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IN REVIEW - at our last meeting on 17 July we were pleased to welcome the following guests:- Dr. Gerry Glassford (introduced by Allan Warrack), Neil McIntyre (by Merrill Morstad) Garry Diment (by Andy Friderichsen) Don Birmingham of the Crossroads Gyro Club (by Gord Rennie).

There were three Gyros from the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, including the Grand Exalted Poobah, the Governor of District 8 Keith Bradley; President Bill Carter and Richard Dickinson their club Treasurer. Everyone was made welcome by PYS (poor, young and struggling) our President Roger Russell.

"Melodious" Harry Mills got things underway with "Cheerio" followed by Dan Lawton with the blessing. Then President Roger provided some degree of humour - but for the life of me I can't recall what it was - because I was busy at his request doing 40-11 other things for the good of Gyro.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER was the former Edmonton Eskimo Football star, Brian Kelly, who was introduced by his good friend, Second International V/President Marty Larson.

Brian came to the Eskimos from Washington State University in 1979, at the invitation of then coach Hugh Campbell, and that year he won the Schenley Award as Rookie of the Year. During his time with the Eskimos (1979-1987) Brian became one of - if not the best - all time great pass catchers in the Canadian Football League. His ability to out-maneuver his opposing defenders with his clever pass patterns and making almost impossible catches, helped him to achieve 5 Grey Cup rings.

Brian gave us a most interesting, informative and humorous talk about his football career with the Eskimos, which included some pretty hard knocks as well as some great thrills over the years.

When introducing Brian, Marty Larson pointed out that while Brian was Rookie of the Year in 1979, that one of our members, John Stroppa, won the Rookie of the Year Award in 1949, when he was a member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

This information prompted us to take a picture of the two "rookies" which we hope will eventually appear in our International Magazine, The Gyroscope.

We were glad to have shared in the nostalgia of Brian's exciting days in football, many of which we were privileged to witness first hand. The thanks of our club for Brian's visit were nicely expressed by Ed Edlund.

BIRTHDAYS - July was a good month for Gyro birthdays. Greetings and best wishes were voiced to the following (albeit in absentia):- Ron Ewoniak 17th: Andy Carabott 21st: Ken McKenzie 23rd: and Louis Tremblay 27th. Congratulations were extended in person to Stewart Graham, although he said, "I'm not having any more".

LOOKING BACK - on July 14th a good number of our members enjoyed the hospitality of Roger and Janet Russell and family at their home; where they provided us with a great barbecue with all the trimmings, plus liquid sunshine. It was a beautiful day so we could enjoy the outdoors and play bocci. It was a very happy time and most appreciated. Merrill Morstad expressed the thanks of our membership to Roger at our meeting on 17 July.

MORE NATAL NEWS - we just learned that Jim Little, Past President of the Crossroads Gyro Club and Past Governor of D-8, celebrated an important birthday on July 14th. Congratulations on your birthday Jim, plus the fact that you are now eligible for your monthly "treaty money" - spend it in good health.

FUTURE EVENTS - GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - this popular mixed golf game will be held at the Devon Golf Course on Tuesday 14 August. not

Chairman Ernie Siegel reported that there are still several people who have sent him their money for this event, which he must pay to the club by 1 August. The cost is \$33.00 per person which includes your golf and a steak dinner. Send Ernie a cheque right away and avoid missing out.

DISTRICT EIGHT CONVENTION - Richard Dickinson of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, who are sponsoring this event, gave us a run down on the program that has been arranged. The convention will be held at the Terrace Inn, Edmonton on 9-12 August.

Sherwood Park Gyros & Gyrettes have been working hard for several months now, preparing this convention on our behalf, so it was disappointing to say the least, when we learned that so far there are only 12 couples who have registered from our club. Perhaps there are some of us who plan on attending, but who have neglected to send in our registration forms. Please get them in right away so that our club will be well represented.

This convention is being held "right in our own backyard" so to speak which affords us all, particularly our newest members, to meet with Gyro friends from all over District 8 and to appreciate even more what Gyro is all about.

DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION (cont) - We understand that if circumstances prevent you from attending the entire convention, but you could take in one event (e.g. Saturday evening Dinner & Dance) you may do at a cost of \$60.00.

Don't disappoint yourself and your club, by non-attendance. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of your Gyro family. See you there!

ON THE HORIZON - on 7 August, we will have the privilege of a visit with our Gyro International President, John J. Monroe, who will join us at our regular luncheon meeting at 12.00 noon at the Mayfair Golf Club. He will be officially induct our three newest members into Gyro, who are:- Norm Williams: Dick Mandlis and Tony Sheppard.

We are looking for a good attendance at this meeting to welcome President John. We will be happy to welcome members from the Crossroads and Sherwood Park Clubs. Please let Roger Russell if you plan on attending.

LUNCHEON MEETING - 21 August - Allan Warrack (Captain of Program Team No.12) has arranged for Kathryn Buchanan to be our guest speaker. Kathryn is the daughter of the late Chief Judge Nelles Buchanan, a charter member of our Club. She will provide us with an update on the progress of the youngster who received ear reconstruction surgery. This young man received several operations in California and was financially supported by our club.

RACE NIGHT - NORTHLANDS - John Stroppa is making arrangements for us to attend the races on Tuesday evening 2 October. There will be a reception in the Gold Room at 5.30, dinner in the Terrace Lounge at 6.30 and Post Time is 7.00 p.m. There will be six to a table and the cost is \$13.00 per person. Sounds like a good night - and with a little luck - who knows!! Mark your calendar now.

HEALTH & WELFARE - Marty Larson recently visited Paul & Enid Green and reports that Paul is managing quite well, although he is confined to his home. He would welcome a Gyro visit or a phone call at 437-1505.

John Boychuk has been discharged from hospital and is convalescing at home. Get well soon John.

CASH DRAW WINNER on 17 July - a repeater - Allan Warrack. Congrats.

SMILES & CHUCKLES - a fellow seated at a bar, watched a woman come in and drink 4 martini's in a row, with no apparent effect. His curiosity got the better of him, so he leaned over and asked, "would five make you dizzy?", to which she replied, "the price is right but the name is Daisy".

~~The sweet young southern girl's drawl was so slow, that before she could tell the roughneck that she wasn't that kind of a girl - she was!~~

First Gyro - "Gee I'm scared, I got a letter from a man saying that he would shoot me if I didn't stay away from his wife".

Second Gyro "Well all you have to do is stay away from her".

First Gyro "But he didn't sign his name!"

VOX POP - Don't worry about your station in life - there's always someone to tell you where to get off. (Russ Carter)

If you can keep your head when all around you are losing theirs - it's just possible that you haven't grasped the situation. (John Boychuk)

The biggest block to any man's success is in his head. (Bernie Brown)

Don't watch the clock. Do what it does, keep going. (Andy Carabott)

Measure yourself by your best moments, not your worst. (Dick Mandlis)

Tact is like a girdle. It helps you to organize the awkward truth more attractfully. (Tony Sheppard)

~~Life is a gift - to live an opportunity - to give is an obligation - to grow old is a privilege. (retread)~~

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 7 August 1990

Place: Mayfair Golf Club

Time: 12.00 noon

OUR SPECIAL GUEST: JOHN J. MONROE - PRESIDENT GYRO INTERNATIONAL

YOUR OBLIGATION: YOUR ATTENDANCE

YOUR PRIVILEGE: TO FULFIL YOUR OBLIGATION,

TO WELCOME: OUR No. ONE GYRO - ALSO

③ YOUR NEWEST GYROS: NORM: DICK AND TONY

(see you there - retread)

