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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Our last meeting on 7 February, was Boccie Night at the Italian Cultural Centre, where we had a good Italian dinner, replete with fine wine. We were happy to welcome four guests who were introduced as follows:- Harry Letts (by Merrill Morstad) John Simpson (by Marty Larson) Mike Sessions (by Allan Ursulak) and Gordon Shopland by David Burnett.

Harry (Cheerio) Mills got things underway, then President Dave threw a high fast one at the writer to ask the blessing, (who pulled a faux pas by declining) and the duty was accepted by Bert Boren. Now our President kept his cool, but the half whammy he gave me, made me think that a new secretary/editor is imminent.

Any self imposed penance won't help I guess - however I must say that David did a fine job of handling the business portion of the meeting, but not producing any corny jokes. As they say "downunder" "good on ya Dave" - (whew!!)

Six teams played boccie and competition was keen, even boisterous, particularly regarding the rules of the game. However Gyro rules and style of play were adopted, with the following results. "A" event was won by Ernie Siegel's team, with Mike Matei, Neil Sheidow and Mike Sessions, with a come from behind win over Gord Rennie's team, with Dan Lawton, Boyd Slavik and Gordon Shopland. The "B" event winning team was captained by Andy Friderichsen, with Harry Mills, Barry Walker and John Simpson, who edged out the team of Ed Edlund, Dick Ogilvie, Allan Ursulak and Harry Letts.

For those who weren't so lucky and left the game early, they saw the All Star Hockey Game on TV with No.99 and company. All in all it was a good evening of fun & fellowship, for which we thank the Program Team of Bill Agnew, Al McClure, Vern Sadd and Paul Green.

Mail Call - this week our President hit the jackpot with three postcards from our travellers.

- (1) from V/P John Pedden who is enjoying Hawaii and says he won't be back until spring!
- (2) a card from Lucca, Italy - from Don Agnew, who wrote - "Dave I'm not here, I'm at home, but I knew you wanted a card".
- (3) from Bryce Van Dusen in Honolulu, who said, "nice trip - good weather - having fun - good booze - - what was that other thing we used to do".

Health & Welfare - good news, no known problems - prior to boccie night!

Birthdays - none to report - none acknowledged - looks like the stork took a holiday.

Hockey Pool Winners - 4 February - \$10.00 Jack McCuaig: Mary Letawski: \$15.00 Dan Lawton: Jim Warrack: \$25.00 G.W. McLean and Neil Sheidow. On 11 February:- Margaret McClure (Winnipeg) Marge McKenzie: Florence Sheen: Ellen Boren: Bill Byrne: Jim Warrack and Louis Hill.

Ski Week-end - to date, there is nothing definite to report on this suggested activity. However some interest is being shown by some and we will keep you informed on any decisions.

Coming Events - District VIII Interim Meeting - March 17-19 at Fairmont, B.C.
International Convention - 22-25 June, at Kelowna, B.C.
District VIII Convention - July 13-16, at Trail, B.C.

Annual Red Deer Golf Game - we recently received a letter from the Red Deer Golf and Country Club, concerning our arrangements for our annual golf date, which they show as May 25, 1989, however the date we had requested was June 6th. This requires some clarification and we will let you know the results.

1990 Gyro Cruise: Our much travelled and hard working First Lt-Governor Keith Bradley, brought back some interesting news after attending the International Interim Meeting recently. He reported that 554 couples have registered for the cruise to date and further registrations can be accepted. However cabin assignments will be made in June-July, so if you are interested in going, register now.

Lifetime prepaid members to Gyro International has now reached 135, with 28 of these from District VIII. Our congratulations to Rick Little of the Crossroads Club, who is the first of that group to acquire a gold name tag, however I'm sure he will soon have company.

International Visitations - we understand from Keith, that our International President Bruce Poll will be touring several Gyro Clubs prior to the International Convention, and expects to be in Edmonton on May 12, 1989. Lt-Governor Keith Bradley hopes that President Bruce could arrange to be here for the Tri-Club Installation on May 6th. Then Dave Hansma, who is currently our first International Vice President, will be in our area after the convention in Kelowna, and we look forward to his visit also.

A post International Convention Tour is being planned and Edmonton is to be one of the ports of call. The Crossroads Gyro Club have suggested that if the bus tour is confirmed, that the three Edmonton area clubs, should have a barbecue for our visitors at Fort Edmonton Park. The date will be June 30th and Crossroads have made tentative arrangements at Fort Edmonton. Our club voted in favor of supporting Crossroads suggestion. We now await further developments.

Tri-Club Installation - we are pleased to report that Lt-Governor Keith Bradley, will be the Installing Officer at Tri-Club on May 6th 1989. He will also be meeting with the three clubs Executives, only separately. He will meet with our Board on Tuesday May 2, 1989.

The Lethbridge Gyro Club's Tin Plate Dinner will be held on Saturday 15 April 1989. Our President suggested this could be a good opportunity for an Inter-Club visit, and we should have several couples make the trip. Mark the date on your calendar now and we will start taking names of those interested, closer to the dinner date.

Thought for the day -

Do Your Best

It takes a little courage
And a lot of self control,
And some given determination
If you want to reach a goal.

It takes a deal of striving
And a firm and stern set chin;
No matter what the battle,
If you're really out to win.

There's a rule in life to guide you
As you see prosperity
Never put your wishbone
Where your backbone ought to be.

VOX POP - or Freedom of the Press

Allan McClure ---

Be not dismayed nor be surprised
If what you do is criticized,
Mistakes are made, I'll not deny,
But only made by those who try.

Padre Bill Graham - Contentment consists not of great wealth, but few wants.

Barry Walker - The men who try something and fail, are infinitely better than those who try nothing and succeed.

Smiles & Chuckles - Bill Agnew - when the principal asked the teacher how long she planned to teach school, she replied, "from here to maternity".

Tommy Douglas - the three fastest ways of sending news are, telephone, telegraph & telewoman.

Mike Matei - frozen juices are becoming popular, but most men prefer to squeeze their own tomatoes.

Flash - Monday 13 February - the Valentines Dinner we had this evening at the Fantasyland Hotel at West Edmonton Mall, was a great success, one of the best mixed meetings we have had for some time. Cocktails were served in the Coachman Suite, one of the hotel's special theme rooms, then we were shown some of the other theme rooms including the Arabian, Via-Rail and Truck rooms. These are something to behold and apparently are very popular with both tourists and locals alike, with the Roman and Hollywood rooms much in demand.

President Dave introduced guests speakers, Susan O'Connor and Kate Rogers, employees of the West Mall Complex, who gave a most interesting and informative talk about this world's largest shopping centre, which is based on the concept of both leisure and shopping. Media interest in the Mall is world wide, with tour requests being continually made from the USA, Germany and Japan, mainly in that order. The speakers provided many interesting statistics, including the figure that 9 million people visit the Mall per year; which has the highest level of consumer spending in Canada.

James Humphries thanked the ladies on our behalf, in his own very smooth, excellent manner.

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DON'T MISS THIS ONE

Our next meeting
Date: 21 February 1989
Place: Mayfair Golf Club
Time: 12.00 noon
Program: Guest Speaker - Dr. Susan Natrass
International & Olympic
Trapshooting Champion

Our obligation: Good attendance
Our privilege: To bring a friend to meet a lady



"Retread" trying to keep up to Presidential demands.