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Perhaps there may be some of you, who have been wondering why you haven't had a Gyrolog since June 30th 1992.

Well it so happened that the editorial staff, consisting of Allan Douglas, John Stroppa and Rétread, were among a large group of our Club members who travelled to Lake Tahoe, for the Gyro International Convention.

It was a good convention, well attended with good representation from The Edmonton area clubs, as well as the other clubs in District 8. Of course it held a very special meaning for our Club because our own Marty Larson was duly installed as President of Gyro International, on Thursday evening 16 July 1992.

We are very proud of Marty & Shirley for the many contributions they have made to our club in particular and to Gyro in general. We look forward to Marty's leadership as President. We wish him & Shirley and all the International Executive a happy, active & successful year of Gyro progress.

In addition to Marty we congratulate the other Executive Officers including;- 1st V/President Emil Baijot (Bellingham, WA) 2nd V/President Charles (Chuck) Field (St. Paul, MN) 3rd V/P Bob Tulk (Vancouver, B.C. and I.P.P. Bob Dutcher (moncton, NB)

We learned with regret that International Secretary/Treasurer Robert Gibson will be retiring for health reasons. He will continue in office until a replacement is found.

Thanks for the job you did Bob and take care.

Gyro District 8 Convention - after leaving Lake Tahoe. some of us were fortunate enough to spend some holiday time enroute to Grand Forks, B.C., to attend the D-8 Convention., where we were joined by other members of our club & the Edmonton area, who could not attend the International Convention.

Included in this group, we were happy to welcome two members of the St. Albert Gyro Club, Wayne & Anne Knight and Gary & Dianne Isralson.

One could write a book telling all about the terrific District 8 Convention that the Grand Forks Club provided. Suffice to say it was tops. More will be told by John Stroppa later in this bulletin.

At our last meeting which was held on Tuesday August 8th, was chaired by Vice President John Stroppa. Attendance was good and "Cheerio" Mills and Padre Bill Graham opened the proceedings in good form.

Lake Tahoe - International Convention - 14-17 July 1992 is now history. John Stroppa called on President Marty for a report. He advised it was a good convention well attended with good Overall representation. Marty expressed his sincere appreciation for the excellent support he received from our club, which resulted in us winning the man mile award. There were well over 50 people from the Edmonton area and the overall attendance from District 8 clubs was great.

Marty was very pleased that Wes Van Dusen, the man who sponsored him into Gyro, was at the convention. Wes is an active member of the Vancouver Club, a Past President of the Gyro Club of Edmonton and an Honorary Member.

Wes shared in a special presentation to Marty & Shirley, from their Edmonton Club friends, in appreciation for their ongoing work and dedication in the cause of Gyro friendship.

Birthdays - Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Allan Douglas and Allan McClure, who will be celebrating on the same date - 14 August. Let's hope these two "Leo's" have a roaring goodtime.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren had a "nil" report for this meeting, so it was considered that "no news is good news" in this instance. It was observed that "retread" had apparently lost his voice - but this was construed as good news!!

Membership Application - Second Posting - NORMAN ROBERT LIPPE, retired. Address 1202, 11920 - 100th Avenue Edmonton, AB. T5K 0K5. Telephone 488-5220. Wife's name Jean.

Membership sponsored by Bryce Van Dusen, seconded by Ken McKenzie.

Anniversary Congratulations - we have just learned that Dick and Marion Mandli's celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 29 July 1992. Our belated best wishes for good health and happiness for many more.

MEMBERSHIP - Today we were pleased to welcome a new member into our club in the person of OWEN WILSON CORNISH, who was proposed for membership by our late President Merrill Morstad.

Roger Russell introduced Owen, who was born in Saskatchewan and lived in Preeceville for 18 years. He served with the RCAF from 1941 to 1945 and was with the 418 Reserve Squadron (City of Edmonton) from 1950 to 1961.

He is a widower with four children and six grandchildren. Owen graduated from the School of Dentistry, University of Alberta in 1954 and practiced dentistry in Edmonton until December 1990.

