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The editor of this particular Gyrolog was born under the Zodiac sign, Taurus. Today's Horoscope, Under Taurus, is the following message: In important decisions today, use the oblique approach sprinkled with humour, to get your points across. Avoid unwittingly offending or boring your listeners or readers. The above sounds like pretty good advice - I hope the following will be OK.

Our meeting on Tuesday 3 October was held at the usual place and chaired by our President, **Mike Matei**, who opened the meeting by first calling on **Roger Russell** to lead us in Cheerio in the absence of **Harry (Melodious) Mills**, who is just home from a stay in the hospital. He then called on one of our newest Gyro members, **Rev. John Dowds**, to ask the blessing.

Unfortunately there were no guests except our speaker, **Mr. Robert (Robbie) Davidson**, a criminal lawyer with the firm of Davidson & Gregory, who was introduced by **Mel Snihurowych**. The term "unfortunately" is used because those of us who were lucky enough to be at this meeting, were treated to an outstanding and most informative talk by **Mr. Davidson**, whose timely topic was about the O.J. Simpson trial. Before the meeting was called to order our membership was buzzing about the verdict on the Simpson case with many unanswered questions being voiced.

Mr. Davidson's talk clearly explained many aspects of the case including the justice system, the cause and effect of both prosecution and defence counsel presentations. We learned that there are two privileges which apply to all criminal cases: (1) The presumption of innocence, and (2) the duty of the prosecutor to establish guilt without reasonable doubt. It was explained that in the Simpson case the evidence given by a primary investigator was contaminated, a reflection on the integrity of the police. His

talk provided an in depth and detailed account of the trial which gave us an insight on matters previously unknown to many of us. Your writer is not able nor qualified to interpret what we were privileged to hear. Suffice it to say that at the end of his address, it is easy to appreciate that **Mr. Davidson** is generally accepted as one of the Provinces foremost legal criminal counsels. We are indebted to **David Burnett**

for having contacted **Mr. Davidson** and persuaded him to come and talk to our club. **David** also very nicely expressed the sincere appreciation of our members to him for his excellent address on a most timely topic.

SICK & VISITING - It was reported that **Harry Mills** is now at home after some recent hospitalization. **Ken McKenzie** is also at home but not in good health. We understand that **Dick Mandlis** is still waiting to enter hospital.

MEMBERSHIP - We learned that **Russ Shepherd's** letter of resignation has been accepted with much regret

BIRTHDAYS - Greetings were extended to **Tom Douglas** and **Gordon Robertson**, who share the same birth date, 2 October. Then on 5 October, our top PR man, **Roger Russell**, added another candle to his birthday cake. Remember fellas - count your age by Gyro friends - not years. The rogues gallery below are the birthday boys:



Tom



Gordon



Roger

DISTRICT VIII CURL-A-RAMA - will be held in Banff on 3-5 November 1995.

INTER-CLUB - The Crossroads Gyrettes are holding a Whist Party on Tuesday October 20th at the Highlands Masonic Hall at 5526 - 118th Ave. Time: 7:6:30 p.m.. Cost: \$6.00 per person. We have been invited to attend. If you plan on going (you don't want to miss this great evening) please call **Dorothy Little** at 466-0484 or **Merle Pringle** at 469-3905 by October 13, 1995. The card game is fun, the gals are good bartenders, and the food they provide is super. Call now and tell them you will be there.

Also, the Crossroads Gyros are holding their annual Poker Nite on Monday 23 October at 6:30 p.m. at the Highway Motor Inn, 4520 - 76 Ave. We have been invited to attend. Entry fee is \$10.00 and you could end up the one & only winner - ask **Marty** or **Al McClure**. They have both been lucky in past years. Please call **Rick Little** (if you have ten bucks and would like to go) at 451-6355 or 430-8500. Do it NOW!

GYRO FOUNDER'S NIGHT - Our club is responsible for arranging the meeting this year. It is normally held in October. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, this important meeting will be held on 28 November. Please mark your calendar now and watch for further details in a later Gyrolog.

QUAD CLUB EVENTS - **Allan Douglas**, our Vice-President, reported on his

recent meeting with the other Vice-Presidents (Crossroads, Sherwood Park, and St. Albert) concerning coordinating and establishing rotation of annual events including Golf at Red Deer, Founder's Night, and Quad Clubs Installation. Each club will know now what event they will be responsible for annually.

