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**President Gord** welcomed us all to the first regular luncheon meeting of the year. **Larry Dobson** ably led us in Cheerio. Hopefully now that he is retired he will be out more and the quality of our chorus will improve. **Gord "Retread" Rennie** asked the blessing.

**John Plunkett** introduced his friend John Lacusta who was the only guest, other than the guest speaker.

There were two birthdays to report, **John Ross** and **John Stroppa** share January 2<sup>nd</sup> as a day of celebration.

**Dave Duchak** reported on the eighth and ninth games in the hockey pool. Game 8 on January 7<sup>th</sup>, saw Tampa Bay at Edmonton and the Oilers were in the lead 2:0 after one. The winners were Bev Russel of Edmonton, Jeanne Rennie of Victoria and **Marion Morstad**. The score had doubled after two so the 4:0 winners were Ron Ewoniak, C.K. Huckvale and Jeanee Brewer all of Edmonton. The final score was 5:1 and the winners were **Allan Warrack, Tony Sheppard** and Kestin Brewer.

On January 14<sup>th</sup> the Oilers hosted the Leafs for game 9. There was no score in the first period so David Ross and **Bette McClure** each collected \$10.00 for nothing. My favorite was the second period when the Oilers scored twice and **Allan Douglas** and **Ernie Siegel** each collected \$15. The final score of 2:3 for the Leafs saw Brian Goodhope of Edmonton and **Haig Lewis** pocket \$25.

The results of Game 10 on January 22<sup>nd</sup> are also available. Vancouver was at Edmonton and at the end of one the Oilers led 1:0. The winners were **Lauraine Duchak** and Gordon Brook of Calgary. After the second the Oilers were still ahead at 2:1 and the winners were Donna Duchak from Calgary and **Jean Warrack**. As is a habit with the Oilers this year, the final score was a tie, of 3:3 and the winners were Ty Ogilvie and Barbara Walker.

**John Ross** introduced our speaker, **Jim Ross**, who is a charter member and the second President of the St. Albert Gyro Club. **Jim** is the President and CEO of DSL Inc. and he told us about his company. It was founded in Edmonton in 1916 and the first products were milk buckets and milking stools. The company grew in the dairy products business for a number of years and has a number of firsts to its credit. These include the first firm to sell milking parlours, the introduction of bulk milk rather than cans, slurpees in the 1960's and introducing pouched milk in the early 1970's.

In the 1970's DSL moved into the convenience store and fast food business. Fire destroyed the plant in the 1980's and they rebuilt a new facility. The company now retails machines for soft ice cream, grills for cooking hamburgers at places like MacDonaldis and a wide range of other products for the fast food industry.

**Jim** also said that at one point they had their own semis to service their customers in western Canada. They learned however that the professionals in the transportation business did the job better and revised their strategy. Which reminds me of the bumper sticker "Old truckers never die, they just get a new Peterbilt".

**David Burnett** thanked the speaker on our behalf. **Jim** drew for a fee lunch and **President Gord** was the winner.

Please note that I got **David Burnett's** email address wrong. The correct address is [djburnet@telusplanet.net](mailto:djburnet@telusplanet.net) That is what happens when you type with your thumbs.

### **Upcoming Events:**

At press time there was no information about our next meeting.

The **District VIII Interim** convention is scheduled for Fairmont Hot Springs Resort from Friday March 17 to Sunday March 19, 2000. Rooms should be reserved before January 17, 2000. The room rates are \$79.00 plus taxes. The registration fee for the Interim is \$125.00 per couple.

The International and District VII convention will be at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg from July 13 to 16, 2000.

This year the Sherwood Park Club is hosting the **District VIII Convention** at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. The dates are August 24 to 27, 2000. Lets have a large delegation to support our local club.

Same Old Bull - Allan

