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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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October 28, 1986

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 4, 1986, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

The Provincial Ombudsman, Brian Sawyer, at the luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 1986.

COMING EVENTS

1. The Edmonton Gyrettes will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 1986, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 8.00 p.m. This is an open meeting and members are invited to bring along a friend. Gyrettes from Crossroads and Sherwood Park are welcome. The topic will be some worthwhile and exciting ideas for Christmas.
2. The Annual District VIII Curl-a-Rama will be held at Banff, Alberta on the week-end of November 21 through 23, 1986.
3. The Christmas Party will be held at the Chateau Lacombe on Friday, December 5, 1986.

BIRTHDAYS

Bert Borem October 23 Pablo Picasso October 25

"I have always believed and still believe that artists who live and work with spiritual values cannot and should not remain indifferent to a conflict in which the highest values of humanity and civilization are at stake." -Pablo Picasso-

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FOUNDERS' NIGHT CELEBRATION

Some 70 odd gathered at the St. Maria Goretti Community Centre on Wednesday, October 15, 1986 to celebrate the founding of Gyro. Keith Bradley of Sherwood Park was the guest speaker. He traced in a brief message the origins and principles upon which Gyro was founded.

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It was very gratifying to have such a large turnout at the luncheon meeting. President Al has requested that if you plan to bring a guest please advise him before the meeting of your guest's name so that he will be properly introduced and his name recorded correctly. The following guests were introduced and made welcome: ~~Dr. Munro Williamson by Gordon Rennie; Ben Shaikaze by~~ Roger Russell; Jack McQuaig by Mort Morter; Bob Jones by Merrill Morstad; Allan Ursulak by Allan Warrack; and Barry Walker by Marty Larson. In addition Roger Kozma from Crossroads and Keith Bradley and Don Greig from Sherwood Park were duly welcomed.

The guest speaker, Dr. John C. Callaghan, was introduced by Dick Ogilvie. A graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto, he joined the staff of the Banting Institute in Toronto where he did research work on the pacemaker.

During World War 11 he was a member of the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Over the years he has become famous for his work in Cardiac Surgery. He is a member of the North American Society of Surgeons and of the Order of Canada. While no longer head of the Cardiac Department of the Faculty of Medicine of
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the University of Alberta, he is still very active in the private practice of his profession.

Dr. Callaghan stated that one of his first operations was the unsexing of a few chickens belonging to Mrs. Callaghan. While the operation was successful, only one of twenty succumbed, which is the normal rate of mortality, he was not sure that the rest had become capons, chicken anatomy being what it is. During the war he was posted to the High Arctic where he planned to work with the late Dr. Walter C. MacKenzie on tuberculosis among the native population. Unfortunately the plane on which they were flying crashed north of Fort Good Hope, N.W.T. with the temperature negative 62 degrees F. An Indian on board volunteered to go for help and succeeded in getting dog teams to the site of the crash. ~~But, said Dr. Callaghan, while this act saved their lives the rescuer lost his, a victim of hypothermia.~~ While in the Northwest Territories the medical team did some research on hypothermia where the winter conditions were ideal for this.

In 1949 back at the Banting Institute Dr. Callaghan studied the effects of oxygen deficiency in the body and the use of hypothermia in the operating theatre. By cooling the body the heart action was slowed down and a device invented by an electrical engineer was used to give the heart a jolt of energy that would drive it at its normal rate. Thus the pacemaker and an interest in resuscitating animals.

He also worked in the diathermal field - the use of high frequency electrical currents to bring heat to the deeper tissues of the animal body. Two years later the micro-wave oven came onto the market.

In the end, remarked Dr. Callaghan, in any research the secret of success is to accept failure and utilize it.

Bert Borem thanked the speaker for a most interesting and enlightening talk. President Al then presented Dr. Callaghan with a vinyl folder of stationery embossed with his name.

Russ Carter won the draw.

In terms of medicine and baseball the following story involving the writer might be apropros at this time. Some years ago when we were all much more youthful a couple of small town baseball teams were engaged in a league play-off. The diamond was no Shea Stadium or Fenway Park. It was carved out of a meadow on which sliding could be particularly dangerous. One of the players attempting to steal a base injured his arm. The amateur medicos were not sure whether it was a break or merely a sprain. So he was transported to a nearby town with medical and hospital facilities. On his return he proudly showed off the arm which appeared to be encased in a cast.

"Well Joe," someone asked. "Was it fractured?"

"No," he replied in all innocence. "It was only brokem."

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