RACE NIGHT - **John Stroppa** reported that we had a good turnout at Northlands the evening of 20 September. It was a fun evening with the punters not saying too much about their winnings or their losses, with one exception. **Garry Diment** didn't fare very well so he decided to go back on the Saturday to try his luck again. It turned out to be his lucky day when he won the "pick seven". He picked the winners of each race from the 2nd to the 8th race and really cashed in. Good on ya, **Garry** - I just hope I get to sit next to you at the meet next year.

HOCKEY POOL - **Al McClure** brought out the hockey pool tickets for the coming season - which must be just around the corner. Everyone present picked up their tickets and are off and running on a selling campaign. **Al** reported that **Dave Duchak** is going to look after the pool this year and **Ron Ewoniak** is going to send out the cheques to the lucky winners.

CLUB INSTALLATION - The Calgary Gyro Club held their 74th Club Installation on Saturday 23 September, when their new President, **Gordon Anderson**, and the Executive members were duly installed by District VIII Governor **Jake McLeod**. **Gord** and **Ivy Rennie** were there and they report that it was a great evening. Gyro International 2nd Vice-President **Ian Greig** presented two special awards to **Stan Murray** and **Scott Duiguid**. The MC was **Bill McIntyre** who did an outstanding job. Our congratulations to **Gordon Anderson** and the executive of the Calgary Club. May you have a great year in promoting Gyro. The Lethbridge Gyro Club is holding their club installation party on Saturday 28 October 1995. More on this later.

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN - This caption will appear in future Gyrologs under which we will provide essential information regarding all phases of the 1996 International and District VIII Conventions.

This will be the first time a Gyro International Convention will be held in Edmonton. In 1963 the International Convention was held in Jasper, Alberta, with our club being responsible for all arrangements except financial. The attendance was good and the weather was perfect the whole time at the Jasper Park Lodge, which I am sure our American friends will well remember.

With respect to our July 1996 convention, we are planning a very special function for the late afternoon and evening of 12 July. This event will be organized around a Klondike theme and will take place in Fort Edmonton. We hope to have all Gyros and Gyrettes decked out in their finest Klondike garb and we also want to encourage all of our Gyro-Gyrette guests to follow the Klondike theme if they reasonably can. To help our guests to plan, we need to send out brief descriptions of what might be reasonably called "Klondike garb". If you have ideas on how we can best describe such wearing apparel to our guests, please share this with the Ogilvies, the Mateis or the Glassfords.

Every Gyro and Gyrette in our club is looking forward to welcome all Gyros and to make their visit to Edmonton a very happy one. At this point in time we have just one request: please mark your calendar now.

Event: Gyro International & District VIII Convention
Place: Edmonton, Alberta
Date: 11 -14 July 1996
Headquarters: The Mayfield Inn.

That's it for now - but watch for future Gyrologs which will provide you with ongoing, detailed information about the planned convention activities.

DRAW - the luck winner at our last meeting was President Mike -- after the third draw. The first two Gyros names that were drawn were not in attendance.

MAIL CALL - Our world travellers **Andy and Blanche Friderichsen** are away again. This time they are touring Scotland, England and Ireland by bus. They were good enough to send us a postcard to say they are having a great time and good weather. We appreciate hearing from them and we are compiling quite a file of their postcards.

Our next meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday 17 October at the Mayfair Gold Club. The Program Team of **Tony Sheppard, Marty Larson and Gordon Robertson** are in charge of arrangements. The speakers will be **Barry Ulmer and Ayaz Jamohamed**, of the Goodwill Alberta Rehabilitation Services. We look forward to your attendance with a guest.

A REQUEST FOR HELP - These days of "magic" machines are wonderful but they are not without their limitations. Owen has "slaved" together his telephone, his answering machine and his fax. Under ideal circumstances this triad works well but if someone is sending a fax and if they don't wait until the machines tell them that they are ready to receive a fax, most often the fax does NOT come through. Owen has asked that each of us that uses the fax as a means of communicating with him to delay their fax transmission until the machine indicates its willingness to cooperate. Pouty machines have a way of making our lives more difficult than we would really like them to be.

Retread (pinch-hitting for Owen Cornish)



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