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We last met for a regular luncheon meeting on 21 February 1995 - same time, same place, with President Barry Walker wielding the gavel.

Joining us once again as a welcome guest was Joe Bogach, a business associate of David Burnett's.

It wouldn't be a surprise if Joe joins our ranks one of these days. He will be a welcome addition to our club.

Sick & Visiting - We learned from Bert Boren that his wife Ellen is still in hospital, but feeling some better. Since that report we have heard that Ellen has been discharged from hospital. We hope that she will soon fully recover in the comfort of her home.

New Gyro Ties - They have arrived! and super salesman Marty Larson had some at our last meeting. They are very smart, similar to the first ones, but a little wider & longer and two different colors. One is blue(as before) and the second is a nice shade of gold. Cost \$20.00 each. One of each will certainly compliment your wardrobe!!

Birthdays - On 2 March 1995 our good friend John Pedden will be celebrating another birthday. Our congratulations John and best wishes for a great day. May you celebrate many more in good health.

The Horoscope shows that John was born under Pisces, the 12th sign of the Zodiac.

However - according to a recent article in a British newspaper the signs of the Zodiac, which millions of people all over the world believe influence their lives, are all wrong! Apparently the Earth's axis has changed direction since the signs were first worked out, between 2000



and 5000 years ago. As a result many people are no longer in the constellation they have always been.

The new signs, according to Jacqueline Mitton of the Royal Astronomical Society, the sun now passes through a new 13th constellation - **Ophiuchus** - in the first half of December.

The new signs are said to be as follows, with the date the sun enters and leaves the constellation.

Pisces	Mar 12	Apr 18	previously	Feb 19	Mar 20
Aries	Apr 19	May 13	"	Mar 21	Apr 19
Taurus	May 14	Jun 20	"	Apr 20	May 30
Gemini	Jun 21	Jul 19	"	May 21	Jun 20
Cancer	Jul 20	Aug 9	"	Jun 21	Jul 22
Leo	Aug 10	Sep 15	"	Jul 23	Aug 22
Virgo	Sep 16	Oct 30	"	Aug 23	Sep 22
Libra	Oct 31	Nov 22	"	Sep 23	Oct 22
Scorpio	Nov 23	Nov 29	"	Oct 23	Nov 21
Ophiuchus	Nov 30	Dec 30	new 13th constellation		
Sagittarius	Dec 18	Jan 18	previously	Nov 22	Dec 21
Capricorn	Jan 19	Feb 15	"	Dec 22	Jan 19
Aquarius	Feb 16	Mar 11	"	Jan 20	Feb 18

So there you have it. If you are a believer in the above, you may be interested to know that the new constellation Ophiuchus, is the Latinized version of Asclepius, the God of healing. You may think this is a lot of bull - because I was a Taurus - but my new sign is Aries.

Cash Draw - the winner last meeting was Dave Duchak, the "Wayne Gretsky" of his time.



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Our guest speaker on 21 February 21 1995 was Doug McNally recently retired City of Edmonton, Chief of Police, who was introduced by Victor Jagoldas. We learned that Doug is a native Edmontonian and that he served with the Police Force for 28 years, with distinction. His retirement was short lived, as he is now busy working as Executive Director of the Edmonton Community Foundation, a non profit organization, who support existing charities.

Doug's talk was about youth in crime. These young offenders under the act, are those between 12 and 17 years of age; who are a serious problem in our society. Their criminal acts include property crimes, stealing cars, breaking & entering, vandalism, shop lifting, etc. Sixty percent of all crimes are committed by young offenders, with three percent who commit a disproportionate amount of crime. They are placed on a Serious Habitual Offenders list, having committed upwards of 10 separate criminal offences. Some on this list have records of 50 to 60 offences.

These young offenders who progress to adult status; all have one thing in common. They are raised by parents who never knew (or cared) about proper parental child upbringing. There are many cases about parents abusing children and actually forcing their kids into crime. Because of the lack of proper parental attention and love, the children are easy converts to alcohol, drug abuse and crime.

Preventative action is to focus on groups of children needing help and guidance. An adult group have met with some success by providing these youngsters with a mission, a vision, beliefs and goals; which can be reached for their adult life.

Our thanks to Doug for his outstanding, thought provoking presentation, was very nicely expressed to him by John Tartar.

Calendar Review - D-8 Interim Convention at Fairmont, BC, 17-18-19 MArch 1995.

