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Our new leader **President Gord** welcomed 27 Gyros and 2 guests to his first meeting. The recently returned Al McClure led us in Cheerio, to the tune of the Star Spangled Banner. Gord "Retread" Rennie then asked the blessing.

There were two welcome guests who are on their respective ways to becoming members. Allan Douglas introduced Ted Hageman once again. Our friend John Ross introduced his friend Joe Ramsay who also has applied for membership in the club.

Birthdays for the month include Allan Ursulak on May 10th, Andy Friderichsen on April 13th, and our newest member Geoff Brewer on May 17th.

On the health of the club, Walter Yakimets reported that Ed Edlund is feeling much better and has gone to Calgary for three weeks. Also, Dick Mandlis is doing quite well after a successful kidney transplant.

On the health of the club from a different perspective, out Treasurer John Stroppa has the following message. "Those members who have not yet paid their dues are requested to do so NOW. Thank you for your cooperation""

South of the border it seems Dan Quayle is going to take a run at the Presidency. One of his quotes from the past is "I have made good judgments in the past. I have made good judgments in the future".

Then there was the TV news reporter interviewing Bill Clinton. When he said his dream once had been to play sax with Thelonius Monk, asked "Who is the loneliest monk?"

Our program for this meeting was presented by Walter Yakimets with some help from PIP Marty Larson.

They had traveled together to India and Walter took some excellent slides that he shared with us. He showed us a variety of transportation methods from primitive to modern. India has chosen to manufacture its own taxis and other goods rather than import them and Walter predicts that they will be a very strong economy in a few years.

Second Posting. Ted Hageman is sponsored by **Allan Douglas** and has applied for membership in our club. Ted is retired and he and his wife Petra have been out to several Gyro Events.

Upcoming Events:

Our next meeting will be on May 18th and our "guest speaker" will be our new **Second VP Bruce Foy**.

The following is from Mike Matei. Who: All Gyros and their guests. What: Annual Gyro Golf Tournament. Where: Riverbend Golf Club in Red Deer. When: Thursday June 3rd, first tee time at 9:00 a.m. Why: Because even a bad day on th golf course is better than a good day working. Besides, who do you have more fun with than your fellow Gyros in Alberta.

You can enter as a single for regular match plan with the more serious players, or you can enter as a member of a two-man team playing in the best ball format. Cost is \$60 payable to the Sherwood Park Gyro Club and includes golf dinner and prizes. Please confirm you attendance with Mike Matei by May 15. Include your handicap and if you would like to reserve a power cart. Prizes would be appreciated.

The International and District IV Convention will be held in Whistler, British Columbia from June 10 - 13, 1999. If you are attending let **President Gord** know.

Barry Walker informs us that the annual gyro/gyrette golf tournament will be held on July 14, 1999 followed by a full steak BBQ at the ranch of Florrie and Bryce Van Dusen. Cost per person is \$17.00 for golf and \$17.00 for dinner. Make cheques payable to the Edmonton Gyro Club. The numbers must be confirmed by July 14th. Please provide prizes to Barry or Roger Russell.

The District VIII Convention is scheduled for August 5-8, 1999 at the Prestige Inn in Cranbrook B.C.

The Sherwood Park Club is organizing a Quad Club Golf Event for August 30, 1999. Mark the date so that you will be available, and details will follow.

The Sherwood Park Club will also be hosting the **District VIII Convention** in the year 2000 at the Fantasyland Hotel.

The popular winner of a free lunch was Past President Jack Ellis.