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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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OUR LAST MEETING - held at Mayfair on July 16th, was chaired by 1st Vice President, Padre Bill Graham, with President Merrill Morstad accompanying him at head table. Merrill is recovering from his recent period of hospitalization, and hope to assume "the chair" at our next regular meeting.

At this meeting we were happy to welcome guests Randy Diamond, who was introduced by his business partner, Gyro Tony Sheppard; while our other visitor was a long time Gyro friend Garnet Nelson, who was visiting here from Kelowna, B.C.

Our speaker at this meeting was one of our Past President's Allan Warrack, whose talk was entitled - "Roots, Do You Know Who You Are?"

A relatively short time ago, Allan became interested in the study of genealogy and decided to trace the history of the Warrack family, which has now become his hobby.

Once his interest in this subject was aroused, he went to work in his usual well organized and competent manner and has succeeded in tracing his family ties back to the year 1756. Having gained a wealth of information he has placed it on computer and by continued research the "family tree" grows.

Two very good sources from which you can obtain recorded family background information is the Mormon Genealogy Library in Edmonton and also the one in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Allan's suggested methodology in pursuing this type of hobby is as follows:-

- (a) Do the easiest things first, like visiting the local genealogy library.
- (b) The security of information - by recording it all and making a copy.
- (c) Timing - do it now! - what do you know about your family, get the information and write it down. A good source of information can often be found recorded in old family bibles.

Allan's talk was very interesting, most informative and his enthusiasm for this study was very obvious.

The newest member of our club, Victor Jagoldus, introduced Allan in a very polished and humorous manner; while Garry Diment very nicely expressed our membership's appreciation.

1991-92 PROGRAM TEAMS - President Merrill Morstad made reference to the Program Team list which has been made available to all club members.

If any Program Team has a particular Gyro meeting date that they would like to be responsible for and you haven't notified Pres Merrill, then please do so immediately; otherwise remaining dates will be assigned arbitrarily.

This "team" concept has already proven successful and our attendance at meetings has been greater as a result.

GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - Tournament Chairman Ernie Siegel was busy at our last meeting collecting cheques and cash from quite a number of those who plan on playing in the scramble on August 8th. If you haven't "paid the piper" you had better do so now - the DEADLINE is August 1st. Don't be left out.

BIRTHDAYS - those who will be celebrating birthdays during the balance of July include:- Ron Ewoniak 17th; Andy Carabott 21st; Ken McKenzie 23rd; Stewart Graham 28th; and Ian McIntyre on July 30th. Greetings and best wishes to all.

HEALTH & WELFARE - Our President Merrill Morstad is recovering from recent surgery. He says he is feeling pretty good and he thanked the many Gyros who came to see him and also those who telephoned.

OBITUARY - We regret to report the untimely death of Catherine (Cathie) Nicholls on July 17th at Sherwood Park, AB. Cathie was the wife of Bill Nicholls, a long time member of the Crossroads Gyro Club. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill and family.

DISTRICT EIGHT GYRO CONVENTION was recently held in Regina, Sask., is now history.

It was well attended and enjoyed very much throughout, thanks to the hard work and planning of the Regina Gyros & Gyrettes.

The common denominator of Gyro - good fun and fellowship - was very much in evidence, with the outdoor events of golf, bocce and barnyard golf (horseshoes) highly competitive.

The list of prize winners is not readily available but suffice to say, everyone there was a winner.

Representing Gyro International was International President Bob Dutcher and Jean; also First International Vice-President Marty Larson & Shirley, as well as PIGP Keith Lowings and Joan.

Our club had 11 couples in attendance including:- David & Marlene Burnett: Allan & Elaine Douglas: Marty & Shirley Larson: Al & Bette McClure: Merrill & Marion Morstad: Gordon and Eleanor Robertson: Roger & Janet Russell: John & Yvette Stroppe: Barry & Valerie Walker: Allad & Jean Warrack and Gord & Ivy Rennie.

At the Annual District 8 Business meeting on the Saturday morning, the following District Awards were made:- (1. Russ Carter Extension Award - to the Regina Gyro Club.

(2) Man Mile Award - Trail Gyro Club.

(3) Best Bulletin Award - Gyro Club of Edmonton - The Gyrolog (thanks Allan)

The results of the election of District 8 Officers for 1991-92 were announced by IPDG Keith Bradley, viz: Governor: Norm Billington (Calgary) 1st Lt-Governor: Todd Verhaeghe (Castlegar) 2nd Lt-Governor: Len Cary (Stampede City) Imm. Past Gov: Jack McNeil (Regina) Secretary-Treasurer: Peter Wrangham (Calgary).

Our congratulations and best wishes to the new slate of Officers and our thanks to the outgoing Executives members for a good job.

The float away breakfast on the Sunday morning, ended another good District 8 Convention. Thanks Regina for a great visit, we leave with happy memories and look forward to the next District 8 Convention in Grand Forks, B.C., 23-26 July 1992, which was well publicized by Art Stavenjord and company with a great video, etc.

IN 1992 THE GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held at Harvey's Resort Hotel, at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. This is the convention where the members of our club should stress the new International theme - "MAKE GYRO A PRIORITY", more particularly because our own Marty Larson will become the International President, (as long as Shirley can keep a check rein on him).

Early registration for this convention is very important. Anyone interested in registering early and getting a block of rooms in the Resort Hotel, please complete the enclosed form and turn it into Allan Warrack by the end of AUGUST 1991.

CASH DRAW - at our last meeting, the winner was one of our "legal luminaries", smiling Ivan Ivankovich. Good on ya, Ivan!

SMILES & CHUCKLES - Betting logic - the less you bet the more you lose when you win!

It is a funny thing about life, if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

VOX POP - Let your conscience be your guide and pretty soon you'll know where everybody went. (Tom Douglas)

When you are trying to negotiate with anyone, or hope to get anyone to change his or her opinion, the one infallible rule is to "listen first". (Dick Ogilvie)

~~Beauty is also to be found in a day's work. (Bill Agnew)~~

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 6 August 1991. Place: Mayfair Golf Club. Time: 12.00 noon.

Program Team No.13 with Don Popowich (Capt) Gordon Robertson and Gord Rennie are in charge of arrangements.

Unfortunately Don Popowich will be unable to attend, so now you are at the mercy of the "Gordon's".

This meeting will include the official induction of our newest member of our Gyro club, VICTOR JAGOLDUS, who has been waiting for some time now for this special event.

He was proposed for membership by (PYS) Roger Russell and seconded by Ivan Ivankovich.

Let's have a good turnout to welcome our new Gyro friend.

See you there.

One of the three Gyro-loggers. (R)

