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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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The location for our last meeting on Tuesday evening 5 April 1994 was like a walk in the past, when we met at Fort Edmonton in the Clerks Quarters, within the Fort Complex. The old log constructed room was dimly lit with wall lanterns; while the heating was provided by two wood burning fireplaces located at the extreme ends of the room. It was chilly at first, but by the time we sat down to dinner we had warmed up - no doubt aided to some degree by Gyro enthusiasm and hospitality! The Attendance was good, which included our special friend Wayne Knight of the St. Albert Gyro Club.

During the happy hour we were entertained by two musicians:- Jay Kuchinsky, who played an accordion and a fiddle; while his partner Len Penner, played a guitar. They provided us with some very lively old time, toe tapping music, which added to the overall scenario. We then enjoyed a fine dinner of various kinds, including buffalo meat, which was different but good. The meeting was chaired by Vice President Barry Walker in his usual capable & humorous manner; while President John Stroppa was away having to face the rigors of a cruise!

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that John Boychuk is now occupying room 222 at the Grandview Care Centre. Visitors are welcome. We were sorry to learn that Ken McKenzie is not in very good health. Our best wishes for better health were sent to Ken by way of a card, which we all signed. Our thanks to Stewart Graham for the thought.

Birthdays - Larry Wang celebrated his birthday on 5 April and was congratulated accordingly. Wes Van Dusen our honorary member, will reach another milestone on 12 April 1994.



At this point in the evening the meeting was turned over to John Ross, our Returning Officer who proceeded with the Election of Officers for the ensuing term. After the usual amount of persuasion, coercion, veiled promises - coupled with the Gyro banter, the following results were announced. President BARRY WALKER; 1st Vice President Mike Matel; 2nd Vice President Allan Douglas; Imm. Past President John Stroppa. Our Secretary Dick Ogilvie and our Treasurer Jack Ellis kindly agreed to continue with their respective duties for another term.

Our congratulations to these Gyros for having accepted the responsibilities of office. We wish them a happy, active and successful year.

What followed after the elections - could perhaps be best described as "nostalgia night", when John Ross gave us a slide and narrative presentation, about the history of our Gyro club.

The main theme was about how our club provided Gyro Playgrounds for children throughout the City of Edmonton, starting in Edmonton in 1922. Funds for the playgrounds were raised by holding annual street Carnivals for one week, located in front of the old Court House & the YMCA; with the streets closed off for the event.

The entire club was involved in running the various events, which were very well supported by the general public; and well publicized by both the Edmonton Journal & the Bulletin. The success of these carnivals was greatly enhanced by the enthusiastic participation of Gyros, who always dressed up in a great variety of costumes.

When the City Parks & Recreation Department was formed in the late '40's; they took over the Gyro playgrounds. However in 1984 our club established a children's playground in Fort Edmonton Park; known as Gyro Park No.10. Just recently we erected a cairn located at the entrance to Fort Edmonton Park, which lists the names of all the Gyro playgrounds our club provided over the years. Our thanks to John Ross for presenting this most interesting review of our club's early history, showing the contribution the Gyros of those years made to the City of Edmonton.

The material that John Ross produced his presentation was taken from The Gyro Club of Edmonton's Historical Records, which were started by the late Roy Miller (holder of the Gyro Honor Key) and covered the period from 1921 to 1961. Since that time, the privileged duty of club historian has been continued by Gord Rennie.

There are 15 volumes each covering five years which are kept in the City of Edmonton Archives any of which can be obtained by any of our Gyro members, to take home and peruse at their leisure.

Mail Call - President John recently received a card from Al & Bette McClure from Phoenix, where they have been enjoying a great winter holiday. They send best regards to all & will be home soon.

The District VIII Interim meeting recently held in Fairmont, was reported to be a success. In addition to our official club delegate Barry Walker, there were five other couples in attendance including:- David & Marlene Burnett; Mike & Sharon Matei; Marty & Shirley Larson; Ed & Natalie Edlund, & Pat & Marcia Rasko.

Our Annual Bridge Windup, on 23 April 1994. Ed Edlund reports that this social gathering will take place at the Victoria Park Golf Club; with cocktails at 6.00 and dinner at 7.00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Everyone is invited, you don't have to be a member of the bridge group. Just show up and enjoy the evening - who knows, you might enjoy a game of cribbage!

SPECIAL MIXED MEETING - ON 23 MAY 1994 - FOR ALL MEMBERS!! (Note, this event will replace our regular luncheon meeting at Mayfair). Bring your Gyrette - come & celebrate spring! We are having a barbecue at Fort Edmonton at EGGE's BARN on Tuesday evening 3 MAY 1994. Refreshments at 5.30 & dinner at 6.00 p. (Leave the office a little early - you have a break coming). Come and enjoy the hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, fresh fruit; tea & coffee - all for \$15.00 per couple or \$7.50 per half couple!

Two new young bartenders have volunteered (in the usual way) to make sure our refreshments are on hand. Beer and wine will be available. Pat Rasko and Dean Paterson have assured us prices will be reasonable.

After supper there will be a special slide presentation by John Ross - this one you definitely don't want to miss!

AND THEN - MARTY LARSON & DAVID BURNETT - WANT YOUR IDEAS FOR THE 1996 GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. What will be the hallmark of our convention?? PLEASE put on your thinking caps and come prepared to volunteer to help.

Time files - 1996 will be here before you realize. Meanwhile, good planning, preparation and co-operation the yardsticks towards success!

Roster Changes - Padre Bill Graham's new address is 1101, Tegler Manor, 9943-110 Street, Edmonton, AB. T5K 2N5. Owen Cornish apartment number is 1603, 6205- 101 Ave. Edmonton, AB. Norma Treacy's new address is :- 303, 11650-79 Ave. Edmonton, AB. T6G OP7. Jean Ernst has moved to 212, 10951-21 Avenue, Edmonton, AB. T6J 6X2

Dates to record - 23 April 1994 Quad Club Installation in Castlegar; 7 May 1994 Quad Clubs Installation in Edmonton. 1 June 1994 Annual Golf Game at Riverbend Golf Course in Red Deer, AB (Rick Little of Crossroads) 11 June 1994 Stampede City Gyro Club Installation in Calgary, AB.

Gyro District 8 Convention 30 June - 3rd July 1994 in Lethbridge, AB. See complete information about this in the January 1994 issue of the Gyroscope.
Gyro International Convention July 7-10, 1994 in Moncton, NB. See Feb/Mar/Apr issue of the Gyroscope.

Obituary - We report with regret, the death of Gyrette Trissie Beaver on 7 April 1994, at age 96. She was predeceased by her husband Troy in 1964 and by one son Gary in 1994. Our condolences have been extended to the remaining members of her family.

Vox Pop - Reason deceives us - conscience never. (John Stroppa)

"Average but works hard" - beats, "brilliant but lazy" (Bryce Van Dusen)

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



Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 April 1994 at the Mayfair Golf Club. This is our Annual Meeting when the election of Directors takes place. The names of the eligible candidates are recorded on page one of this bulletin.

At the same meeting, the Chairman of each established committee for the past 12 months, is expected to submit a report (in writing) of his committee's activities over the past year. These reports are then turned over to our Secretary, for future reference and guidance. Your attendance at this meeting is important so you can vote for your choice of directors.

"HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"

And as Groucho Marx said, as he placed his portfolio on the bench, "I rest my case."
(Your "Macintosh rookie" - Retread)

