



At our last meeting on June 15th at the Mayfair Golf Club, Program Team No.5 had hoped to have a speaker to tell us all about the proposed riverboat, the River Queen. However due to various problems surrounding this venture, the talk had to be postponed.

President John Stroppa came to the rescue and provided a videotape, telling us all about the City of Spokane, Wash., where the Gyro District VIII Convention will be held from July 15-18, 1993, as arranged by the Spokane Gyro Club. The video was very interesting showing many of the highlights to be seen in that fine City. It promises to be a good convention - you will enjoy it.

HEALTH & WELFARE - Bert Boren reported that Dick Mandlis has managed to return to work despite having to wear a cast following a knee operation. Good on ya' Dick!

We have just recently learned that Mary McLachlin is in hospital, as well as Helena Graham, Stewart's wife. We trust that their treatment will be successful and that they will soon be home.

BIRTHDAYS - birthdays greetings to Rev. Bill Graham for June 17th and to Neil Sheidow for June 19th. Both these Gyros were born under the Gemini sign of the Zodiac. President John related some of the Gemini characteristics as follows. Gemini, The Twins, have two separate sides to them, dark and light. They are either bright and blabby or they're morose and miserable.

The positive side is that they are lively, witty and attract people to them like bees around a honey pot; whereas the negative side of Gemini is the exact opposite, they can twist and turn and be mighty mendacious.

Gemini love life and to them, variety is the spice of life. So there you are Bill & Neil, ~~your horroscope - we hope you both enjoyed a super birthday!~~

GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - President John Stroppa gave a report about this convention, which is now history. Those of us who were able to be in attendance in support of Marty and Shirley Larson, and to share with everyone our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to Gyro. We were happy to hear his fine talk and to see him be presented with his Past President's Pin, from retiring President Bob Dutcher. Your home club is very proud of you Marty & Shirley and this feeling is shared throughout all of Gyro.

Our thanks to the International Officers for their leadership this past year and our congratulations and best wishes for 1993-94 to the current slate of International Officers, viz: PRESIDENT, EMIL BAIJOT (Bellingham) 1st VICE PRESIDENT, CHUCK FIELD (St. Paul) 2nd VICE PRESIDENT BOB TULK (Vancouver, BC) 3rd VICE PRESIDENT BUD ABELL (Windsor, NS) I.P.P. MARTY LARSON (Edmonton) SECRETARY-TREASURER, JAMES W. PARKER (Painesville, OH)

SPECIAL AWARDS presented at the convention included the following: - Jimmy Hubbell Award (External Expansion) to Chuck Field: Bill Cammack & Dick Jones. The Bud Mitchell Award (International Gyro of the Year) awarded to Fraser Cunningham (New Glasgow, N.S.) The Man Mile Award - to the Gyro Club of Edmonton (yippee!)

Bulletin Awards - Class A, Vancouver, Wash: Class B, Tampa, Fla: Class C, Seattle, Wa. District Governors Bulletin Award - won by Jack Leopp, District IV.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

MAIL & MESSAGES - we received another postcard from our "world travellers" Andy and Blanche Friderichsen, from Denmark, where they celebrated Andy's mother's 99th birthday. They are now on their way to the Danish Island of Bornholm and then on to Germany for a two weeks bus tour. They return to Canada on 22 June. Sounds like they are having a great trip and we appreciate hearing from them.

Howard Wilson told us at our last meeting that he had been talking to Neil Sheidow recently, and that Neil & Ann send their greetings to all our club members. They have been pleased to have had visits with several of our members who have been down their way, and they would welcome more at any time.

65 YEARS IN GYRO - On June 20, 1993, we held a special mixed meeting of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, in recognition and celebration of STANLEY NOEL SMITH'S 65 YEARS as a member of our club. This happy occasion was hosted by John and Helen Ross at their beautiful home, where we enjoyed their thoughtful and gracious hospitality.

Among those present were Wes and Ruth Van Dusen from Vancouver, B.C. Wes is a Past President of our club and an Honorary member, as well as being an active member of the Vancouver, Gyro Club; where he was recently honored with the Gyro Merit Award.

Wes and Stan are long time friends, who enjoyed reminiscing about the early years.

Stan's long time membership was acknowledged by Gyro International by President Marty Larson, and by Gyro District 8 by Governor Todd Verhaeghe. Other congratulatory letters were received from Gyros who were unable to be present.

A special presentation of a silver tray appropriately engraved, was presented to Stan by Immediate Past President John Ross, on behalf of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, as a token of affection and appreciation for his long years of active friendship.

When asked if he would care to say a few words, Stan quickly rose to the occasion and gave an insight to his quick wit, by saying, "that he thought the request was the most ridiculous one he had ever heard" -- asking him to "say a few words". However he promptly regaled us in his own inimitable style, about some of his experiences in Gyro over his many years.

While Stan is now in his 94th year and has some physical limitations, he is very sharp mentally, with a terrific memory and an excellent sense of humour. His knowledge and proper use of the English language is outstanding, which make his talks and writings really something special.

This gathering was a very happy occasion and one which may not occur very often -- 65 YEARS OF GYRO FRIENDSHIPS. Congratulations Stan, may you enjoy many more years in Gyro.

IN REVIEW - GYRO DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION - 15-18 July 1993 in Spokane Wash. It is still not too late to send in your registration and join the growing numbers who are attending.

ANNUAL GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - 19 August 1993 at the Westridge Golf Course starting time at one o'clock. The golf is \$13.00 per person and dinner \$13.00 p.p. including wine and prizes. Golf Chairman Ernie Siegel needs the money up front by August 5th, so that he can complete all arrangements. If you have any special questions call Ernie at 487-9092. Remember all Gyros & Gyrettes in Edmonton and area are welcome to attend. It's a fun day!

NIGHT AT THE RACES - 22 Sept 1993. This annual event at the Northlands Race Track will cost \$17.50 per person which includes your dinner and race program - but no tips on the horses. Payment to be made to John Stroppa by August 30th to complete arrangements.

We wish you luck - certainly better than Irish Kelly, who had a miserable run of luck at the track and was down to a ten spot. Just before the last race he caught sight of his Parish Priest anointing one of the horses entered therein. With the Holy Father blessing the creature, reasoned Kelly, how could he lose?. So he put the ten spot on the nose. There were 8 horses in the race and Kelly's bet ran dead last.

A few days later he encountered the Priest on the street and grumbled to him, "It's been letting me down Father, that's what! I bet on a horse because ye stopped and blessed it, but begorra it finished last". The Priest said sadly, "you should have more faith than that my boy, I wasn't blessing the horse, I was giving it the last rites".

VOX POP - The good judgement of some politicians will never wear out. They never use it enough. (Dan Lawton)

Beware of the man who won't be bothered with details. (Bob Lippe)

How people play the game shows something of their character. How they lose shows all of it. (Dick Mandlis)

Most smiles are started by another smile. (Mike Matei)

Sign on an office desk. The buck pauses here and having paused, moves on. (Al McClure)

At our last meeting Gunnar Anderson delivered a message from David Burnett. It was a real good joke - but now I can't remember it. Funny how one of the first things to go as you get older is - is -is (oh hell!!)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday July 6, 1993 at the Mayfair Golf Club at 12.00 noon.

Program Team No.11 with Team Captain John Pedden have arranged for a speaker, Mr. Don Risdon, who is the Program Co-ordinator for Continuing Education Services.

We look forward to his presentation and for a good attendance.

see you there Retread.

