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Our new, enthusiastic, and energetic **President Jack** welcomed us to his first meeting as President. Congratulations on your installation **Jack!** We then got off on the right foot, and possibly the wrong note, when **Roger Russell** led us in Cheerio. A unique blessing asked by Al McClure followed.

Now it is time for the mea culpa. I have been very busy at work and have left this Gyrolog to the very last minute. As a consequence, I have not updated the banner on the left hand side. Now that our new executive has been installed, there should be some changes in the incumbents and my name should be out of here. I will pledge to update the list of the executive for the next issue.

President Jack welcomed back our senior from Mexico, **Ernie Siegel** who we were all pleased to see once again. We should now be up to strength for the summer with the members with a southern inclination back amongst us.

President Jack reported that he was working on the program roster and that he would have the final version within the month. He notified us that the June 16th meeting will be a business meeting and there will be no speaker. The programs for September have been established, and they are both to be conducted by members of our club. One of the meetings will highlight **Allan Warrack** who will speak on the current and future state of the Alberta economy. The other will feature **John Stroppa** who will let us in on some of his secrets that result from his career in the CFL. (He may give us some secrets from Esso as well, but that won't be as interesting.) Over the years, members of our, or other nearby, Gyro clubs have provided some of the better programs and these will be similar events. You may want to invite guests or potential members to attend with you so that they can have an informative experience and perhaps kindle an interest in Gyro.

In terms of the health of the club, it was reported that Roy Bennet is experiencing some back problems. We hope the road to recovery is a short and painless one. Also, Bryce Van Dusen reported that brother Wes, who is 91 years of age, fell and broke his hip. Happily, he is coming along well and will be in therapy for a month or so.

Our guest speaker was **Ken Foster** from the St. Albert Club who provided a presentation on a major crisis for all of North America and Europe, the deterioration of the sewer systems in the major cities. The replacement costs are high if we are to avoid major problems, but unlike roads, sewers are out of sight so upgrading is not a priority. As taxpayers we do not want to hear that our assessments for sewers is too low, but the reality is that they are much more expensive to construct and maintain than other utilities such as gas and electricity and yet we pay much less for them.

Ken cut the cards to see who won a free lunch, and nobody was happier than **Allan Ursulak** who was the winner.

The speaker at our next meeting will discuss dentistry in the third world.

Upcoming Events.

At our regular meeting on June 2nd, the program will be a slide presentation by our own **John Ross**, on canal boat adventures in Europe. The Ross family has taken vacations on canal boats in France, England and Scotland and **John** will share some experiences. **Peter Carter** confirms that this type of vacation is becoming more popular so come along and get some ideas for a future vacation.

The annual Gyro Golf Tournament at the Reverbend Golf Club in Red Deer will be held on June 4th. The first Tee time is at 9:00 a.m. and will follow last year's format of two different events. You may enter as an individual in stroke play or enter to play in a two-man best ball event. Cost for the event including golf, Barbecue and prizes is \$60 each. If you are planning to attend, please contact **Mike Matei**.

From July 2 to 5 The International and District IV Conventions will be held in Penticton, British Columbia. There are a number of Edmonton Gyros planning on attending that event and a convoy to travel there and back is being planned. Joins us and help us win the man/mile award.

Barry Walker reminded us that the annual Gyro Golf Scramble will be on Wednesday July 22, 1998 at Westridge. Once again thanks to the generosity of the **Van Dusens**, we will have a BBQ afterwards at their ranch. As has become the custom, **Barry** is eager for prizes and is willing to store them until the event.

The District VIII Convention is being hosted by the Gyro Club of Calgary from August 13-16, 1998. The information has just come out. Registration is \$270.00 per couple and it will be at the Carriage House Inn.