

**President Walter** was able to welcome 34 Gyros plus their guests to another fine day in paradise! **John Ross** led us in Cheerio and **Dick Nichols** asked the blessing.

**Ernie Siegel** introduced his guest and our speaker of the day, **Russ Fermaniuk** of the Edmonton Police Service. **Mike Matei** introduced his guest and potential new member **Sam Gruden**. **Sam** is an Estate Planner at Raymond James. **John Ross** introduced **Bill Taylor** who helped at our Prostrate Cancer Golf Tournament and has now submitted an application for membership in our club. Welcome all.

President **Walter** stood in for **Mort Morter** today informing us of the health of the club. **Mort Morter** has started Prostrate Cancer treatments so he is not with us today. **Al McClure** is not with us today as Shingles are giving him a pain. **Al** says he will be here next meeting. **Walter** talked to **Lorraine Assheton-Smith** about **Don**. He is still struggling with Cancer but says suffering no pain as yet.

To bring things back to the lighter side **Victor** entertained us with a rendition of football players various characteristics and the associated real meaning of those characteristics.

Everybody's friend Roger Russell brought in a copy of the Canadian Cancer Society ad in the Sunday edition of The Edmonton Journal. Lots of good pictures of our members especially **Harry Nash** and the Hummer.

**Val Pohl** announced horse races day Sept 25 12 noons at Northlands. Buffet lunch and races all afternoon for \$28.00 each. Reserve this date and bring a friend. All cost same said Charlie.

**Aug 02, 2005** Don Assheton's son, a Buddhist Monk named Atiko will be our speaker situations permitting. This should be a very interesting insight into a way of life few of us ever have the opportunity to hear of first hand.

**Aug 16, 2005** **Ray Turchanski** has moved to this date.

**John Ross** has accepted the responsibility of being our web master for the Gyro International website. Route your inquiries through **John**.

**Ernie Siegel** introduced **Russ Fermaniuk** our speaker of the day as a long time family friend. **Russ** is quite an athlete being involved in basketball, baseball and hockey. **Russ's** wife **Trish** is also involved in sports, being a Figure Skater and Power Skating Instructor for the Oilers.

On a professional basis **Russ** is a part of the Edmonton Police Service Team for Integrated Response to Organized Crime.

**Russ** opened his talk with a short movie clip of Spain's handling of a criminal holding hostages. The hostage holder demanded a motorcycle and free access to the City street both of which were provided in exchange for his hostages. After the exchange and the criminal accelerating rapidly away from the scene, a police car moved from a side street out into the path of the speeding offender and there was no way of avoiding a collision. The offender flipped through the air two and one half times before coming to rest. He no longer resisted arrest. Apparently there is not as much restriction on method of apprehension in Spain as there is here. This writer approves of the method.

**A Criminal Organization** is a group however organized that is composed of three or more persons gathering to gain profit by means of a criminal act. In Alberta there are over 400 gang units doing crime at one time or another.

**Law Enforcement** against crime is pressed using the many levels of investigative agencies available.

Municipal  
Joint Forces  
IROC-Provincial  
Federal  
International

These groups use all the laws at their disposal

#### **Investigative Techniques**

- Undercover operations
- Intelligence gathering & proper dissemination
- Partnerships JFO'S (Joint Force Operations)
- Source/Agent recruitment
- General Duty (Patrol/Response)
- Support Units
- Search warrants/wire taps
- Surveillance, personal and computer based

#### **Partnering Agencies**

Financial Institutions, Canada Post, Phone companies, Accounting Firms, Private business, Transport companies, Municipal and Federal agencies, Land titles, Canada Customs, Criminal intelligence service Canada.

There are many types of gangs in operation.

- Asian
- East European
- Motorcycle
- Native Americans

Monitored Issues- Almost anything that creates money.

Russ went on to show the many organizations of management of crime fighting and their interrelationships.

**Erik Spink** thanked Russ for a very interesting and informative discussion on crime and the many aspects of investigation and final resolution.

President Walter won the free lunch.

President Walter presented our waitress Carla with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate her retirement from The Mayfair Golf and Country Club.

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(IN ABSENCE OF BOTH ALLAN DOUGLAS & GERRY BRASSFORD)