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Victor Jagoldas welcomed the sixty-seven participants to a wonderful Christmas Dinner. This was the largest turnout of Gyros and Gyrettes in quite some time. This was a great way to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Edmonton Gyro Club.

President Larry also welcomed everyone. **Gerry Glassford** introduced his mother in law from Summerland who was a guest and **Victor Jagoldas** introduced his friend Paul Braconnier. **John Dowds** introduced his daughter Samantha who was his guest. In particular, **President Larry** welcomed **Dick Ogilvie**, **Fran** and **Vern Sadd** and Ron and Julie Ewaniak who were able to attend the function. **Peter Carter** introduced his fiancée Eileen.

Second Lt. Governor Gerry Glassford led us in Cheerio and the **Rev. John Dowds** R asked the blessing.

The birthdays for December are **John Plunkett** on December 1st, **Tony Sheppard** on December 6th, **John Dowds** on December 12th, **President Larry** on December 16th, **Victor Jagoldas** on December 20th and **Bob Lippe** on December 21st.

President Larry informed us that there are 21 Gyros who have been members 15 years or more and 15 who have belonged for less than 7 years. Thus, our club has a balance of longer term and newer members.

Our Honourary member, **Wes Van Dusen** has been a member for 61 years, **Dave Duchak** for 58 years, **Gord Rennie** for 51 years, **Dan Lawton** for 45 years, **Marty Larson** for 37 years, **Bryce Van Dusen** for 36 years, **Vern Sadd** for 32 years, **Tommy Douglas** for 30 years and **David Burnett** and **Ernie Siegel** have been members for 28 years.

The next issue of the Gyrolog will have the names of the wines we enjoyed at the Christmas Party.

PIP Marty Larson acknowledged **Gord Rennie** and **John Ross** who have taken care of the historical records of the club. In 1921 there were 23 original members and the number had grown to 49 by the end of the year. Nelles Buchanan was the President. Originally there was an age limit on the Gyros of 35 and in 1925 that was increased to 40. In the early years the wives of the Gyros were known as Gyraniums. **Marty** outlines some of the contributions the Edmonton Gyro Club has made to the community over the years.

Game 3 in the hockey pool was Edmonton at Colorado on November 24th. The score after the first and second periods was 0:1 for the Avalanche and Ben Russell and Michael Lawton each won \$25. The final score was 0:2 and Andy Power and Walter Bouillon also won \$25.

Game 4 saw Dallas at Edmonton on December 1st with a 3:3 tie after the first and Bev Russell and Michael Lawton winning \$10. It was 4:3 for the stars after two and Andy Power and Walter Bouillon each won \$15. The final was 6:4 for Dallas and the \$25 winners were Barbara Walker and **Gordon Robertson**.

President Larry thanked **Walter Yakimets** and **Victor Jagoldas** for organizing this special evening. **Valerie Walker** offered thanks on behalf of the Gyraniums.

Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will be the Christmas message on Tuesday December 18th at the Mayfair Club at noon.

Since our first January meeting would fall on January 1st, it has been changed to January 8th, with **Joe Ramsay** in charge of the program. The following meeting is on the 22nd.

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 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 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