14 March 1995 - David Burnett reminded us about this special night meeting with the Gyrettes, to review plans for the 1996 Convention. Gourmet dinner & meeting at N.A.I.T.

4 April 1995 John Stroppa advised that this is Election Night, to be held at Fort Edmonton. Happy hour at 6.00, dinner at 7.00 p.m. More info on this in the next "log."

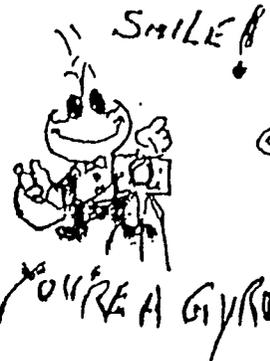
Gyro International Convention will be held in Chicago on 13-16 July 1995. Add your name to the six couples already signed up.

Did you know!!! - in the days before modern harbours, a ship had to wait for the flood tide before it could make port. The term for this situation in Latin was **ob portu**, that is a ship standing off port, waiting for the moment when it could ride the turn of the tide to harbour.

The English word **opportunity** derived from this original meaning. The captain and crew were ready and waiting for that one moment, for they knew if they missed it, they would have to wait for another tide to come in.

Shakespeare turned this background of the exact meaning of opportunity into one of his most famous passages. It's from **Julius Caesar, Act 4, Scene 3.**

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries'
On such a full sea we are now afloat;
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.



OUR NEXT MEETING IS BOCCIE NIGHT ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 1995 AT THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE ON THE ST ALBERT TRAIL(14230-133Ave). JACK ELLIS 7 JOHN PLUNKETT IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS. COCKTAILS AT 5.30 DINNER AT 6.00 P.M. BOCCIE STARTS AT 7.15P.M. COST \$25.00 INCLUDES DINNER, WINE AND BOCCIE. DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENING. NOTE! NO MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH (retread)



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The Gyro Valentines party took place at the Fantasyland Hotel on February 14th. Wow can GYROS plan! Well maybe all Gyros can't plan but Ed and Natalie Edlund and John and Helen Ross sure are among the best.

The evening got underway with a version of Valentines bingo. The objective was to get a series of answers to intrusively personal questions in a way that resulted in a straight line of correct answers similar to a bingo card.

The questions were designed by a devious mind that thought if Gyros could not get on Oprah and embarass themselves in front of millions, at least they could admit to clay feet in front of a few close friends. We asked each other questions such as 'Are you in love?', 'Do you have a heart shaped locket?' (This embarrssed some of the men), 'Have you dated a taller girl or a shorter man?', 'Have you been given a hickey? Have you snuggled in the back seat at a drive-in movie?' and 'Who knows someone who has underwear with hearts?'

As we were moving around the room to pose our questions, it became evident that many of the ladies were appropriately dressed in red. None of the men were. This means one of two things. Either they don't have a red suit, or they have attention deficits. Unfortunately I fall into both categories.

There was then a tour of the theme rooms at the Fantasyland hotel. We saw the Roman room, the Polynesian room and the Executive room. The Fantasyland hotel was one of the first to have theme rooms and they have expanded the options over the years. Most of their clientele come from Alberta but they have tours from all over

the world. The staff pitched the special prices like they do for time shares. The reactions ranged from accepting to skeptical.

After the tour, a man from triple five told us some interesting things about WEM. The Triple 5 comes from the four Germezian brothers and the father plus the belief that triple is lucky in the Jewish faith.

Some of the things we learned about the mall are:

- it covers 5.2 million square feet or 24 square blocks
- it has 11 mentions in the world book of records
- there are 20,000 parking spaces, 15,000 employees and 325,000 light fixtures
- it adds at least \$10.5 million in revenue to Edmonton's economy each year

Following the talk, Roger Russell led us in Cheerio and David Burnett asked the blessing. President Barry read a fax from Stanley Noel Smith expressing regrets that he could not attend and wishing all well. Marty Larson introduced guests Tony and Maryanne Schwabenbauer, and Roger Russell introduced guests Ted and Lorraine.

We then had a wonderful dinner with intermittent delivering of prizes through a reverse draw. The big winners of the night at Fantasyland hotel were new Gyros John and Joyce. Following dinner there were more games and everyone had a terrific time. Again thanks to the organizers, on a scale of one to ten they rate eleven.

Note from Retread - The above excellent report was produced by one of our Gyrolog editorial Gyros who usually ends his report with - "The Same Old Bull" . His name is Allan Douglas, to whom I owe a big thank you, for a fine job.
