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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Our last meeting was held at the Mayfair on Tuesday April 4, 1989, with 25 members in attendance. As usual, the festivities got underway with golden throated Harry Mills leading us in Cheerio. John Pedden asked the blessing.

The quality of the meeting dropped dramatically as President Dave shared some "humour" that he brought back from Calgary. Obviously he needs to seek more fertile ground further afield.

While he had the floor, President Dave took the opportunity to complain that your humble reporter had failed to note in the last Gyrolog, that there was polite, if restrained, applause after his closing joke on March 21, 1989. Let the record show that at this meeting as well, after President Dave had told his last joke and resumed his seat, applause in which a certain amount of relief was evident, did break out briefly.

Guests - Mort Morter introduced his friend and potential Gyro, Mr. Gordon Robertson.

1990 Cruise - President Dave handed out a letter to those Gyros who have signed up for the cruise. More information is on the way.

Stampede City Gyro Club Auction: President Dave reported that he had attended a meeting of the Stampede City Club on April 3, 1989, at which they held a very successful auction. Items auctioned included Texas Mickey's; a variety of football tickets; a week at a cabin and an intriguing item entitled "a week-end camping in Boomerang Betsy", which fetched \$260.00. In all, the auction raised \$5,700.00. I heard from another source that President Dave offered to be auctioned off as a new incoming President, but the Stampede Club is still waiting for the first bid.

Humour revisited: Jack Agnew was persuaded to recount the events of the first meeting in April of 1953 for the Edmonton Gyro Club. It was held on April 1st of that year and starred the intriguing Professor Francois Lyon.

Election of Directors: Returning Officer Neil Sheidow conducted a very efficient election ~~for two new Directors for the next two years. The new Directors elected were Allan Ursulak and Allan Douglas.~~

Birthday: The only birthday this month is Wes Van Dusen on April 12.

President's Questionnaire: - Just a reminder for those who have not completed the questionnaire circulated by President Dave, please complete it as soon as possible, and return it to Secretary Gord Rennie.

Hockey Pool: Harry Mills reported that the Hockey Pool was started in 1975 and the number of tickets have ranged up to 221 this year. On average the earnings have been \$1500.00 per year, with some years the amount being \$1700.00. This year there have been 128 winners, with 3 people winning 3 times and 26 who have won twice.

Membership - Second Posting

1. J. Gunnar Anderson, 11008 - 10 Avenue, Edmonton T6J 6N4
Vice President, Finance, Northern Transportation Co. Ltd.
Suite 1000, 10665-Jasper Avenue, Edmonton. T5J 3Z2
Proposed by David Burnett, seconded by Marty Larson
2. Gordon Robertson, 14403 - 88 Avenue, Edmonton. T5R 4J5
Retired.
Proposed by John Pedden, seconded by Mort Morter.

3. John Simpson, 12412 - 29A Avenue Edmonton. T6J 6C6
Regional Operating Superintendent of Sears Canada, Inc.
Kingsway Garden Mall, Edmonton. T5G 0Y3
Propose by Marty Larson, seconded by Allan Warrack

Annual Reports:

Programs & Social:- Roger Russell reported that there had been 14 speakers and 8 special events over the year. He invited feedback from members so planning next year could reflect their wishes.

Ways & Means:- Allan Warrack reported on a process to modify the policy guidelines for use of Club funds. A formal motion will be reviewed at a committee meeting on April 17, and will be brought forward to the Club.

Bridge:- Merrill Morstad reported there were 35 active members over the year. The wind-up is scheduled for April 27th at Kelly's Saloon, where there will be a tournament and prizes. Everyone is welcome at \$20.00 per person for the event, including an excellent meal. Please let Merrill know one or two days beforehand if you plan to attend.

Membership:- John Pedden reported that as of June 1988, there were 50 active members. During the year there were 5 resignations, 1 transfer and one death. There were 7 new members for a total of 51 active members.

Mixed Bag:- Allan Douglas read a report on the many busy activities of Gordon "Retread" Rennie. It was like a CBC News telecast - a rambling script and an inexperienced reader.

In his report, Gord covered Inter-Club Liaison, Photographer & Gyroscope Correspondent, Club Historian, Gyrolog Editor and Club Secretary. Just providing the list is an indicator of how active this Gyro is on our behalf.

Special Evening Meeting: On Wednesday, April 19, 1989, there will be a special mixed dinner meeting with a slide presentation by Dr. Walter Yakimetz. He and a group of Doctors are establishing a school of surgery in the Cameroons in West Africa. He and his wife will join our Gyros & Gyrettes for an informative evening at Mayfair. Cocktails at 6.00 p.m. Dinner at 7.00 p.m. \$25.00 per couple.

Rumour has it that Gyro Governor of District 8 may be travelling in our area on that date. It would be nice to have Harvey & Virginia Weible join with us on that evening.

In Memoriam - It is with a great deal of sadness that we learned of the passing of James Humphries on April 8, 1989. Jim was an active member who participated regularly, until he became ill earlier this year. More about Jim's valuable contribution to Gyro will follow. Jim will be sadly missed by short and long term Gyros alike.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Eva and family from all Gyros and Gyrettes.