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Our bearded **President Allan** ("the furry with the fringe on top" as he gently and humorously described himself) opened our June 18th meeting at the Mayfair on a windy and rain-soaked Tuesday. **Al McClure** (with apologies to **Harry Mills**) lead Cheerio and **Rev. Billy Graham** said Grace.

Barry Walker's guest, **Michael Evans**, comes from the northern part of England, so he probably felt quite at home in the inclement weather that continues to plague us.

Elaine and Allan Douglas together with **Alice and Gerry Glassford** travelled south to Calgary to attend the recent Stampede City installation and an enjoyable get together with 52 Gyro/Gyrette friends. Although the theme was Mexican, our intrepid foursome couldn't resist advertising our convention one more time and presented themselves in our club's Klondike attire. (An interesting side note: although eight couples from the Stampede City have registered for the International and District Convention, eleven couples said that they intended to come to Edmonton for our July convention. Perhaps this is an indication of the kinds of percentage increases we might expect in registration numbers as we near the magic days of July 11-14.)

In their convention up-date **Marty and David** reported that the registration figure currently stands at the 500 mark with 243 rooms booked at the Mayfield Inn. We have had a few cancellations due to health or family related issues. They were also pleased to report the receipt of a cheque from the Cranbrook club. This donation is addition to the acknowledged and wonderful support we have received from our other local Gyro clubs as well as the Sherwood Park, Crossroads, and Edmonton Gyrettes who have made substantial gifts to the hosting of the Convention. **David's** summation was that he wouldn't have wanted to have held this convention without the help of our lovely ladies - well done Gyrettes!!!

Past President Mike asked for volunteers to sell Klondike Association tickets during July Klondike Days. This could become a perennial fund raiser for our club, but the response to date has been too low such that it appears that we shall have to ask for outside help. If you and Gyrette can manage a shift or two, please call **Mike** at 458-4690.

Barry Walker is arranging a Gyro evening at a Trapper baseball game in late August (26th or 27th). By selecting these dates we hope to have the use of the lounge

for a fun-filled Gyro/Gyrette "get-together". More details to follow.

While on the topic of sports, **Allan Warrack** reports 71 paid up golfers for his Convention golf tournament. The maximum will be 84, so if you wish to be part of this Friday morning event and have not yet registered your intention, please call **Allan** at 434-8206 (R).

Bert Boren reported on the club's health. **Amy Wilson** is still in hospital. **Bill Agnew** undergoes gall bladder surgery shortly and we wish both **Amy and Bill** speedy recoveries and short stays in the hospital. **Al McClure** reported that our Gyro friend, **Rick Little** from the Crossroads Club is home from the Cross Cancer Treatment Centre. Our best wishes and our prayers go to **Rick, Kathy and family**.

During the business portion of our meeting there was further discussion on how best to acknowledge this, our 75th anniversary. New ideas came from **Peter Carter** who suggested that we might commission an appropriate painting which could subsequently be copied and copies given to each member of the club with the original being auctioned off to raise money. Such copies might subsequently be used as gifts for our speakers, etc. **Bert Boren** suggested that careful consideration be given to the creation of special 75th Anniversary name tags and perhaps thought to the idea of providing a commemorative gift from our club to a worthwhile cause. The executive committee now has several fine suggestions to consider and to bring back a recommendation to the club.

John Stroppa acknowledged help from **Jack Ellis** in presenting his budget. **John** based his fiscal projections on the maintenance of our present membership. While this latter assumption did not receive much discussion from members present **Gunnar Anderson** stressed the importance of acquiring new members given the downward trend that he has noted in his audit of our financial statements. The executive committee has also identified this as a significant area of concern for the coming year.

Some highlights of **John's** presentation were that noon meals would continue to be offered at the subsidized rate of \$7.00; a new printed roster will cost around \$500.00; the Club continues to be in good financial health. **John** moved the acceptance of his budget and earned a hearty laugh when he didn't ask for any further votes on the acceptance of his budget. After the merriment, **Peter Carter** seconded **John's** motion and it was unanimously approved. Our thanks to **John** for his excellent efforts on behalf of the Edmonton Gyro Club.

Because of the special nature of our July 2nd combined Gyro/Gyrette meeting, **Mr President Allan** asked **Gerry Glassford** to bring the members up to date on plans. **Gerry** circulated a map of the Fort Edmonton area and pointed out that the lunch meeting would begin at 12:00 noon in **Reed's Bazaar**. He suggested that members allow 15 to 20 minutes to move from the parking lot outside of the train station to **Reed's Bazaar**. Members need only to tell the ticket takers at the station that they are attending the Gyro/Gyrette luncheon to gain Park admission. It is a relatively short walk to **Reed's Bazaar** from the station but members can also ride the streetcar to a point near the Bazaar. Our speaker is **Peter Hawker**, a noted historian and expert on the history of Fort Edmonton. After the lunch and **Peter's** presentation guides from

the Fort will take those of us who wish it on a tour of the Fort itself, 1885 Street, 1905 Street and 1920 Street. The later tour can be as long as 60 - 90 minutes but members can leave as they wish. The cost of the lunch will be \$10.00. If you wish more information, call **Gerry** at 430-7108 (R).

Marty mentioned that tickets to raffle the diamond pendant are available and will be sold at the convention. You do not have to be present to win this beautiful prize - you merely have to have a ticket to open that door of opportunity.

