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President Victor welcomed thirty Gyros out to the first meeting of 2003. **Roger Russell** led some of us in Cheerio, it is anybody's guess who led the rest of us. The **Reverend Bill Graham** asked the blessing.

Bob Lippe introduced two guests, Ed McLaughlin and Eric Liniker. **Peter Butler** introduced his friend Don Hendrickson, **Tony Sheppard** introduced his guest Gary Foreman and his son Grant. **Bruce Foy** again introduced Erik Hedegaard who has applied for membership in the club.

President Victor welcomed two members back after their sojourns on holidays, **Peter Fairbridge**, and **Wayne Tingley** who just returned from 42 days in New Zealand.

Mort Morter had nothing to report on the health of the club and **Larry Dobson** reported that **Win Kirkwood** is doing well after his automobile accident.

President Victor again asked for volunteers to assume the role of Club Secretary and indicated that two people have offered to help out.

Dave Duchak reported on the hockey pool. On December 21 Edmonton was at Vancouver for game 6. Vancouver led 2:0 after the first and **Dick Nichols** and K. Kazeil won \$10. After two it was 3:1 and the \$15 winners were **Yvette Stroppa** and Jonathan Foy. The disappointing final score of 4:3 handed \$25 to **Jack Ellis** and Carla Walker.

Game 7 on December 28th saw the Toronto Maple Leafs at Skyreach and after one there was no score so \$10 went to Gracie Russell, Sophie McKinnon and **Walter Yakimets**. There was a 1:1 tie after two and Mark Power, **Fred Schulte** and **Marty Larson** each won \$15. The Oilers prevailed in overtime for a 3:2 victory and **Sharon Matei** and **Gord Rennie** collected \$25.

On January 4th 2003 the Canadiens were in Edmonton and the Oilers were leading 3:1 after 20 minutes. Terri Russell, Rob McKinnon and Jessica Warrack received \$10. We were still ahead 3:2 after two and the winners were **Walter Yakimets**, Sophie McKinnon and Gracie Russell. This was another overtime game and the Oilers won 5:4 with the other winners being **Gord Rennie** and **Sharon Matei**.

Alan Rusler reports that there is a new computer virus that afflicts those of us who were born before 1958. The symptoms of the virus are: 1. Causes you to send the same email twice, 2. Causes you to send blank email, 3. Causes you to email to the wrong person, 4. Causes you to send back the message to the person who sent it to you, 5 causes you to forget to attach the attachment, and 6 causes you the hit "send" before you've finished the

President Victor informed us that he is arranging a trip on the Steam Train from Stettler to Big Valley for the wine society on Saturday April 26, 2003. Boarding the train starts at 4:00 PM with departure at 4:30 PM. The station is at 4611 47th Ave. The train arrives in Big Valley at 6:15 and leaves at 7:15. Dinner will then be served. Dinner involves a number of choices that can be made ahead of time. The cost for dinner and wine and the train excursion is \$96. 30 per person including GST. If you are interested, contact **Victor** and pay before March 20, 2003.

John Plunkett introduced our guest speaker, Dorothy Lincoln who provided a fascinating talk on her experience during the war. She was one of the people who worked at Blechley Park breaking the Enigma code that allowed the allies to access communication amongst the Nazis and greatly added to the war effort. **Peter Fairbridge** thanked her and presented her with a gift of appreciation. In return, she drew **John Plunkett's** name for a free lunch.

SECOND POSTING: Christian Erik Hedegaard (Erik) has applied for membership in the club. His significant other is Birgith. Their address is 76-51404 Rge. Rd 2, SPRUCE GROVE, AB. T7Y 1E5. Their telephone number is (780) 470-0107

President Victor has suggested that I let you know about **THE GYRO STORE** that has a wide range of Gyro material such as jackets, earrings, sports shirts, hats etc. these would make excellent gifts for Gyros or Gyrettes and they can be ordered by mail or from the website at www.gyro-international.org. The Gyro jacket made of Dupont Teflon Fabric with a hidden hood in four colours in sizes S to XXXL sells for \$55 US. Watch here for more offerings;

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gordon Robertson has arranged for a speaker for the January 21st meeting. It will be Mark Holik who is the Director of Security at West Edmonton Mall. It should be an interesting event, so bring a friend.

The International Interim Convention is scheduled for January 22 to 26 in San Antonio Texas.

Larry Dobson and **Don Assheton-Smith** are planning the Valentines Party for February 12th. It will be at the Creperie with cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. We will have a private room and there will be a four-course dinner, served with wine for \$30 per person. Please bring a cheque for **Larry** at the next meeting.

Mike Matei has confirmed Monday March 3, 2003 for the annual Bocci evening at the Italian Cultural Centre on St. Albert Trail. Details about time and cost to follow.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held at Fairmont between March 14th and March 16th 2003.

The May 6th meeting will be cancelled because we will have our installation at the Edmonton Country Club on May 10th.

President Victor reported that some Gyros and Gyrettes are unable to make a commitment at this time to participate at the Black Cat Ranch from May 27 to May 29, 2003. He told us that not all the rooms are booked so there may be an opportunity to sign up later when we know what our calendar is like. However, space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so the best way to avoid disappointment is to sign up as soon as possible.

The International Convention in Salt Lake City Utah occurs July 24 – 27, 2003.

The District VIII Convention, which will see **District Governor Gerry Glassford** end his term, will be held in Wallace Idaho between July 31 and August 3, 2003.

The St. Albert Club has already booked the Faculty Club for Founders Night on October 22, 2003.

The Christmas Party for next year is booked for December 2, 2003.

Same Old Bull

Allan

