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For a variety of reasons our executive group were unable to attend this meeting and we went all the way back to former President **Bruce Foy** to lead the meeting. **Jack Ellis** led us in Cheerio and the Rev. **Bill Graham** gave an entertaining blessing.

There was a small but committed group of 19 Gyros out for the first meeting of the fall season.

Given the nature of the Gyro events during August there has not been a meeting to announce birthdays. Consequently, **Bruce** read out a considerable list. Celebrating in August were: **Bruce Foy** on the 1st, **Walter Yakimets** on the 4th, **Peter Fairbridge** on the 7th, **Win Kirkwood** on the 8th, **Al McClure** and **Allan Douglas** on the 14th, and **Dave Duchak** on the 18th.

In the first two weeks of September, **Gerry Glassford** celebrated on the 5th and **Owen Cornish** on the 7th.

On the health of the club it was reported that **Al McClure** had a hernia operation. **Bill Graham** reported that he visited **Dick Ogilvie** who enjoys having visitors. **Owen Cornish** told us that **Bernice Pedden** will be a substitute for the bridge club. Finally **Marty Larson** informed us that **Don Assheton-Smith** had a kidney removed and is continuing in treatment.

Wearing his other hat, **PIP Marty Larson** was hustling the hockey pool tickets for this season. For new members this is our club's only effort at fund raising. The tickets are on 20 Oilers games and tickets are \$20. For each game the winning ticket after the first period pays \$10, after the second \$15 and after the third \$25. So get your tickets and sell as many as you can!

District VIII Governor Gerry Glassford alerts us to an opportunity for some Gyro fun on the 15th of September. That is when the Grand Forks golf tournament will be held at the beautiful Christina Lake course. This is always a very successful golf event that draws Gyros

from both District IV and District VIII. **Gerry** encourages any of our members who might be able to attend to do so, and support our fellow Gyros. If you can attend contact Frank Koide at home (250) 442-8650 or at work (250) 442-2114.

The last Gyrolog that was published in July looked like I authored it. However, I was on holidays and asked **Larry Dobson** to take some notes for me. Instead, he published the Gyrolog right down to a counterfeit “Same Old Bull”. Thanks for doing a great job **Larry!**

On August 20th a large group of Gyros and Gyrettes enjoyed a picnic at Fort Edmonton Park. The threatening weather resulted in an indoor picnic but then the afternoon was clear. A big thanks to **John Ross, Bob Lippe** and **Bruce Foy** for organizing the event.

The fourth annual “Gyro/Gyrette” Quad Club Golf Tournament was held at the Legends Golf Club on September 6th. It was well organized by **Bernie** and **Brenda Kropp**. There were a number of couples from the Edmonton Club. Edmonton continued our success with inter-club contests as **Allan Douglas** won the low net.

Owen Cornish introduced our mystery speaker our own **Bill Graham** who provided an interesting and entertaining insight into his experiences as a forces Chaplain. He had many interesting stories (most of them humorous and unprintable). **Andy Friderichsen** thanked him on our behalf.

In a surprise turn of events, **Jack Ellis** won a free lunch.

Upcoming Events

GYRETTES will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday September 10th at the Mayfair. Cocktails will start at 6:30 with dinner to follow. The guest speaker will be **PIP Marty Larson**.

At our next meeting on September 17th, the speaker will be Captain David Vernon from the Edmonton Garrison who will speak on “The Canadian Forces – Members of the Edmonton Community”.

On September 22 **Bruce Foy** is arranging for a ride on the steam train from Stettler to Big Valley. The train leaves Stettler at 2:30, there is a dinner in Big Valley and return at 8:00. The 6060, the largest steam engine used in Canada will pull the train. The cost is \$69 per person and car pool arrangements are suggested. Contact Bruce to sign up.

John Stroppa has arranged another visit to the races on September 29th. The cost is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members. While **John** is away **Dick Nichols** will take your cheque. Space will be reserved for those who have paid.

Same Old Bull

Allan

