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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Last Meeting (24)

On 4 October 1988 was held at the Mayfair Golf Club, as arranged by Program Team No.8 under the leadership of Harry Mills, with team members Jack Agnew, Roger Russell, Bryce Van Dusen and Louis Tremblay.

President Dave started proceedings in his usual friendly manner, then dipped into the corn bin coming up with a story about a deer named Bambo - which is all you need to know. He then launched into a dissertation about the problems of smoking caused by millions of addicts, which in turn has something to do with percentage income or whatever. Very little of what he said was understood - so we'll just say he put up one of his smoke screens.

However he did express the thanks of the club to John Ross, for repairing and re-finishing our large Gyroscope, which once again graces the head table. For the uninitiated, our club was awarded this Gyroscope for winning the Class 1 Attendance Award by International, back in 1959-60, during the late Howie Sharp's year as President. It was used for years as a gong to get members attention, or to start and/or finish a meeting, before we acquired the musical chimes now being used. It seems to me it might be a good idea to reactivate the "gong" especially when the membership feels that Dave should be sitting down, rather than interrupting our lunch. All in favor

John Stroppa introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Nick Zissos, a Vacational Counsellor for Travel Alberta, who gave a very interesting and informative talk and a video presentation, about travelling in Alberta, in which there are many phenomenal places to visit. Many people feel you have to travel outside the Province to find places of beauty and interest, without knowing of the many great areas we have "in our own back yard" so to speak. Mr. Zissos emphasised his point by naming some of the places he feels people would enjoy, viz: Waterton National Park in southern Alberta, where you can hike from Alberta in the USA, go from prairie to mountains, take a boat cruise on Cameron Lake or visit Red Rock Canyon, just to name a few. You can visit the Crowsnest Pass area, see the Frank Slide and the new Alberta Interpretive Centre; Lundbreck Falls are spectacular with good picnic sites. The Tyrell Museum of Palaeontology in Drumheller holds the largest collection of dinosaurs in the world. Visit the beautiful Cypress Hills or the Kanônaskis country and the golf courses, or perhaps you would prefer the inner peace and tranquility of the Japanese Gardens in Lethbridge. Whatever your interests may be, our speaker reminded us that the overall beauty of the Province of Alberta is really outstanding, where Tourism is a top potential industry, for all areas of the Province. Roger Russell expressed the thanks of our club to Mr. Zissos and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

Birthdays - birthday greetings were extended to Roger Russell for his big day on October 5th, a day which he shares with a famous French lady, whose name I didn't catch and Dave didn't repeat. Your a good man Rog!

Travel - Roger and Janet Russell recently returned from a trip to Russia, which Roger described as most interesting and enjoyable, where they visited in Moscow, Kiev, etc., and a resort area on the Black Sea. The food was different, the wine good, but the most remarkable experience was the freedom they enjoyed - no restrictions, no military policing, freedom of picture taking etc., all in all, a good trip.

Curl-a-rama - THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED AGAIN!!! - THE NEW DATE IS DECEMBER 2 -4 1988 at Banff, Alberta, AND we will now be staying at THE VOYAGER INN. Mark your calendar now!

Club Installations - The Saskatoon Gyro Club installation was held on 24 September at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon, where Ted Heselwood was installed as President for a second term. First Lieut-Governor Keith Bradley conducted the official installation ceremonies. Accompanying Keith & Jan Bradley from Sherwood Park Gyro Club were Don & Cory Greig. Visiting from our club were David & Marlene Burnett. Lt-Gov Keith inducted one new member into the Saskatoon Club, in the person of Bob Brown. Congratulations Bob, may you have a long and happy association in Gyro. We also learned that Bert Dings has been transferred to Kitchener. Good luck Bert, you will be missed at our Curl-a-rama.

The Calgary Gyro Club installation was held at the Lord Strathcona Officers Mess at Harvey Barracks, on Saturday 1 October 1988, as reported by Marty Larson. Installed as President was Walter Howard, whose father Harry, was President of the Calgary Gyro Club just 50 years ago. Governor of Gyro District 8 Harvey Weible, installed two new members into the club, as well as the following Officers and Directors:- Vice-President Bob Walker: Secretary Gray Courtice, Treasurer Jack O'Brien, with Directors, Ray Kenney, Gordon Hess, Ron Nugent, Jack Mooney, Wilf Ogden, Steve Tippett. Past President is Norm Billington & Bulletin Editor Peter Wrangham.

