

THE GYRO



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AT OUR LAST MEETING on 21 August we were pleased to welcome back Dr. Gerry Glassford(introduced by Dick Ogilvie), Garry Dimont(by Andy Friderichsen) and to welcome for the first time, Ray Taillefer, a friend of Tony Sheppard's. We were happy to share Gyro with you gentlemen.

Following "Maestro" Mills rendering "Cheerio" followed by Padre Bill Graham's blessing, our (PYS) President gave a report on the recent very successful District 8 Convention, provided by The Sherwood Park Gyro Club, 9-12 August 1990. It really was one we will long remember!

Roger reminded us that our club is responsible for arranging for the Gyro International Convention here in 1996 and suggested that we should each take some time and put in writing some ideas that we may have about the 1996 convention. Express your thoughts as to what you particularly like about Gyro conventions; what areas do you think could be improved; what ideas do you have for a convention theme?; what about time factors, etc.

Just present your thoughts and ideas for the good of Gyro and send them to President Roger for the attention of the Convention Steering Committee. The date may seem like a long way off but time flies. so the sooner we get at it the better.

If you don't think this applies to YOU - just remember that each of us makes Gyro what it is and each club is measured by the activity and participation of all it's members. Nuff sed!

OUR GUEST SPEAKER on the 21st, was Kathryn Buchanan, daughter of the late former Chief Judge Nelles Buchanan, a charter member of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, and the man who was largely responsible for our club providing children's playgrounds, known as Gyro Parks, starting in 1922.

Kathryn is a counsellor with the Edmonton Public School Continuing Education System, Adult Wing. In 1987 one of her adult student's Mr. Ibrahim, approached her for help for his young son John, who was born with a congenital ear defect, which required reconstructive ear surgery to correct. She explored various avenues for possible assistance both medical and financial, including our Gyro Club's Benevolent Fund Committee.

Assistance was approved and young John was sent to the California Ear Institute, where he was operated on by Dr. Bert Brent, with excellent results, both from a hearing and cosmetic point of view.

Today, thanks to Kathryn, our membership met John Ibrahim, age 9 and his sister Sally age 15, two fine young people who are in good health and doing well at school. Our congratulations to Kathryn Buchanan for her hard work and dedication on this young man's behalf and for bringing them to meet with us.

Our thanks to Kathryn for approaching our club for some help which allowed us, to participate in a very worthwhile cause.

Allan Warrack, in his usual smooth, flexible manner, introduced our guest speaker, while Allan Douglas ably expressed the appreciation of our membership and guests.

Stan Smith, a long time Gyro friend of the late Nelles Buchanan, extended special greetings to Kathryn on behalf of himself and his daughter Avery, one of Kathryn's childhood friends.

Ever the opportunist, Stan couldn't help but take advantage of having "the floor" by telling us that on the day of the meeting (21 August) that on August 21, 1917, he is sure that he was the only Canadian soldier who was wounded in the back - while going over the top in the trenches. What happened was that he had just left the trench when a shell exploded behind him and a piece of shrapnel hit him in the leg! That's our Stan.

BIRTHDAYS - none to report until next meeting.

HEALTH & WELFARE - It was good to see Bert Boren at the meeting. We understand he is coming along well and is even back to playing some golf.

Sorry we have no up to date report on Paul Green or John Boychuk, they are both at home and would appreciate a telephone call.

GYRETTE CORNER - Ladies please note - you next Gyrette Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 11 September 1990, at the Mayfair Golf Club. Cocktails at 6.00 and dinner at 7.00 p.m. Cost \$16.50. I was told there is a little surprise planned for after dinner ???? You'll just have to attend to see what it is all about!

GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - Chairman Ernie Siegel reported briefly on this event, recently held at Devon on 14 August. He thanked the membership for their continued participation in this ever popular event and wished us continued success in the future. He expressed his sincere appreciation for the members gift to him of the "all seasons" golf suit. The feeling of appreciation is a two way street Ernie. Many thanks to you.

CONGRATULATIONS - Allan Warrack (which he described as a "rare" occasion) complimented Marty Larson for his work and contribution to the recent World Baseball Championships held in Edmonton. Nice going Marty - too bad you aren't in charge of the Trappers Organization - so we could still have Triple A Baseball!

GYRO AWARDS - Among the Gyro International Awards announced during the recent Gyro Cruise, two of these came to the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

Second International President Marty Larson at our meeting on 21 August, presented to President Roger Russell, of our club, the Gyro International Internal Expansion Award for 1989-90.

Marty then presented the International Club Bulletin Award, Group B, for 1989-90 to the Gyro Club of Edmonton, Gord (Retread) Rennie, Editor.

We can feel happy about our club achieving the internal membership growth - while as for the bulletin - "it's hard to be humble".

We earlier mentioned the success of the D-8 Convention put on by the Sherwood Park Club; and we are proud of their efforts.

As Marty Larson recently mentioned we can also be very proud of our own Howard Wilson, who was the prime mover of establishing the Sherwood Park Club back in 1975, for which he was awarded the coveted Jimmie Hubbell Award.

RACE NIGHT - NORTHLANDS - 2 October as arranged by John Stroppa & company. We meet at 5.30 in the Gold Room, where you get your program, some tips on how to bet, and a drink(if you wish). Dinner is 6.30 and on. Please get your cheques (cost \$13.00 per person) to John right away, as he has to have the money by 4 September.

CASH DRAW WINNER 21 August - John (Lucky) Pedden.

SMILES & CHUCKLES - a story for a hot day:

Yogi Berra was standing outside a ball park in Florida, one very warm day waiting for a friend. He was dressed in lightweight slacks and a sports shirt.

A woman who was passing by recognized him and said, "you look mighty cool today." "Thank you ma'am", said Yogi, "you don't look so hot yourself".

She was "ma cherie" in Montreal -
The hottest of the bunch,
But for the old expense account -
She's - gas, cigars and lunch!

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Their joint account's retarded
By one persistent flaw -
He's fast on the deposit
But she's quicker on the draw.

VOX POP - Intelligence is like a river - the deeper it is the less noise it makes. (Larry Dobson)

Some men are so broad minded they can't think of anything else. (Ed Edlund)

Ever notice that the horn of plenty is usually on the car right behind you. (Dave Duchak)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 4 September 1990

Place: Mayfair Golf Club

Time: 12.00 noon

Program Team No.12 : Gunnar Anderson, Team Captain

Our guest speaker : Mr. Sandy Slater, President

Vencap Equities Alberta Ltd.

This man is an excellent speaker and while his
topic is not captioned, no doubt it ^{will} be most
informative about the field of finance.

This is a good time to bring a guest and share Gyro with him.

Be seeing you (Retread)

