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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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At our last meeting on 4 May, our new President John Ross took over the reins of leadership for the next twelve months. John called on "cheerio chief" Harry Mills to get things underway and Retread to provide the blessing.

The attendance was good and the fun and fellowship that is Gyro became quickly evident.

We were happy to meet and greet 5 guests including <sup>(Richard)</sup> Dick Wilson, Dan Roper, Don Risdon, Stan Rozell and Paul Dunn. My apologies for not giving you the names of the Gyros who brought these guests - but somehow my list disappeared. Perhaps it's one of those "signs" that I can expect now that I am a "senior".

Our guest speaker on this occasion was Linda Hughes, Publisher of the Edmonton Journal. Dan Lawton introduced our special guest, who grew up in B.C. and graduated from the University of Victoria, with an Honors B.A. Degree in History and Economics. She started her career as a journalist and gained early recognition as a prize winning writer. She came to Edmonton in 1976 and joined the Edmonton Journal; became an Editor in 1981, News Editor in 1984 and is now Publisher of the paper.

She gave a very interesting talk about the many responsibilities and complex problems that arise while trying to provide the daily news, locally, nationally and world wide. Not an easy task; what may be considered newsworthy to some readers, may be unacceptable to others. The good, the bad & the ugly aspects of the "news" can be interpreted in different ways by many people.

Our speaker felt that the healthiest thing for society, is for openness - let the people know the facts through quality journalism.

A lively question and answer period followed Linda's presentation to which she responded very well to various points of view, proffered by our members.

The thanks of our club and guests were extended by Andy Friderichsen.

Birthdays - many happy returns to the following Taureans on these dates:- Allan Ursulak 10 May: Andy Friderichsen 13th May: Boyd Slavik 17 May: David Burnett 18 May. Have a terrific day fellas and many more!

Health & Welfare:- Bert Boren reported that Vern Sadd is home from hospital, but no visitors yet. Mort Morter is also out of hospital and recovering satisfactorily. Dave Duchak is having trouble with a leg problem. No details on this at present, but he is home.

Correspondence - President John read a letter from Stan Smith, our most senior club member, congratulating John and the Club Executive members on their recent installation to office; and wishing them a happy, active year. Stan was unable to be at Tri-Club, but we always appreciate hearing from him.

A letter was read from Marion Morstad, thanking the club for it's support during her recent bereavement.

Wayne Knight, President of the Gyro Club of St. Albert, wrote thanking our club for it's sponsorship, attendance at their Charter Night and for the podium and gong.

Travellers" Al & Bette McClure have just returned from a trip to eastern Canada. While there they had a visit with Neil and Ann Sheidow, who now live in Barrie, Ontario. They are both well and send their best regards to all.

John & Yvette Stroppa have just returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean, which they much enjoyed.

Club Treasurer - we were pleased to learn that Jack Ellis has accepted the position of Club Treasurer. Congratulations Jack, we appreciate you accepting this important responsibility, and look forward to your financial counsel. Our thanks to Barry Walker for the job that he has done for us previously. Barry is now our Second Vice President.

Membership - Second Posting - LARRY WANG. President of L & R Enterprises Ltd. Business address P.O. Box 60164 U of A Postal Outlet. Phone 492-4402. Residence, 466 Rooney Crescent Edmonton, Alberta. T6R 1C8.

"Extract from the Edmonton Journal of May 8th, 1992". "The inventor of the Canadian Cold Buster Bar wasn't around on Thursday night, to savor an award very dear to his heart. Larry Wang was in Taiwan when he and five other prominent people were honored for their contributions to Canadian Society. Mr. Wang was honored in the business/research development category."

The addition of Ted Hageman to our Gyro Club has been temporarily delayed. Ted will be in Houston, Texas for sometime where he is establishing a new branch of his business.

New Club Roster - David Burnett is busy working on a new roster and would like to hear from anyone who wishes to record changes, such as addresses, telephone numbers, etc. Please call Dave right away at 423-9251 in this regard.

Reports - Historical Records - Gord Rennie was asked to give his annual report on club activity, which he finally did after some considerable persuasion. In addition to his report he produced two pages from the 1925-26 volume, which contains two full pages in the Edmonton Journal, all about the Gyro Playgrounds and the street carnivals they had to raise funds for parks. While the pages are old and getting brittle, it does show how much "ink" the Edmonton Journal gave us in support of our activities. These proved to be of interest to our guest speaker, the Publisher of the Journal, Linda Hughes.

