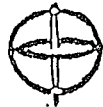


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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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At our last meeting we were pleased to meet and greet Tommy Comfort, a guest of Harry Mills. Tommy who now lives in Winnipeg, previously lived in Edmonton, where he worked at Hamly Press with Herb Hamly, who was a member of our Gyro Club for many years.

Our speaker on July 20th was Mr. Ian Taylor, Executive Director of the Alberta Gaming Commission, who was introduced by Bryce Van Dusen.

Mr. Taylor gave a very interesting and enlightening talk about gambling in Alberta, the magnitude of the overall operation, with a total of 1.1 billion dollars being spent this past year.

While the most glamorous part of the business are the casinos, they are not the most profitable. Bingo produces the largest amount of money taking in 330 million dollars last year. Apparently some 10 million people play bingo, with some 28,000 playing in Alberta on any given day. It appears that Bingo is the national pastime!

Despite our present economy it seems that people will gamble in the hope of winning a bundle, whether it be from lotteries, horseraces, or charitable gaming activities.

Tony Sheppard thanked Mr. Taylor for his informative presentation.

Birthdays - Many happy returns and best wishes were extended to Andy Carabott for July 21st: Ken McKenzie for July 23rd and to Stewart Graham on July 28th. Good health to all.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that Dan Lawton is home from hospital after having heart surgery and is recovering well.

Obituary - we learned with regret about the death of Tony Sheppard's mother, Margaret Barker (Sheppard) who passed away on July 15th 1993. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tony and Emily and all family members.

Gyro District 8 Convention held in Spokane on 15-18 July is now history and a happy memory. Our congratulations and thanks to Convention Chairman Ray Thieman and all the members and Gyrettes of the Spokane Club for their organization and hard work in producing a fine convention. They certainly proved that you don't have to have a large membership to successfully provide a first class convention.

While the weatherman didn't co-operate fully, the bocce ball & horseshoe tournaments were washed out, but the golfers had a good day for their tournament.

The Saturday evening, with the theme Putting on the Ritz, was one to remember, with the floral decorations being absolutely beautiful.

President of Gyro International, Emil Baijot installed the District 8 Executive for the coming twelve months, as follows:- Governor, Len Cary (Stampede City) First Lieut/Governor Ken Wiegele (Coeur d'Alene) Second Lieut/Gov. Jake McLeod (Trail) Secretary/Treasurer Jim Duncan (Stampede City) Immediate Past Governor Todd Verhaeghe (Castlegar).

Our congratulations to these Officers and our best wishes for a happy, successful year in Gyro District 8.

One of the highlights of the Saturday evening was the presentation of the Gyro Honor Key to Past Governor of District 8, Ian Greig of the Stampede City Club, by International President Emil Baijot.

The award was well deserved and couldn't happen to a finer person - for once Ian was almost speechless.

Our club had a total of 17 Gyros & Gyrettes at the convention. We travelled by car with Allan Douglas as our tour guide, who did a great job of arranging accomodation etc., for the trip and we had a fine time throughout.

Gyroette Golf Scramble - on 19 August 1993 at the Westridge Golf Course at Devon, AB. Chairman Ernie Siegel reported that everything is all set - all he needs now is your money, which must be in his hands by August 3rd. That happens to be the date of our next meeting, so please remember to bring your money for Ernie at that time.

Night At The Races is all set for 22 September at the Northlands Racetrack. Cost is \$17.50 per person. Payment must be paid to John Stroppa by August 30th, in order to complete arrangements.

Club By-Laws - At our last meeting on 20 July, President John Stroppa called on our Treasurer Jack Ellis for a report concerning a proposed change in our club By-Laws.

At the Board of Directors Meeting held in June 1993, the Board unanimously passed a resolution changing the financial year of the Club to March 31 commencing in 1994.

As reported by Treasurer Jack Ellis, two changes in the ByLaws are as follows:-

Article VI

1. The Annual Meeting shall be held annually, not later than 30 days after the Club year end. (The first sentence formerly included "90 days prior to").

Article IX

1. The financial year of the Club shall be from the first day of April in one year until the last day of March in the next year, commencing in 1994.

Change of Address - Rev. Bill Graham's new address is Apt. 204, 11808-100 Avenue Edmonton, AB. T5K 0K3. Same phone number as previously,

Mike Matei's new home telephone number is 458-4690

Laughter is the best medicine

An executive had an operation during which he had a dream in which parts of his body were arguing about who was going to be boss.

"Everything in the body starts with a command from me" said th brain, "I'm the logical choice". "I should be the boss" said the heart, "if I stop pumping, everything shuts down, you can't do without me".

"I'm the great communicator" said the mouth. "the job should be mine".

"We're the only ones who can see ahead" said the eyes, we should be in charge".

One by one all the other parts of the body gave reasons why they should run the show.

The last to speak was the neck, but the brain interrupted. "Of all of us" said the brain, "you're the least likely choice!" The neck got vey mad - it turned red and it's muscles bunched up into painful knots. The pain was so bad that the brain couldn't think, the heart began to labor and the eyes began to get teary. The whole body became affected.

After a highly uncomfortable week the parts of the body conferred and voted for the neck to become boss.

This proves that you don't have to be a brain, have a heart or vision to become boss. You can make it even if you are a pain in the neck - as long as there's a team working with you.

Vox Pop - When you return to your boyhood town, you find it wasn't the town you longed for - it was your boyhood. (John Pedden)

If you find a path with no obstacles on it, chances are it doesn't lead anywhere. (Pat Millard.)

No one ever listened himself out of a job. (John Ross)

OUR NEXT MEETING

THE DATE - TUESDAY 3 AUGUST 1993

THE PLACE - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB

THE TIME - 12.00 NOON

Program Team No.4 with Team Captian Bert Boren: Dave Duchak and Ed Edlund are in charge of arrangements.

The speaker will be Mr. Larry Odegard, President of the Alberta Healthcare Association.

His topic will be "Healthcare Challenges".

This is one subject that affects all of us so let's have a good turnout of members and guests.

see you , retread.

