

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Our last regular luncheon meeting was held on Tuesday, 21 June 1994 at the usual meeting place, the Mayfair Golf Club. At this meeting we were pleased to meet and share Gyro with two guests, Paul Braconnier, who was introduced by Victor Jagoldas, and Thor Andreassen, who was Marty Larson's guest.

The meeting was chaired by President Barry Walker, who in his quiet but persistent manner managed to gain control of the session - despite some lack of attention by a few whose hearing aids were not working! Of course I jest - but you know Gyros. It was good to have Harry Mills leading us in Cheerio in his usual good form. Padre Bill Graham gave the blessing, but first called for a moment of silence in memory of Gyro John Boychuk, who passed away on 16th June 1994.

Sick & Visiting - Bert Boren reported that Andy Friderichsen is now home from hospital and getting along alright. Ken McKenzie is also feeling somewhat better of late.

Mail Call - President Barry acknowledged a thank you card that he had received from Andy & Blanche Friderichsen, concerning the passing of Andy's mother.

Marty & Shirley sent us a card from Edinburgh, Scotland, (which they beat home) telling us about their trip to the continent and the British Isles. While in Scotland they took in a special Scottish evening complete with haggis! - which Shirley tried for the first time and enjoyed. Aye, you're a bonnie lass Shirley.

Team Programs - Barry Walker referred to the recent program list which he provided for each member of our club. He pointed out that the date of August 9th is not the first Tuesday in that month. The correct date should read August 2nd. Please amend your program list accordingly.

Our guest speaker on 21 June was Mr. Bob Saari, Vice President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, whose was introduced by Marty Larson. We learned that Mr. Saari attained a Bachelor of Science degree at Queens University, and a Masters in Business Administration at McMasters. In addition to his CMA duties, on 1 December 1993 he was appointed Executive Director of the Quality Council of Alberta; an organization dedicated to promoting the concepts of Total Quality Management to Albertans.

Mr Saari gave us a very interesting and enlightening talk about Japan, having recently spent a 3 week visit there as a guest of the Japanese Government. The program provided for them was divided into three sections, each covering one week. The first was a series of lectures with topics covering Japanese business, management, politics, education, traditional ceremonies, etc. The second week they were taken on a tour of various plants, twelve in all; while the final week they experienced some of the cultural side of the country, including visiting many temples.

They learned that Japan as a nation is changing in many ways, particularly in three major areas, including life time employment, education and Government restructuring. Other interesting information revealed that the crime rate in Japan is very low, while the divorce rate is increasing. Mr. Saari said that the Japanese were very open and frank in discussing their business problems, etc. dispelling many of the myths about their country. In closing, he said they have learned a new word - leisure.

Mort Morter nicely expressed the appreciation of our members and guests to Mr. Saari for his visit and most interesting talk.

Change of address , sometimes "Mr. Mac" (my computer) and I don't always print the right information. For example in the last Gyrolog (one of us) recorded Howard Wilson's new address as 11711-100 Ave. It should have been 11716 -100 Ave. Both "Mac" and I apologize for the mistake. Please note the right address in your membership roster. (Your Honor, Sir James Parker at Gyro International will you too record the correct number. Many thanks, Retread)

Birthdays - You've probably been wondering why this important item wasn't shown earlier in this bulletin. Well for once I have a good reason - it's because the stork took a holiday until next month! We will have a fine looking bunch of birthday boys in the next log.

Lucky Draw - prior to our draw at our last meeting, President Barry was able to convince Ivan Ivankovich that his name was on one of the cards in the deck that we use to determine the winner. However Ivan's name wasn't drawn - but Larry Dobson's name was - but unfortunately he was not there. So we have a carry over for the next meeting.

Club Installation - The Stampede City Gyro Club held their club Installation on Saturday 11 June when Ken Williamson was installed as President. We wish Ken & his Executive a happy , active year in office. President Barry Walker and Valerie attended from our club and enjoyed the evening. Barry advised that the Stampede City Club are hosting the District 8 Convention in 1995.

Speaking of conventions this is your last reminder that the District 8 Convention this year is in Lethbridge, AB, and is being held on 30 June - 3 July. Should be a fun time - look forward to seeing you there.

There is still time to register for the International & D-VI Convention on 7-10 July 1994 at Moncton, New Brunswick. If you have never been to the Maritimes , this would be a great opportunity to attend the convention and then spend a few days touring the country, afterwards:

Laughter is the best medicine - A little boy was sent upstairs by his father to empty the wastebaskets, but he returned so quickly that is father said , "You couldn't have emptied all the baskets in this time?" "They didn't need emptying Dad," the boy replied. "They just needed stepping in."

A young business owner was opening a new branch office, so a friend decided to send a floral arrangement for the grand opening. When the friend arrived at the opening, he was appalled to find a wreath which bore the inscription: "Rest In Peace." Angry, he complained to the florist. After apologizing the florist said, "Look at it this way - somewhere a person is buried under a wreath today that said, "Good luck in your new location."

Vox Pop - Occasional failure is the price of improvement. (Bill Agnew)
If you don't stick your neck out you will never win by a nose. (Gunnar Anderson)
Marriage is like a cafeteria - you take what you like and pay for it later. (Roy Bennett)
Remember the best thing to save for your old age is yourself. (Bert Boren)

Our roving Gyrolog Reporter Owen Cornish advised that the Gyrette/Gyro 9-hole Golf Scramble will be held on 11 August 1994 at Westridge Golf Course (near Devon) beginning at 1.30 p.m. A barbecue at Van Dusen's to follow golf. The barbecue dinner will include wine (Ernie's Siegel's BEST) plus prizes. Golf fee \$12.00 per person. Barbecue \$13.00 per person.

Registration deadline - 1 August 1994. Make cheques payable to Ernie Siegel - (he promises to be frugal with our money) Post dated cheques for 1 August 1994 are acceptable. Our (sun worshipper) Billy Graham will do his best to provide weather similar to that we enjoyed last year.

If any Gyrette/Gyro has a preference for a later starting time PLEASE CONTACT:-
Ernie Siegel at 487-9092 or Mike Matei at (R)458-4690 or (B)458-9211 or Owen
Cornish at 469-1514.

As of 21st June there were 24 registered for golf and 32 for the barbecue. Mark the date on your
calendar now - more details to follow in subsequent bulletins.
(Editor's note - many thanks for the above report Owen - your help is much appreciated.)

Obituary - We regret to report the death of one of our senior members, Bernie Brown, who passed
away on 22 June 1994, at the age of 85 years.
Bernie was a Past President of the Edmonton Gyro Club and had just recently been presented with his
50 year membership certificate. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the Shrine. He was pre-
deceased by his wife Nita several years ago. Our condolences to his son Malcolm, his daughter-in-law
Anne and other family members.

Obituary - We Also regret to report the death of Arthur D. Westworth, who passed away on 25 June
1994. Art was a Past President of the Crossroads Club. our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife
Peggy, their children, grandchildren and other family members.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JULY
1994 AT THE MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB AT 12.00 NOON.

OUR PROGRAM TEAM NO.11, WITH TEAM LEADER IVAN
IVANKOVICH ARE IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE MR DENNIS FAHLMAN GENERAL
MANAGER OF THE EDMONTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL
ASSOCIATION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD ATTENDANCE . SEE YOU THERE.(Retread)

