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**President Walter** welcomed a packed house to a beautiful day in paradise. **Barry Walker** led us in Cheerio and **Rev. John Dowds** asked the blessing. There were 33 Gyros present.

**David Burnett** briefly introduced our guest speaker Dr. Lindsay Redpath, **Allan Warrack** introduced Betty Wood, a former librarian at the University of Alberta and Lindsay's mother, and **President Walter** introduced his friend Chuck Gerhart.

**Mort Morter** reported that our friend **Bob Lippe** will shortly be moving into the Waterford where he will have access to meals.

**John Ross** and **John Stroppa** started the birthdays for the month on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Jack Brown** will bring up the rear on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Bill** and **Nancy Clarke** celebrated their wedding anniversary on January 4<sup>th</sup>, **Ernie** and **Beth Siegel** on January 16<sup>th</sup>, and **Fred** and **Sally Dunn** on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

**Dick Nichols** advised that 249 out of 250 hockey pool tickets have been sold. He said the final one has some good scores so, if you want it, see him.

**Dave Duchak** reported on the results of the hockey pool since the last meeting. In game 5 the Oilers hosted the LA Kings on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a 1:1 tie after the first and Bob Morter and Carl Laberge each won \$15. LA was ahead 3:2 after the second and the \$15 winners were Leslie Duchak, Robert McKinnin, and Kenora Russell. The Oilers turned it around with a final of 5:3 and the \$20 winners were **Doris Douglas**, **Walter Yakimets** and **Erik Hedegaard**.

On December 30<sup>th</sup> the Oilers hosted the Nashville Predators. The first period was scoreless and **Gord Robertson** and Jim Warrack won \$15 each. The Oil were ahead 2:1 after two and

\$15 prizes were picked up by **Michael Matei** and Dr. Alex Hillyard. The final was 4:2 for us and \$20 went to Perry Majeau and Marisa McClure.

**Elaine Douglas** provided a couple of examples of human nature. Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it". For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal. It looked too good to be true, so he changed the sign to read:

"Fridge for sale \$50". The next day someone stole it.

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific"

**David Burnett** introduced Dr. Lindsay Redpath from the Centre for Innovative Management at the University of Athabasca. She was Director of the Centre from 1997 – 2002 and has been Executive Director since November of 2004. She was instrumental in establishing the Executive MBA program that started in 1994.

She explained that the program now has about 1,000 students from all across Canada. All the students have management experience or a professional designation or degree and most take the program while working full time. All of the studies are on line and it takes about 25 hours a week for most students. The professors are dispersed across the country as well as coming from the US, UK and Germany. The program is ranked as one of the best MBA programs in the country.

**Allan Warrack** thanked her and she drew the card that provided **Marty Larson** with a free lunch.

**SECOND POSTING:** Ron Ramsey has applied for membership in our club. He and his wife Marlene live at 13808 49 Ave, Edmonton, T6H 0H6. Their telephone number is 437-4155 and email address is [ramsey@telusplanet.net](mailto:ramsey@telusplanet.net) Ron is a retired family physician. He is proposed by **President Walter** and seconded by **Warren Garbutt**.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

On January 17, 2006 our guest Speaker will be Dr. Paul Byrne, the President of Grant MacEwan College thanks to **Roger Russell's** team. He will inform us about how the college grew, where it is now and what it plans for the future.

**Jean Morter** wants Gyrettes to know that for the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting they will have a guest speaker from the antique store "From Times Past". Our speaker invites each of you to bring one item for "show and tell". She will be bringing several items to show us and

will be speaking about collecting and the value of antiques. A good turnout would be nice start for the New Year.

**Larry Dobson** and his team are planning a Valentine's Party for Tuesday February 7, 2006. It will be held at the Mayfair dinner theatre and 50 seats are reserved for our club. Dinner will be served between 6:00 and 8:00 and then there will be a show of music from the 50's and 60's. Those who have seen it recommend it highly. The cost is \$50 per person.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be at Fairmont Hot Springs March 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2006.

The Stampede City Club will be hosting the International and District VIII Convention at the Westin Hotel in Calgary from July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006.

**President Walter** has booked the Riverview Room for our next Christmas Party on December 4, 2006.

Our Club will be hosting the District VIII Convention in 2007 from August 9 to 12. It will be at the Delta City Centre Hotel on the west end of the City Centre Shopping Centre.

Same Old Bull  
Allan

