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President Victor welcomed a group of thirty-three gregarious Gyros to the Christmas meeting on a rainy and wet (that is correct) December day in Edmonton. When he announced that **Roger Russell** would lead us in Cheerio, we were on our feet in an instant. **John Dowds** followed with the blessing.

PIP Marty Larson introduced his guest, David McDunn.

On our behalf **President Victor** extended a warm thank you to **Walter Yakimets** for the fantastic Christmas Party that he organized.

There are two birthdays coming up before the next meeting, both on January 2nd. Many happy returns to **John Stroppa** and **John Ross**.

Mort Morter had nothing to report on the health of the club. However, **Larry Dobson** advised that **Win Kirkwood** was in an automobile crash earlier in the day. **Larry** later phoned me to let everyone know that **Win** was not seriously hurt. He did bang his head and required ten stitches but thankfully no serious damage was done.

President Victor subtly suggested that members look at their meeting schedules so that they are aware of who is accountable for upcoming meetings. He also asked that team leaders take responsibility for ensuring that the speakers limit their remarks to ten minutes so that there can be questions and the meeting can end by 1:30 PM.

President Victor informed us that our hard working Secretary, **Geoff Brewer** has asked to be relieved of his duties. The excellent job he has done was acknowledged and **President Victor** explained that due to his current work and travel schedule he is unable to live up to his own expectations in the role. A warm thanks to **Geoff** for his diligence in the job! **President Victor** asked members to consider volunteering to fill the position.

District VII Governor Gerry Glassford sent a special thank you to the Edmonton Gyro Club for the tools that will help him with his woodcraft.

A recipient of the Gyro Graduate Scholarship in Gerontology wrote to thank the club for the financial support with her studies.

Three hard working Gyros were recognized and awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and a free lunch. **PIP Marty Larson** presented **Al McClure**, **Bob Lippe**, and **Dave Duchak** with their certificates for their contributions to the annual hockey pool that raises our money for charity. **Al** worked on the hockey pool for many years and now **Dave** and **Bob** manage the process of identifying winners and distributing the cheques. The honourees were warmly applauded. **Bob** then asked for recognition of the contribution **Marty** makes as well. **Al** stated that **Betty** had worked as hard as he did on the hockey pool and while her name was not on the certificate, he wanted to acknowledge her work. That resulted in a round of applause for **Betty** as well.

Mike Matei passed on some thinking about people who give more than 100%, a common statement in sports. He suggests that if the letters A through Z are assigned a number 1 through 26 we can determine what certain characteristics will do for us. For example,

H A R D W O R K
8 1 18 4 23 15 18 11 = 98%

K N O W L E D G E
11 14 15 23 12 5 4 7 5 =96%

A.T.T.I.T.U.D.E.
1 20 20 9 20 21 4 5 = 100%

B U L L S H I T
2 21 12 12 19 8 9 20 =103%

So, it stands to reason that hard work and knowledge will get you close, that attitude will get you there, but bullshit will put you over the top. And look how far this will take you:

A S S K I S S I N G
1 19 19 11 9 19 19 9 14 7 =127%

Dave Duchak reported on the hockey pool. For game four on December 7th, the Florida Panthers hosted the Oilers. The score at the end of periods one and two was 3:0 for the Oilers and **K.C. Lippe** and **Peter Fairbridge** each received \$25. With a final of 4:0, **Dick Nichols** and **Laurie Urlacker** also won \$25 each.

The Oilers hosted Vancouver on December 14th for game five and after one the Canucks led by 2:1. **Barbara Walker** and **Shirley Larson** won \$10. After the second it was 6:3 for Vancouver and with the same score prevailing at the end, **Paul Preville**, **Mistess Poulton** and **Tom Chambers** each won \$40.

FIRST POSTING: Christian Erik Hedegaard (Erik) has applied for membership in the club. His significant other is Birgith. Their address is 76-51404 Rge. Rd 2, SPRUCE GROVE, AB. T7Y 1E5. Their telephone number is (780) 470-0107

On December 22, 2002, **Tom and Lenore Chambers** celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations from all your Gyro and Gyrette friends!

NOTICE: Effective January 1st. 2003, **Peter and Marjory Fairbridge** have a new address. It is, Heritage Park Towers East, Apt. 1208, 2908 109 St. EDMONTON. AB. T6J 7J5. Their new telephone number is 435-5629.

President Victor indicated that **Rev. John Dowds** would be giving the Christmas message, and that because he didn't need an introduction, he wasn't going to get one. **John** presented a touching, humourous, thoughtful and meaningful message that was very well received. The **Rev. Bill Graham** thanked him and presented him with a gift.

John then cut the cards and **Allan Douglas** won a free lunch. It was a very popular win, all be it only with the Gyrolog Editor.

There was a lot to cover in this addition and we are onto page 4. So here is a story you might enjoy.

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate.

After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1957."

"Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked,

"What did you teach?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

John Plunkett advises that for our first meeting of 2003 on January 7th our speaker will be Dorothy Lincoln who worked with the British Government in decoding the enigma in 1941. It should be a very interesting meeting, bring a friend.

Gordon Robertson is arranging for a speaker for the January 21st meeting.

The International Interim Convention is scheduled for January 22 to 26 in San Antonio Texas.

Larry Dobson and **Don Assheton-Smith** are planning the Valentines Party for February 12th.

Mike Matei has confirmed Monday March 3, 2003 for the annual Bocci evening at the Italian Cultural Centre on St. Albert Trail. Details about time and cost to follow.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held at Fairmont between March 14th and March 16th 2003.

President Victor reported that some Gyros and Gyrettes are unable to make a commitment at this time to participate at the Black Cat Ranch from May 27 to May 29, 2003. He told us that not all the rooms are booked so there may be an opportunity to sign up later when we know what our calendar is like. However, space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so the best way to avoid disappointment is to sign up as soon as possible.

The International Convention in Salt Lake City Utah occurs July 24 – 27, 2003.

The District VIII Convention, which will see **District Governor Gerry Glassford** end his term, will be held in Wallace Idaho between July 31 and August 3, 2003.

The St. Albert Club has already booked the Faculty Club for Founders Night on October 22, 2003.

The Christmas Party for next year is booked for December 2, 2003.

Same Old Bull

Allan