Attending from Spokane in support of Governor Harvey & Virginia Weible, were D-8 Secy-Treas Terry & Bobby Lynch and Ray & Grace Thieman. Visiting from the Edmonton Gyro Club were David and Marlene Burnett, Marty & Shirley Larson and Gord & Ivy Rennie. Our congratulations to the new Officers & Directors of the Saskatoon and Calgary Gyro Clubs and best wishes for a happy, successful Gyro year.

Directors Meeting - 20 Sept 1988 - Our Club's Board of Director's met on this date in the Boardroom of NCTL. President Dave reported briefly on the agenda, with particular reference to some proposed changes in the club's By-Laws, which are presently under review by the Board. The proposed amendments will be brought before the general membership for consideration in due course, through a notice of motion published in the Gyrolog.

Coming Events - our next meeting - GYRO FOUNDER'S NIGHT - will be held on Tuesday evening 18 October 1988, at the Santa Marie Goretti Community Centre, 11050-90th Street, Edmonton. Program Team No.5 (you know who you are) with Team Leader Al McClure, are in charge of arrangements. Cocktails at 6.00 p.m. dinner at 7.00 p.m. cost \$20.00, with wine & prize draws. Remember this is a Tri-Club meeting, so if we don't want to end up on the short end of the attendance figure (like we did last year!) then come on out and make welcome our guest speaker, Immediate Past International President Keith Lowings, from the Lethbridge Gyro Club. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG! -- which reminds me - we have now received new name tags for the following members:- Don Agnew, Bill Agnew, Larry & Carol Dobson, Allan & Elaine Douglas, Ron & Julie Ewoniak, Dan & Edna Lawton, Merrill & Marion Morstad, Ernie & Beth Siegel, Neil Sheidow and Stanley Smith. You can pick these tags up on October 18th, at a cost of \$5.00 per tag - sorry no freebies. We also have name tags for our three newest members, Mike Matei, Ed Edlund & Ivan Ivankovich, which are already paid for through their initiation fee. We hope that sometime International will include name tags as part of the new members kit.

Media Watch :- On Sunday evenings at 6.30 p.m. on CFRN TV, there is a program called, Business Week. On 2 October, Marty Larson was host for a segment of that program, when he interviewed Mr. John McDougall, President elect of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce and Allan Warrack, Vice-President of the University of Alberta. This is a good program, well presented, which I think you would enjoy. Watch for it.

In the news - our Gyro man of letters, our literary expert, Stanley Noel Smith, who is seldom found with his pen or typewriter idle, has done it again. This time one of his stories appeared in the August issue of the Reader's Digest (page 168). Good for you Stan - I was wondering if you could write about some of your early escapades as a Gyro carnival worker - which would pass censorship?

Lethbridge Gyro Club Installation - will be held on Saturday 5 November 1988 at Eric's Family Restaurant in Lethbridge, Alberta. Cocktails at 6.30 dinner at 7.30. You know now that we don't have to be at Curl-a-rama on 2-4 November, this will be a good opportunity for us to travel to Lethbridge to attend their installation party.

Obituary - the sympathy of the members of the Gyro Club of Edmonton is extended to Ed and Natalie Edlund, on the recent passing of Ed's father in Calgary, Alberta.

Erratum - Mike Matei's home address is 17115 - 80 Avenue Edmonton.

Don Millar's business address is Spartan Press Ltd, 7011 Girard Road, Edmonton.

Hockey Pool - Harry Mills gave a brief report on the sale of our annual hockey pool tickets which he recently distributed. He has some 15 tickets left to sell, so let's get on the band wagon and take them off his hands. Who knows you could be a winner - but only if you buy a ticket. The first game is on 11 November 1988 - so buy one (some!) now!

Quotable Quotes:

Dan Lawton - Competition doesn't create character, it exposes it.

Bernie Brown - Don't ever be afraid to admit you were wrong. It's like saying you're wiser today than you were yesterday.

Smiles & Chuckles:

Bryce Van Dusen - Old age is the time when a man sees a pretty girl, it arouses his interest - instead of his hopes!

Ken McKenzie - Take a look at your Tax Bill and you'll stop calling them cheap politicians!

Poet's Corner - nothing for this publication. Apparently my "pome" Broken Reveries, in the last 'log, did nothing for my image, guess I'll have to re-group. (retread)

Finale - believe it or not - President Dave ended our last meeting with a fairly good joke, (for him at least) but it can't be published because it was politically directed.

see you on Founder's Night

yours in Gyro

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