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This week (29)

On Tuesday 21 June, First Vice President John Pedden, chaired our luncheon meeting, with 28 members in attendance, plus one guest, Garry St Pierre from Montreal, who was introduced by Roger Russell. Chairman John welcomed Gyro Dave Webber who was visiting from Vancouver. Also welcomed, after a long absence, was Tommy Douglas who has been away south working on a new home. We were pleased to see Harry Mills back again, who led us in cheerio, and Andy Carabott asked the blessing.

Birthdays - nil - (no runs, no hits, no errors).

Health & Welfare - Mort Morter reported that Murray Pawling is still in St Jo's hospital and would appreciate some visitors. Merrill Morstad advised that Gyrette Marion was having the cast removed from her elbow tomorrow and a further prognosis will then be determined.

Correspondence - a letter of resignation was read from Alex Campbell, who for health and business reasons is not longer able to attend meetings. Alex has been a member of our club for 25 years and his friendship will be sincerely missed. His resignation was accepted with much regret.

A letter from the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society requesting assistance with a rooming house project, for which they require furnishings, was read. This request does not appear to be within the purview of our Club's Benevolent Fund, however individual club members may wish to contribute. Copies of the required items were made available. For further information call 423-1339 or 424-0453.

Waskasieu Mystery- Ernie Siegel reported that he recently received a parcel in the mail from the Lakeview Hotel in Waskasieu, containing a pair of men's beige pants, size 38, which apparently been left in the Siegel's room. Ernie denies ownership and Beth is pleading the fifth amendment. Anyone missing a pair of pants matching the above description please call Ernie, pronto! All other clubs in District 8 please note - meanwhile the mystery remains in limbo.

Guest Speaker - Chairman John Pedden introduced our guest speaker, a native Edmontonian, Constable Don Bowdidge from the Edmonton Police Force, Crime & Prevention Section, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on Home Security. Mr. Bowdidge spent 2½ years with the B&E squad and is well versed in this particular area of criminal activity. One of the startling statistics was that most of the breaking and entering is done by youngsters ranging in age from 9 to 18 years of age. These kids are apparently involved in drugs, pin ball machines and of course "the good life" all of which takes money, making the B&E route easy pickings.

Once in the house or apartment, the master bedroom is the first target, because it is where most people keep their jewelry and other valuables for so called safekeeping. Such items as TV's, VCR's etc., are also high on the list. Once they have gained entry they move very quickly and can be in and gone in a matter of 5 minutes.

Some suggested home security measures include property identification, such as marking your TV or VCR with your driver's license number, or by taking pictures of such property. Other measures include neighbor watching, security alarm systems, personal wall safes. Also secure sliding doors and windows with the use of screws placed in the upper bracket of a window, so they can't be lifted out.

There are four major areas for B&E - front and back doors, basement windows, patio doors and garages. A dead bolt lock is only effective if the door is a solid one, that cannot be smashed in. Small windows in doors should be of unbreakable tempered glass.

Do not hesitate to report to the police any suspicious activity you may witness in your neighborhood. Do not wait until a crime has been committed and then report that you saw someone in the vicinity, but did nothing about it.

Many questions by club members bore adequate testimony to a most informative and valued presentation by Constable Bowdidge, who was suitably thanked by Mort Morter and presented with a gift on behalf of the Club.

Coming Events- August 9, 1988, Gyroette Golf Scramble, at Devon Alberta. Ernie Siegel put in another plug for a good turnout for this popular event. One special note for those who may like to have a golf cart, you must tell Ernie NOW - they must be booked ahead - it can't be done when you arrive for the tournament.

Coming events (cont) Dawson Creek Gyro Club Installation

First Lt-Governor, Gyro District 8, Keith Bradley, will be travelling to Dawson Creek for that club's Installation on Friday 9 September 1988. He is looking for company to make the trip and several couples from Sherwood Park Club plan on going. It has been suggested that we recruit members from Crossroads and the Edmonton Clubs to join with them in sufficient numbers so that we can consider hiring a bus for the trip. The Dawson Creek Club are the friendliest, fun loving people, who go out of their way to make you welcome. Their club has been supporting our Tri-Club Installations as well as District 8 Conventions for many years, regardless of how far they have to travel.

They are deserving of our support for their big day on September 9th so mark your calendar now. When the details have been worked out you will be contacted by telephone, so please consider doing yourself a favor by planning to make the trip. More about this later!

Gyro International Convention - by the time you receive this bulletin the International Convention will be history, in Long Beach, California. Our club was represented by President Dave Burnett and Past District Governor Marty Larson and their Gyrettes.

Membership- John Pedden announced that Ron and Dorothy Holmes and family are moving to North Vancouver this week. Our best wishes go with them, they will be missed by their many Gyro friends.

Cash Draw - Merrill Morstad, properly attired with his name tag, was the lucky winner.

Member Profile - our roving reporter Allan Douglas, has gone on a well deserved holiday with his family and was unable to complete his profile assignment before leaving., however it will appear next month. Meanwhile Allan, Elaine and Warren have a good holiday.

Next Meeting - John Pedden announced that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 5th, 1988 at 12.00 noon, at the Mayfair Golf Club. At this meeting, a business session, you will learn how our club funds have been spent last year, and what the proposed budget will be for the coming year. Our Treasurer Barry Walker has compiled a financial statement (copy attached) for your perusal so that you can be prepared to bring up any questions that you may have. President Dave Burnett will be presenting his newly proposed program format involving the membership for your approval. So come on out and take part in the business of Gyro through active discussion.

Gyro Nostalgia - 19 May 1927 - Gyrolog, contained the following announcement:- "Golf game Friday 20 May 1927 at the Mayfair Golf Club. Tee off time 4.00 p.m. Dinner at 8.30 p.m. Cost .75¢ per person. The use of the Mayfair course is a privilege, see to it that we have no complaints of abuse of this privilege. Swear softly, replace all divots and may the kindly shade of St. Andrew follow you around".

Smiles & Chuckles - Al McClure says, "work faithfully eight hours a day and don't worry. Then in due course you can become boss, work 16 hours a day and have all the worry".

Roger Russell says, "just because everybody agrees with you, does not mean that you are particularly smart - you are probably the boss!".

Padre Bill Graham says, " if we cannot get all we want, we should be thankful that we don't get what we deserve".

Former Sherwood Park Gyro Bulletin Editor, Dan O'Brien, is now a pilot. Really not much change from his former role - he still piles it, no matter what!".

Quotable Quotes - Thank God every morning when you get up, that you have something to do that day, which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being obliged to work and required to do your best, will breed temperance, self control, diligence, strength of will, content and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know. (Charles Kingsley).

Cheerio for now

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Hold the press!!

President Dave has enclosed his report together with ^{SOME}~~some~~ additional information about programs, etc., which will be brought up at our meeting on 5 July. Getting this information now will enable everyone to take part in the decision making. Please bring these papers with you on July 5. See you then.