonderful evening!. We wish you all a long, happy and active association in our family of Gyro friends. Welcome aboard!.

Valentine's Party 14 February 1995. - Ed Edlund announced that this party will no doubt be the best social evening of our year, which will be held at the **Fantasyland Hotel**. An exciting program is being arranged which will include a raffle for a great prize. The evening promises to be something special with lots of activities. It will be an excellent opportunity for us all to get better acquainted with our newest Gyros and their wives; so let's all mark this event on the calendar NOW. Further information and details will follow in subsequent Gyrologs, as received.

Advance Notice - Owen Cornish is in charge of our annual Gyroette Golf Scramble this coming summer, which he reports will be held early in August. As soon as the date and other arrangements are confirmed we will report accordingly. Meanwhile Owen says - **THINK PRIZES!**

Cash Draw - The winner of our cash draw at our last meeting was **Mort Morter**, whose name was drawn by none other than his guest **Bob Dean!** There were some mutterings about a "fix" - which Mort quickly silenced by handing his loot over to the golfing committee for prizes. As they say "down under" - "good on ya" Mort.

DISTRICT VIII INTERIM MEETING, FAIRMONT, MARCH 17-19, 1995. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE TO BE MADE BY JANUARY 17, 1995. CALL BARRY WALKER IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.



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Our guest speaker on 3 January was Bob Dean who was introduced by **Mort Morter**. We learned that Bob was born in Pittsburgh, and attended the University of Maryland and made his mark in athletics in many areas. He served in the US Army in Korea, then in 1953 played football for the Washington Redskins. In 1954 he came to Edmonton to play for the Edmonton Eskimos.

Many will recall that in the Grey Cup that year against Montreal, he kicked the convert following Jackie Parker's touchdown in the final seconds of the game, to win the Grey Cup. He has three Grey Cup rings and following his football career, he worked for the Edmonton Public School Board, from which he retired in 1993.

His talk today was about the Shriners and their work in helping crippled children, which he described as the worlds greatest philanthropy. There are some 69,000 Shriners who financially support 19 Orthopedic Hospitals and 3 Burn Units for crippled children. There are 195 Shrine Temples in North America and their budget is in the millions of dollars annually, which is raised by the Shriners without any Government support. The Al Shamal Temple in Edmonton raises funds for the children's hospitals through an annual circus.

As an example of the far reaches of the Shrine, a child living in a remote northern area of Russia was badly burned. The Shriners became involved and arranged to fly him to Galveston, Texas for treatment. Eight months later the youngster was back at home. The role of the Shrine to give any youngster a better chance of life, was fulfilled.

Bob Dean is a very dedicated member of the Al Shamal Temple, which became very evident by his enthusiasm and devotion to their cause. Therefore it was not surprising to learn that he may be Potentate of the Shrine in the near future.

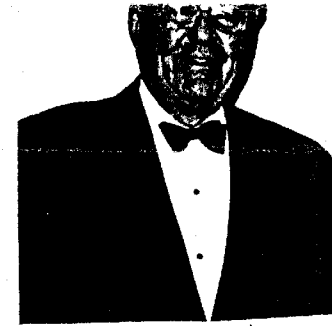
Russ Shepherd in his usual capable manner, nicely expressed our appreciation to Bob for his fine presentation.

Birthdays - Many happy returns to one of our newest members John Tartar, whose birthday was on January 4th: and to one of our senior Gyros song leader Harry Mills, who celebrated on January 5th

Our congratulations, we hope you had a great day.



John



Harry

Vox Pop - Grey hair is hereditary. We get it from our kids, (Ed Edlund)

Golf isn't a rich man's game. There are millions of poor players.(Anon)

A train of thought is only as good as it's engineer. (Barry Walker)

The trouble with the publishing business is that too many people with half a mind to write a book - do so! (Stan Smith)

There are two insults that people won't endure; the assertion that they have no sense of humour, and the doubly impertinent assertion that they have never known any trouble. (Dan Lawton)

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. (Paulette Schulte)

A diplomat is a fellow who, when asked what his favorite color is replies, "plaid"(Any guid Scot)

Our next meeting will be held at Mayfair Golf Club on 17 January 1995, at 12.00 noon. Gunnar Anderson reports that our guest speaker will be Wylie Stafford, President & CEO of the YMCA. He will speak about this organization and plans for future development. See you there.(Retread)

