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We were welcomed to the Riverview room of the convention centre with a glass of sparkling wine to kick off a wonderful Christmas Party. **President Victor** called on **Roger Russell** to lead us in Cheerio and **David Burnett** asked the blessing.

The arrangement was the same as last year and we had a sumptuous roast turkey dinner carved before our very eyes by professionals such as **President Victor, Geoff Brewer, Gerry Glassford, Fred Schulte, Larry Dobson, Bruce Foy, Barry Walker**, and our new member **Jim Brown**.

John and Georgina Plunkett introduced their guests Doug and Dorothy Hollands. **Bruce and Marg Foy** introduced their friends Erik and Birgith Hedegaard whom they met through the Senior Alpine Ski Club.

An additional treat was the seasonal chocolates provided to each guest that came from Riddles Sweet Impressions and our good friends **Bill and Wendy Agnew**. **President Victor** expressed our gratitude to **Walter Yakimets** for his efforts in organizing the event again this year. He noted that the only way **Walter** could improve the event would be to pay for all of us as well.

There was a bumper crop of birthdays in December, starting with **John Plunkett** on December 1, **Tony Sheppard** of December 6, **John Dowds** on December 12, **Larry Dobson** on December 16, **Victor Jagoldas** on December 20, and **Bob Lippe** on December 21.

Game two of the hockey pool on November 23, 2002 saw Edmonton hosting the Detroit Red Wings. It was scoreless after the first and Edna Ryder and Bev Nieman each won \$10. The score after both the second and third periods was a 1:1 tie and Carla Walker and Donna Assaly each received \$40.

In game three The Oilers hosted the Colorado Avalanche on November 30. Again there was no score in the first

period and **Mike Matei** and **Tony Sheppard** each receive \$10. Colorado wrapped up the scoring in the second period with one goal and **Dick Nichols** and Wendy Bagan receive \$40 each.

PIP Marty often forwards jokes to me that I have to use discretion to decide whether or not to publish. Here is one about a receptionist in a doctor's office who insisted on people telling her what was wrong in front of a full waiting room.

An 86 year old man walked into a crowded doctor's waiting room and approached the desk. The receptionist said "Yes sir, what are you seeing the doctor for today?"

"There is something wrong with my penis" he replied.

The receptionist became irritated and said, "You shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that".

"Why not? You asked me what was wrong and I told you." He said.

The receptionist replied, "You've obviously caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and then discussed the problem further with the doctor in private."

The man walked out, waited several minutes and then re-entered.

The receptionist smiles smugly and asked "Yes?"

"There's something wrong with my ear" he stated.

The receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice. "And what is wrong with your ear sir?"

"I can't pee out of it" the man replied. The doctor's waiting room erupted in laughter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The *GYRETTES* Christmas Party is on Tuesday December 10 at the Mayfair. Please bring a gift for a Gyrette and an unwrapped gift for WIN House.

Our next regular meeting will be on December 17th and will focus on the Christmas Message.

John Plunkett advises that for our first meeting of 2003 on January 7th our speaker will be Dorothy Lincoln who worked with the British Government in decoding the enigma in 1941. It should be a very interesting meeting, bring a friend.

The International Interim Convention is scheduled for January 22 to 26 in San Antonio Texas.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held at Fairmont between March 14th and March 16th 2003.

President Victor reported that some Gyros and Gyrettes are unable to make a commitment at this time to participate at the Black Cat Ranch from May 27 to May 29, 2003. He told us that not all the rooms are booked so there may be an opportunity to sign up later when we know what our calendar is like. However, space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so the best way to avoid disappointment is to sign up as soon as possible.

The International Convention in Salt Lake City Utah occurs July 24 – 27, 2003.

The District VIII Convention, which will see **District Governor Gerry Glassford** end his term, will be held in Wallace Idaho between July 31 and August 3, 2003.

The St. Albert Club has already booked the Faculty Club for Founders Night on October 22, 2003.

The Christmas Party for next year is booked for December 2, 2003.

As **President Victor** indicated, the number 2 is important related to those events and we have lots of lead-time to plan to be there.

Same Old Bull

Allan

