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The noon 19th November meeting was chaired by **Gerry Glassford** with the attendance, despite the wintry, poor driving conditions, very high. **President Allan** was unavoidably out of town in some warmer clime, no doubt. Lucky chap!!! The records we are currently setting for snow fall and low temperatures are not the kinds of records that our city is aiming to create. We urge all Gyros who shovel walks and driveways to do so with care.

Back to other mundane things. After being checked out on the intricacies of how to effectively use the Gyro traditional "chimes" (and after running a few critical test patterns, the meeting was called to order. **Gerry** sought the help of another Gyro "song bird", **Jack Ellis**, to lead us in Cherrio and the **Rev "One-wing Willie" Graham** to lead us in the saying of Grace. **Bill's** blessing also included the important message "Enjoy this day! It may be the only one you've got." Well said, **Bill**.

Birthday wishes go to Gunnar Anderson (November 24th) and to **John Plunkett** (December 1st). Many happy returns, gentlemen.

Gordon Robertson introduced **Art Meidinger** as his guest. We are delighted to have had you with us a second time, **Art**.

We regret to report the passing of **Sharon Matei's** mother and extend our deepest sympathies to **Sharon, Mike** and their family.

With the recent resignation of **Rollie Walsh** who had been listed as the chair of this week's program committee we were without a planned for speaker. In place of such a program the club members spent a very productive time addressing the matter of our falling club membership (which now hovers around the 50 mark). Several members

brought up pertinent points of information which was most enlightening to many of we newer members. Significant among these was the fact that we have tried, in the past, to adjust the meeting times

to the evenings in the hope of meeting the expressed needs of some members who could not attend luncheons. Unfortunately, such shifts in times did not produce the hoped for increase in participation. A show of hands in a straw vote indicated that a large majority of Gyros present favored continuing the present format of noon meetings and evening social events. Keys points raised by several of our colleagues will be

borne in mind when the Gyro executive committee continues to address the declining membership issue. **Gerry** extended appreciation to all of the members for the input that they shared on short notice. The clear statement that we wish to continue with the current meetings/social functions format is helpful input to the executive and it will serve as a critical point of principle on which to build in the future.

GYRO HOCKEY POOL

DATE	Nov. 16	TEAMS	Vancouver (1) at Montreal (6)
FIRST PERIOD	Ellen Boren	Edmonton	
(\$10.00)	Bill Brook	Edmonton	
SECOND PERIOD	Robert Lineker	Edmonton	
(\$15.00)	Brian Kirkwood	Edmonton	
FINAL SCORE	K. C. Lippe	Edmonton	
(\$25.00)	Bob Pringle	St. Albert	

We are grateful for the efforts of **Bob Lippe** and **Dave Duchak** with respect to the operation of our Gyro Hockey Pool results. Their commitment to our club and this part of our club's operation is critical and deeply appreciated.

Weather mitigated against a large turn out to the Eagle's Club in St. Albert where our St. Albert Gyros hosted our annual Founder's Night special celebration. What we lacked in numbers we made up for in enthusiasm. It was a pleasant evening of shared friendship made more poignant by **Keith Bradley's** remarks on what Gyro meant to the three founders of the movement and what it has meant to him personally. **Keith** closed with a touching tribute to a great Gyro friend, **Rick Little**. We will all miss him. Thanks go to all Gyros who brave poor driving conditions to share the evening and the friendly game of cards which seems to be a popular strategy to come to know each other in a more personal way.

Our lucky draw winner was **Bob Lippe** who returned his winnings to John Stroppa with the instruction that it should be used to further the good things in the Gyro movement - many thanks, **Bob**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| December 3 (Tuesday) | Regular Gyro Luncheon meeting at Mayfair Golf and Country Club. This event will be organized by Tony Sheppard, John Tartar, and Bob Lippe.) |
| December 4 (Wednesday) | A traditional Christmas Party is being planned |

which will be held in the Clerks' Quarters in Fort Edmonton. We are planning an old fashioned Christmas party which will begin about 6:00 PM and will be complete by about 9:30 PM. Reminder and information calls will be made this coming week. If some members need rides to and from the Fort, please let the caller know. Arrangements will be made for rides to and from the Party. For more information, see SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

December 10th (Tuesday)

Gyrette Christmas Party will be held at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. 6:00 PM for cocktails and 6:30 PM for dinner. Please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift for the Gyrette gift exchange. You may also wish to bring an unwrapped children's gift and/or a mother's gift for the WIN House. Phone Pat Anderson (988-5114) if you require more information.

December 17 (Tuesday)

Special Christmas Luncheon at the Mayfair. These important spiritual meetings are traditionally hosted by our Padres and we have learned from Rev Bill that this year will be no exception - more on our special speaker in the next Gyrolog.

January 11th (Saturday)

Bowling Night. Details to follow and our contact person is Jack Ellis (435-2349).

March 3, 1997

Mark your calendars, Bocci lovers.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On the evening of December 4th, Gyros and Gyrettes are going to join together for a traditional, old tyme Christmas celebration which will be held in the Clerk's Quarters of Old Fort Edmonton. Now unlike the original Clerk's Quarters, which, as legends would have it, were so drafty that your long underwear would freeze so stiffly if left hanging at the end of your bed, that they would stand by themselves in the morning, our "new" Quarters have been carefully caulked (this past year) and we have modern, forced air heating to go with the roaring fire that will be built in the stone fireplace. We have been assured that the venue is very warm now. Toilets are also heated but one must venture outside to use them - a short walk from the Quarters to the facilities. We will have our Christmas tree in place and Christmas music will be

featured - for what Christmas celebration would be complete without it? Do wear warm clothing, especially if you plan to join in the sleigh ride (if the temperatures are too low we will have to cancel this part of our event because our driver will not expose his horses to really low temperatures (remember the icicles that used to form on the horses' head on a really cold day when they were working hard to move hay from one venue to another? - our custodian of animals at the Fort does not want to re-live that part of the past. Can't blame him. It wasn't pleasant and the memory is not that good.) We are still looking for a copy of Paul Kane's diary of his trip across Canada in the late 1840's. Paul celebrated Christmas in the Fort during his epic trip and we thought that his words describing what he saw, heard, and experienced might become an interesting insight into our past. The lense of the artist is often well ground and provides special detail.

You can drive your car right in to the Fort and there is ample parking just outside of the stockade. Plan to come about 6:00 PM. The sleigh has been booked for 6:30 PM and there will be a no-host bar in the Clerk's Quarters (we hope to have mulled (sp?) wine as well). Supper and entertainment will follow the sleigh ride.

The cost of this extravaganza?? \$25.00 per person. Jack Ellis has graciously agreed to collect these monies and Jack's number is 435-2349. For more information you can also call Allan Douglas (436-5903) or Gerry Glassford (430-7108).

A very special thanks to Carol Dobson who so willingly agreed to phone many of our Gyrettes. We are delighted that so many are planning to participate. Numbers at the moment hover around 56 so we are hopeful that the weather will moderate but regardless we will all have a wonderful time.

a thought from Peter Wrangham (Calgary Gyro) "All my life I have always wanted to be somebody. Now I see that I should have been more specific."

Middle age: your memory is shorter, experience longer, stamina lower and forehead higher.



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