Barry Walker's guest, **Michael Evans**, cut the cards to determine the winner of our noon lunch prize. After three tries (all cuts revealing the name of an absent Gyro) the fourth cut exposed the name of his host, **Barry** - to which **Michael** comment "I had to do this carefully to allay suspicions." The snide comments that coursed from the tables might indicate that his "slight of hand skills" fooled none of our ever-alert members. Joshing aside, **Michael**, thank you for sharing lunch with us.

CONVENTION UPDATE

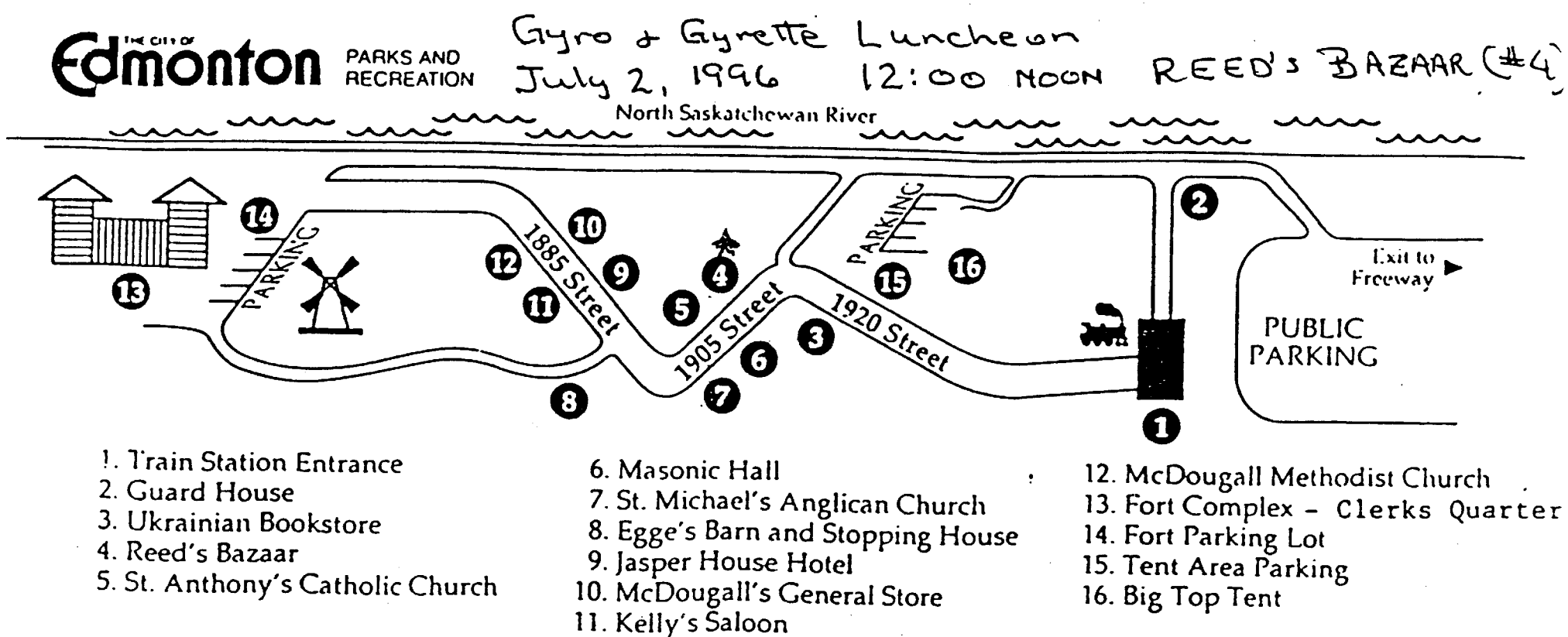
As this issue of the Gyrolog goes to press we have 21 days before the official commencement of the "best convention ever - bar none." **Marty** and **David** reported that the bimonthly meetings of the convention committee will continue and that several of the other organizing sub-committees are continuing to meet on a regular basis. We anticipate a late surge in registration numbers as the final days are counted down it there remains the expectation that we will reach a final figure around the 600 mark. Our budget is continually fine-tuned by **Gunnar Anderson** and this must be about the 18th iteration with which we are working. The great thing is that his bottom line has always black numbers. There remain details to work out but all of the major components are nicely in place. As is usual in the hosting of such conventions, we will need special volunteer help in a few key areas so you might receive a call one evening with the request "Could you see your way clear to help with . . . on . . .?" We have had such outstanding help from everyone that there exists that wonderful sense of optimism that people will continue to give that little bit extra to make this convention a special time for everyone who attends. One more Gyrolog before the magic days begin. If anyone has a notice to share or information to add to the content of it, please call **Owen** (459-1514) or **Gerry** (430-7108). We will be certain that your submissions are added.

UP-COMING EVENTS

August 8th (Thursday) - 1:00 PM at the Westridge Park Lodge and Golf Course (Devon). The *Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT* is definitely coming. **Owen** tells us that we are limited to 60 golfers so please register early. (PS **Owen** still NEEDS golf prizes).

The BBQ to follow will be at **Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen's**. Final plans will be made after our convention.

July 2nd Tuesday - Gyro/Gyrette Special joint meeting at Fort Edmonton Place: Reed's Bazaar. Time: 12:00 Noon. Cost: \$10
 Directions: See map below. No admission charge to the Fort (simply tell the ticket taker that you are attending the Gyro/Gyrette function).



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