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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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OUR LAST MEETING was held at Kelly's Saloon in Fort Edmonton Park on Tuesday evening March 20, 1990. While the attendance was not large and there weren't any guests, we had one of the best fun filled meetings that we have had in a long time.

President John Pedden opened the meeting with Harry Mills and Bert Boren providing Cheerio and the Blessing. Then our President dealt with the following.

HEALTH & WELFARE: we understand that Nita Brown is still in hospital, waiting for a transfer to a nursing home. Gyro Bernie, who doesn't get out much in the evenings, would welcome Gyro Visitors.

We are pleased to report that Mike Matei's father, who recently suffered a mild stroke, is recovering nicely.

We are told that Joan Williams, wife of Norm Williams, one of our new members, is not very well and will be having some hospital tests. We send our best regards and hope she will soon be feeling better.

DISTRICT 8 INTERIM: 3rd International V/President Marty Larson, reported on a successful D-8 Interim Meeting recently held in Fairmont, B.C., with 150 in attendance. Four couples went from our club; John & Bernice Pedden: Roger & Janet Russell: Ed & Natalie Edlund; Marty and Shirley Larson.

It was reported that District 8 does not have a nominee for the office of 2nd Lt-Governor for the coming term. We need to get cracking on this responsibility.

Our congratulations to the Castlegar Gyro Club who won the Man Mile Award at Interim.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL: President John read a letter from International Secretary John Harding, concerning proposed changes in the International constitution relative to:- (a) to clarify that the purpose of Gyro is that of a fraternal organization rather than a service club, and (b) that a Gyro having a Lifetime Membership who moves to a place where there is no Gyro Club, would upon application, become an International Associate member. These proposed changes were unanimously ratified by our club membership. (Secretary John Harding, please note).

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING President John turned the chair over to IPP David Burnett, Chairman of the election Committee, who proceeded with the election of Officers, after first explaining for the benefit of the new members, the role of our club's Officers & Directors.

Dave, in his usual efficient and pleasing manner, started with the Primary ballot for Directors, which resulted in the following Gyros being declared candidates for election; they are:- LARRY DOBSON: ED EDLUND: IVAN IVANKOVICH: MIKE MATEI: JOHN ROSS.

Their names will appear on the final ballot for Directors at our Annual meeting on 3 April at the Mayfair Club. At that time the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected as Directors for a two year period.

David then started with the election of Officers, proceeding in the customary form with good results, until he presented the nomination for Roger Russell for Club President.

A nomination was made from the floor by Neil (Shifty) Sheidow, seconded by Merrill (mischevious) Morstad for their candidate Mr. Russell ROGERS, whom they described as a strong silent type, a sincere young man struggling to get along, working in a display window.

They stated that if elected, their candidate would make changes in the club for the benefit of all. These many "attractive" changes would include a reduction in club dues, retroactively.

Mr. ROGERS was then introduced, who turned out to be a life sized mannequin, very smartly attired in a Gyro jacket and tie and wearing Roger Russell's famous leather cap!

Ballots were passed out for the two nominees for President, but before the result could be determined, Mr. ROGERS withdrew his nomination. His reason was that he had just heard that Gyro International has a very poor candidate running for International President in 1992!!

And so it came to pass, that our "main man" Roger Russell was elected Club President for the term 1990-91, by acclamation.

Our congratulations and best wishes for a great year in Gyro, for our new Executive Officers:-

	President	-	Roger Russell
1st Vice	"	-	Merrill Morstad
2nd "	"	-	Rev. Bill Graham
	Secretary	-	Dick Ogilvie
	Treasurer	-	Barry Walker

It is not possible to report all the fun that took place at election night - you had to be there to appreciate it - suffice to say, it brought back some fond memories of election days past. Our thanks to Neil Sheidow, Merrill Morstad and Al McClure for coming up with the "surprise candidate" and to John Simpson for providing "Mr. ROGERS".

Our thanks also to David Burnett for his excellent handling of the election, as well as his "state" jokes.

BIRTHDAYS: before our next meeting, the following Gyros will have passed another milestone. Happy birthday wishes go to:- Ernie Siegel on 22 March: Barry Walker and John Halford share the date of 29 March and Dan Lawton will celebrate on 30 March. Have a great day you guys!

COMING EVENTS: Tri-Clubs Installation on Saturday 7 April at Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre. Booktails at 6.00 dinner at 7.00 p.m. Tickets \$60.00 per couple. The Community Centre is located at 11050 - 90 Street.

Attendance at this function should be a must for all Gyros, to show our appreciation for a good year to the outgoing Executive, and a good send off to the new Executive.

