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**1<sup>st</sup> V/President Gord Robertson** welcomed us to the meeting. **John Ross** led us in Cheerio followed by the blessing from **Gord Rennie**.

We are noticing the impact of the snow birds at our meetings since we had only twenty-one Gyros out. There were also three guests. **Allan Warrack** introduced his friend Henry Thomlinson, **John Ross** re-introduced Geoff Brewer, and **Art Meidinger** introduced his friend Jack Crouse who is a former member of the Kamloops Gyro Club.

In terms of the health of the club, it was reported that **Bryce Van Dusen** and **Dick Ogilvie** both had the flu that is striking people down and that is why they were not out. Also, **Haig Lewis** is recovering well.

From the dumb things department, the headline in the Sarasota Morning Star read "Player fined for using obscure Language to Umpire". There was also the announcement that the Southeast Georgia Alzheimers Chapter presents a dinner cabaret "A Night to Remember".

The winners of Game 8 in the Roger Russell Foundation hockey pool on January 9 with Boston at Toronto were: first period 4:1 for Toronto, Cassandra Russell and **Ivan Ivankovich**, after two at 4:2 it was Kendra Russell and **Fred Schulte**, and with a final score of 6:3 the winners were Paul Georgichuk and **Barry Walker**.

In game 9 on January 16<sup>th</sup>, New York was at Montreal. The winners after both the first and second periods were Deborah Lawton and **Bill Agnew**. With a final score of 3:0 for the home team, the winners were **Past District VIII Governor Roy Penniket** and Frank Hansen from Inuvik.

**Roy Bennett** introduced our speaker, **Allan Warrack**. As many of you know, he is keenly interested in megaprojects. He and Henry Thomlinson spent some time in Nova Scotia advising on distributing natural gas from the offshore drilling at Sable Island. **Allan** explained that Alberta has a unique rural gas distribution system that provides gas to cooperatives throughout the province, which in turn distribute to farms. No other jurisdiction has such a distribution system. A variety of officials from Nova Scotia came to Alberta to study our system. As a result, Nova Scotia is interested in replicating it with the gas from Sable Island. **Allan** and Henry were invited to Nova Scotia to consult with them. The plan is to have a similar distribution system in Nova Scotia and to run a large pipeline through the province and New Brunswick with Boston as the destination.

**Allan** used the opportunity to visit Confederation Bridge and go to Prince Edward Island on Canada's megaproject. He informed us that as a condition of PEI entering Confederation in 1873, Canada guaranteed a link with the island would be maintained. Although the bridge was expensive, in the long run it is cheaper than the ferries it replaced. The plan was to watch a video on the construction but there were technical difficulties. As **Allan** said we needed a grandchild to operate the equipment for us. However, our own "miniproject" was entertaining – two professors, **Allan** and **Gerry Glassford** trying to start the video. Thinking it might be a financial problem, our Treasurer John Stroppa also contributed to the effort. Eventually we saw the video when a "grandson" employed by the Mayfair looked at it for two seconds and turned it on.

**First Posting.** Geoff Brewer is sponsored by **John Ross** and has submitted an application to join our club. Geoff is a manager at Spartan Controls, is married to Diane and is the father of two girls. Some of you met Geoff and Diane at the bowling night.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Our next meeting on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an evening meeting and it will replace our regular meeting scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call **President Jack** or **VP Gord Robertson** for details.

**Victor Jagoldas** informed us that the mixed Valentine meeting will be held at the Fantasyland hotel on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>. The bar will open at 6:00p.m., with dinner at 7:00. The meal will be served family style with an impressive variety of main course choices at each table. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Mark your calendars and come out to enjoy an evening with friends.

**District VIII Interim Convention** is scheduled for March 19 – 21 at Fairmont Hot Springs. Everyone who attends this event enjoys it immensely.

Also, the **International and District IV Convention** will be held in Whistler British Columbia from June 10 – 13, 1999. This could be an opportunity for our members to travel in a convoy similar to the one we enjoyed so much last year.

