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First VP Victor Jagoldas welcomed 30 Gyro's to the meeting on a beautiful winter day. **Gordon Robertson** led us in Cheerio, and **David Burnett** asked the blessing.

Peter Fairbridge introduced his friend and guest Jim Brown, **Bryce Van Dusen** introduced his friend John and **Gerry Glassford** introduced his guest Bob Steadward.

John Ross and **John Stroppa** shared January 2nd for their birthdays.

Victor Jagoldas reported the **Dan Lawton** had a fall but he was recovering and was at the meeting. He also reported that **Valerie** is doing well.

PIP Marty Larson talked about the life of **Wes VanDusen** who passed away on Christmas day, noting that **Wes** joined the Edmonton Gyro Club in 1940 and was President in 1948. He brought many members into the club. We held a minute of silence in his memory. **Rev. Bill Graham** officiated at a memorial service for **Wes** on January third at the Mayfair. **Marty** also spoke at that service on behalf of the club. **Bill** also officiated at a similar service on January fifth in Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church in Vancouver.

Some of the long-term members of the club have recently been recognized and **Rev. Bill Graham** is added to the list, he joined the club in 1954 and he received his 40-year certificate in 1994.

Treasurer **John Stroppa** reported to the members that in accordance with the wishes of the membership donations of \$500 were sent to the Cancer Board, the police helicopter and the Lou Gerig Society. Also \$250 was provided to the Christmas Bureau. **John** read from the acknowledgments and thankyou's that he has received.

Ted Hagemann invited Gyros and Gyrettes to the Valentine's Dinner Theatre on February 13, 2002. It will

be at Jubilations Dinner Theatre at WEM. Enter at the NW corner of the mall, the same entrance as Reds. The play is a 50's comedy about the birth of rock and roll. There is a sit down dinner of soup or salad, a choice of four entrees and dessert. The time is 6:15 and the cost is \$35 per person. Please pay at the next meeting on February 22nd or send **Ted** a cheque as he soon has to pay the balance.

Dave Duchak reported on the hockey pool. On December 21 the Chicago Blackhawks hosted the Oilers and led by one after the first. **Bernie Kropp**, W. Pellitier, and Pat Millard won \$10. After two it was 4:1 for the Hawks and **Rich Old and Coasting Roger Russell** and Sandy Rennie each won \$15. The final was 5:1 and Craig Russell and Debbie Lawton won \$25.

Game 8 on December 28 saw the Minnesota Wild at Skyreach and it was tied 1:1 at the end of the first. **Bette McClure**, **Allan Warrack** and Andrea Scornaiench won \$10. Edmonton led 2:1 after two and the winners were Erik Braun, **Terri Ellis** and Lucas Burnett won \$15. Edmonton won 3:2 and the winners of \$25 were Glen Baird and Jo Rennie.

On January 5th, in Game 9 the Oilers hosted the Canucks and were trailing after one by a score of 0:2, with David Jones and **Dick Nichols** winning. It was tied 2:2 after the second and Sam Glassford and **Wendy Agnew** won \$15. Vancouver edged us 4:3 as a final and the winners were **Mike Matei** and Rob Scranton.

Gerry Glassford introduced the guest speaker, Bob Steadward who is the President of the Parolympic Sport Association and the Canadian representative on the International Olympic Committee.

The motto of the Parolympic Sport Association is "Mind, body spirit". Their principles include non-discrimination regarding athletes with disabilities and integration in the community and in sport. There is now a formal agreement with the IOC and these games are held in the same venue and are organized by the same volunteers as the Games of the Olympiad and the Winter Games.

Peter Fairbridge thanked the speaker for us.

Mort Morter won his choice of a free lunch or a license plate frame or plaque.

A little club history. In 1958 the Gyrolog editor was **Bill Graham** who wrote it under the pen name "Holy Willie".

Upcoming Events

On January 22nd, the meeting will include the installation of Tom Chambers. Past District VIII Governor, **Don Greig** will conduct the installation.

On February 19th, the Interim Director of the Centre for Gerontology and a Gyro Scholarship winner will bring us up to date on the activities of the Centre.

The District VIII Interim Convention will take place at Fairmont March 15 to 17, 2002. This is always a great informal convention and it is a bargain at \$130 per couple. **President Larry** has application forms. The accommodation is \$79 per night.

Past President Bruce Foy advises you to mark your calendar now for the annual Club Election night to be held in the infamous Kelly's Saloon at Fort Edmonton Park on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2002.

The International Convention will be held July 4 to 7th in Halifax. First Lieutenant Governor **Gerry Glassford** is arranging for some travel before and after the convention from June 27 to July 13, 2002.

The Crossroads Gyro Club is sponsoring the District VIII Convention from August 8th to 11th 2002. There is a 50's theme and it is entitled "The Grease Ball". The Nomads will be providing the musical entertainment. The cost of registration is \$275 per couple or \$150 single. Let's have a good turnout to support our fellow club!

Same Old Bull

Allan

