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This was a special mixed meeting arranged by **Gerry Glassford**. It was a tour of the Kurimoto Japanese Gardens at the Devonian Botanical Gardens. There were approximately 40 Gyros and Gyrettes in attendance. We started with a guided tour of the Gardens, which outlined the beliefs of those who created it. It also reflected the mountains, forests, rivers and the ocean that is portrayed in the gardens. This was followed by a visit to the butterfly house and the orchard greenhouse. We then enjoyed a very nice lunch. Everyone enjoyed it a great deal (except for about three minutes of drizzle) and we thank **Gerry** and his team for a wonderful effort!

President **Bruce** introduced guests Tom and Lenore Chambers, **Bob Lippe** brought Pat Squibb out, and **Norma Tracy** introduced a repeat guest, John Schill. They were all given a warm welcome.

Gord Rennie says that everyone has a photographic memory, the problem is that some don't have any film.

A belated notice is of the death of one of our former Presidents, **Jack Connauton** on July 4, 2000. He moved to Vernon B.C. after his term as president.

The manager of a large office noticed a new man one day and told him to come into his office.

"What is your name?" the manager asked.

"John", the new guy replied.

The manager scowled, "Look, I don't know what kind of a mamby-pamby place you worked in before, but I don't call anyone by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown of authority. I refer to my employees by their last name only – Smith, Jones, Baker. I am to be referred to only as Mr. Robertson.

"Now that we have got that straight, what is your last name?"

The new guy sighed and said, "Darling. My name is John Darling."

"Okay, John, the next thing I want to tell you is....."

Marty Larson informed us that the hockey pool tickets are available and they are ready for distribution. Lets make this fundraiser a success for another year.

There will be a Gyro business meeting of the Executive on Tuesday October 3, 2000. The agenda will be:

- ❑ A 2-year Presidential term – pros and cons.
- ❑ Membership – **John Ross** will report.
- ❑ Ways and Means – **Jack Ellis** will report.
- ❑ Lapel pins for the club – do we need them?
- ❑ Golf shirts – do we need them?
- ❑ Web Page – **Geoff Brewer** to report.
- ❑ Letterhead update.
- ❑ Gyrolog – what would you like to see in it?

Vice president Dan Quayle said "One word sums up the responsibility of any Vice President. And that one word is 'to be prepared'".

Marty Larson wanted those of us who did not attend the District VIII convention to know that we are congratulating our own **Gerry Glassford** on being elected 2nd Lt. Governor of District VIII at the recent convention in Edmonton. **Gerry** and **Alice** will be visiting all clubs in the District over the next three years, and will be looking for travelling companions on some of those jaunts. **Gerry** will attain the Governors chair at the 2002 convention, to be hosted by the Edmonton Crossroads Club.

Gyros across both Canada and the United States were saddened by the sudden passing of former International Secretary Treasurer **Len Cary** of the Stampede City Gyro Club. **Len**, who had bypass surgery some 23 years ago, was admitted to hospital in August for further heart surgery, but succumbed after surgery began.

Len was past president of the Stampede City Club, past Governor of District VIII and, together with the late **Jack Loep** of Wenatchee, prepared the club manual now in use by all gyro clubs. **Len** and **Jack** were presented with the Honour Key, Gyro's highest award for their work on the manual, at the 1996 International Convention here in Edmonton.

Len is survived by his Gyrette **Pauline**, and two sons.

Donations may be made to the Gyro Memorial Fund, or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta.

Upcoming Events:

On October 3, 2000 there will be a business meeting at the Mayfair at the regular time. Earlier this was not scheduled because we thought Founder's Night would be that day. So come out to a relaxing business meeting.

October 17th is Alberta Food Day and **Ted Hagemann** has arranged for Marjorie Bencz, the Executive Director of the Edmonton Gleaners Association to speak to us. The Gleaners Association operates the Edmonton Food Bank. The members of our club who know Marjorie state that she is a very good speaker, so plan to come out. Gyros are also asked to bring donations for the Food Bank to the meeting on October 17th. This will be another opportunity for Gyros to support the community.

On October 18, the Gyro Club of Sherwood Park will host Founder's Night. It will be at HG Caterer at 3840 76 Ave., commencing at 6:00 p.m. The cost will follow.

Curlorama is scheduled for November 3,4, and 5 in Banff. Cost is \$165.00 (Payable to the Stampede City Gyro Club) and includes 2 nights accommodations, Minimum of three 6 end games, 2 breakfasts, Friday night hospitality & Saturday night dinner. This is a great event for those of you who want to curl in a social atmosphere where more emphasis is placed on having fun than winning. **Mike Matei** will coordinate this event, so please contact him as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. To date 6 Gyros from our club have confirmed.

Same Old Bull

Allan