His current activities include:- The Edmonton Soaring Club (Gliding): Canuckeena Veteran's Social Club: The Wartime Aircrew Association, and he is a staunch supporter of Grace United church and a member of the Church Property Committee.

His hobbies are gardening (at his lake cottage in Lac La Biche), travelling (in winter-time) and reading.

International President Marty Larson officially inducted Owen into Gyro and Roger Russell presented him with his Gyro Pin.

We are glad to have you aboard Owen. We wish you a long, happy, active association with your new found friends.

CLUB DIRECTORS - Larry Dobson and Bill Agnew, two of our elected club directors, were unable to attend our Tri-Club Installation in May 1992 to be inducted into office. Of course they have been fulfilling their duties as Directors, but it was felt that they should be officially installed and given the oath of office. So -- who better to present this charge than our new Int'l President Marty Larson; who performed this responsibility with dispatch and good humour. So now Larry & Bill you can continue your good work - with authority!!

ANNUAL GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - this happy annual event is now history, having taken place at the Westridge Golf Course on August 6th. It was another great day under the direction of Ernie Siegel & company, followed by a good dinner and the hospitality of Bryce & Florrie Van Dusen. Further information about this event will follow in another 'log, when all the facts and figures have been obtained.

FUTURE EVENTS - THE ST. ALBERT GYRO CLUB'S FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING THEIR SUMMER RECESS, will be held on Tuesday evening September 8th, at the Sturgeon Valley Golf Club in St. Albert. More information regarding details will appear in the next bulletin.

NIGHT AT THE RACES - this annual mixed event is being arranged for Tuesday evening October 20th, 1992 at Northlands. Cost \$16.00 per person, guests welcome. Prepayment is to be made by September 22nd. Make your cheque payable to the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION - Vice President John Stroppa gave a report of the D-8 Convention that was held in Grand Forks, B.C. on 23-26 July 1992. He described the convention as outstanding in every respect, due to good planning, organization and hard work of the Convention Committee and ALL the Grand Forks Gyros & Gyrettes.

The seven course Russian dinner and entertainment on the Friday evening was a special privilege: At the Governor's Ball on the Saturday evening, we were treated to a fine Italian dinner, followed by the installation of the District 8 Officers, with International President Marty Larson doing the honors.

Our congratulations and best wishes for a successful Gyro year, to Governor Todd Verhaeghe (Castlegar) 1st Lt/Governor Len Cary (Stampede City) 2nd Lt/Governor Ken Wiegler (Coeur d'Alene) Secretary/Treasurer Derm Jackson (Castlegar) & I.P.G. Norm Billington (Calgary).

During the evening Gyro Merit Awards were presented to the following:- Al Merlo (Trail) Bill McIntyre (Calgary) Rick Little (Crossroads) and Past Governor Keith Bradley (Sherwood Park)

The Norman L. (Bud) Mitchell Gyro of the Year International Award was presented to everyone's friend, Leo (The Legend) Mills of the Grand Forks Club.

Our congratulations to all of these deserving Gyros for the special contributions that they have made on behalf of our family of friends.

Chairman John Stroppa closed our last meeting with some real good one liners. Not only that he ran a good meeting - we were hatched, matched and dispatched in exactly one hour!!

SPECIAL REPORT - by now, no doubt most of us heard the disturbing news about Past Governor Keith Bradley, who suffered a heart attack after the District Convention in Grand Forks. He was in intensive care in Edmonton for a period but is now at home. We understand that his condition is not as severe as first thought, but recovery may be slow. Our best wishes go to Keith & Jan, for Keith's early & complete recovery.

SMILE! OUR NEXT MEETING will be at Mayfair at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 18 August.

- Roger Russell reports that three ladies from the Red Cross Society will be our special guests. Bea Boymeyer will speak on the topic of bone marrow transplants. Sylvia Dyzek will tell us about plasma phoresis.

- ④ The other member of the group is Public Relations Officer Barb Jones. We are aware of the importance of the Red Cross and now we have the opportunity of learning more about the work & services they provide.

Therefore, your attendance with a guest will be appreciated.

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