Annual Golf Tournament - Bill Agnew reported that this popular event will be held this year at the Lacombe Golf Course, Lacombe, Alberta, on Wednesday 3 June. Tee-off at 9.00 a.m. Cost \$60.00 includes golf, steak dinner (incl. grat) and prizes. Pay your money to Bill Agnew by May 25th, so that he can conclude arrangements with the golf course. Bill's phone 465-8085.

Annual Gyroette Golf Scramble - Ernie Siegel is again organizing this event which he says will be held at Westridge this year on Thursday 6 August 1992. More details later.

Tri-Club Installation: The Edmonton Gyro Tri-Clubs Installation, Banquet & Dance was held on May 2nd at the Convention Inn; with the Crossroads Club as host club. There were approximately 100 in attendance including guests. Ted Deptuck and Art Stavenjord were here from Grand Forks B.C. to invite us to Grand Forks for the District 8 Convention on 23-26 July 1992.

We were also pleased to welcome our 2nd Lt-Governor, D-8- Len and Pauline Cary from the Stamped City Club. Head table guests included our First Lt-Governor, Todd Verhaeghe & Gail, and First V/President of Gyro International Marty & Shirley Larson. A special presentation was made by Marty to Gord Rennie of the Edmonton Gyro Club; which was the plaque for the Bud Mitchell Gyro of the year award.

The Master of Ceremonies was Vince Folk of the Crossroads Club, who was his usual smooth self, keeping the program moving.

First Lt-Governor Todd Verhaeghe installed the new Executives of the three clubs, in his very pleasing manner. The new Executive Members are:- Sherwood Park - President Dieter Lindner: V/President Morgan Partridge: I.P.P. Glenn Butters: Secretary Mike Neuman: Treasurer Don Greig and Directors, Hank Deleeuw and Terry Bajer.

Edmonton Gyro Club - President John Ross: V/Pres. John Stroppa: 2nd V/Pres. Barry Walker: Secretary Dick Ogilvie: Treasurer Jack Ellis & Directors, Gunnar Anderson, Bill Agnew and Larry Dobson.

Crossroads - President Bob Pringle (second term): V/Pres. Bryan McMullen: Secretary Red Laychuk: Treasurer Ron Cockerill: Directors, Brian Dunnigan & Don Birmingham. Special events Brian Leeson.

Our congratulations to all of the above - may you have a happy active year!

Dancing followed the formal part of the evening and on the Sunday morning the members of the Sherwood Park Club put on their usual special breakfast, which as always, was great.

Objective & Benevolence Committee - subject - the Enzo Baraone Park. The question of making a donation towards this park was discussed at our annual meeting on 21 April and a written report submitted to the Executive for further study. Gunnar Anderson spoke on the subject today and reported that it would be opened in June, this year. President John Ross advised that the Executive support the recommendation and that the general response has been positive. Following a general discussion, a motion was made by Gunnar Anderson, seconded by Roger Russell that, "The Edmonton Gyro Club donate the sum of \$10,000 to the Constable Enzo Baraone Park, and that the Park Association acknowledge such donation by including the name of the Gyro Clubs on the Park Plaque." The motion was carried by majority vote.

Smiles and chuckles - The former baseball player Yogi Berra, was standing outside a ball park on a very warm day, waiting for a friend. He was dressed in lightweight slacks and a sports shirt. A woman who was passing recognized him and said, "you look mighty cool today!". "Thank you ma'am", said Yogi, "you don't look so hot yourself".

Vox Pop - Sign in an accounting firm - "Telling the truth will invariably confuse the IRS". (Jack Ellis.)

The only time success comes before work, is in the dictionary. (Kohn Pedden)

Half the harm that is done in this world, is due to people who want to feel important. (Roy. Bennett).

Winner of the draw - John Pedden.

#### OUR NEXT MEETING

The usual place - Mayfair Golf Club

The usual time - 12.00 noon.

The date - 19 May 1992

President John Ross advised that our guest speaker will be none other than Wayne Knight, President of the Gyro Club of St. Albert whose topic will be all about the Nash Metropolitan Car. The word is that it may be an "oldie" but it is a real goodie!

If you haven't met Wayne you will enjoy his company, so let's be seeing you there - with a guest!!

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