ANNUAL BRIDGE-WIND-UP - will be held on Monday 19 April at the Victoris (Municipal) Golf Club House. Dinner at 6.00 p.m. Please contact Merrill Morstad at 469-2168 regarding your attendance. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to play bridge - cribbage players please note!

EXECUTIVE MEETING - of the old and new guard, will be held at the home of President Roger, 4908-114 Street at 7.00 p.m. Monday 16 April. Please call Roger if you are unable to attend.

LETHBRIDGE TIN PLATE DINNER - Secretary Bob Ashcroft advised this annual dinner will be held on 21 April at the L.C.C. Barn in Lethbridge. The usual format still prevails, with an elimination draw, side bets, games of chance, etc. Cost is \$34.99 per couple and drinks will be \$1.00 each. This is a real good mixed evening, one you'll really enjoy.

50th ANNIVERSARY The Dawson Creek Gyro Club will be celebrating their 50th year in Gyro on June 1, 2 & 3rd. More details later. Meanwhile we should plan on having a good representation from our club to help our northern friends celebrate. Did you remember that it was our club that sponsored the Dawson Creek Gyro Club back in 1940.

GYRETTES CORNER: Ann Sheidow advised that the next Gyrette meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 10 April at the Mayfair Club, at 8.00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Chef Jon from L'ecole Culinaire, who will speak on Healthy Eating and Proper Nutrition for Today's Life Style. Guests are welcome.

GYRO MERIT AWARD: Our somewhat belated congratulations go to Past District 8 Governor Stewart Colpitts of the Calgary Gyro Club, on his recent Gyro Merit Award. A most deserving recognition for the support of his club, as well as District 8 and Gyro International.

Our congratulations also to Graham Courtice of the Calgary Gyro Club, who recently reached the 50 year membership plateau. "Good on ya" Graham!

GRAND FORKS CLUB held a "Roast & Appreciation Night" on 24 February to honor "everybody's Mr. Gyro" Leo Mills and his Gyrette Mae on their 55th wedding anniversary and Leo's 84th birthday. Our congratulations to this great couple from your Edmonton friends, who send their best wishes for continued good health and Gyro happiness.

HOCKEY POOL: Hockey Commissioner Harry reports the following winners:- Saturday 17 March
\$10.00 Graham Dobson: Jean Morter: Majorie Reed (Winnipeg)
\$15.00 Owen Jones: Judy Tait: \$25.00 Bev Boren: Rick Connors.

Saturday 24 March: \$10.00 Jan Morter: Walter Pelletier:
\$15.00 Adam Letawski: Vivian Dove: Vince Reynolds: \$25.00 Butch Agnew: Valerie Walker:
Ron Cowles.

LUCKY DRAW: at our last meeting on 20 March - another consistent winner - Harry Mills.

SMILES & CHUCKLES: - a married man showed a friend a story he had cut out of a newspaper. It concerned a man who had obtained a divorce on the grounds that his wife went through his pockets at night. "Going to show it to your wife?" asked the friend. "No" said the husband "I'm just going to leave it in my pocket".

I'll never forget the last time I was in Hawaii. I saw 1000 palms. Three were on trees and the rest were on waiters, bell-hops and tourist guides.

"I'm planning a salary increase for you" Roger Russell said to one of his employees. "When does it become effective" enquired the employee. "Just as soon as you do" replied the smiling Roger.

"What do you love about me" a Gyrette asked her husband, "my natural beauty or my gorgeous body?". "Your sense of humour" was the reply.

VOX POP: Snow and adolescence are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough. (Neil Sheidow)

Before most people start boasting about their family tree, they usually do a good pruning job. (John Stroppa)

Anatomy - something that everyone has - but it looks better on a girl. (Boyd Slavik)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Did you ever notice no matter how much or how little beauty the Creator endowed you with, you are better looking when you smile?

DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION: the enclosed cards are courtesy of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, who are working very hard on your behalf, making arrangements for a great District 8 Convention here in 1990. Your attendance will help them to achieve success, and you will experience Gyro fellowship at it's best.

GYRO TIES: this new tie is proving very popular. We only have three left out of the last shipment we received from International. These will be available at our next meeting for \$10.00 each.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Our Program Captain for this meeting, Ivan Ivankovich, advised that our speaker will be Mr. Al Parsons, General Manager of the Edmonton Klondike Association, who will tell us all about their plans for our Klondike Days Celebration this summer. A good attendance will be appreciated.

Also at this meeting, the final ballot for Directors for a two year term will be taken. Come out and vote for the candidate whom you feel will do the job.

Our annual Committee and Officers reports should be submitted in writing at this meeting. See you there.

Yes, I am young at heart - slightly older in other places.

Retread.

SMILE!

