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President Gerry led us in a round of Cheerio sung in an amazing range of keys. **Reverend John Dowds** then asked the blessing. There were 29 members and our guest speaker out on a beautiful Tuesday afternoon.

There were no birthdays to report before our next meeting - an unusual event.

President Gerry reported on the health of the club. **Reverend Bill Graham** is not feeling well, and **Natalie Edlund** is not well. **Dick Mandlis** continues with dialysis and cannot make it to our meetings but he reports that he is feeling well. We were pleased to see **Art Meidinger** and **Tommy Douglas** out after their respective stays in hospital.

It was with regret that **President Gerry** announced that we have lost an active member of our club. **Ron Ewoniak** has resigned due to his busy retirement schedule. He will be traveling extensively and will not be able to attend functions.

The winners of the hockey pool for Game 10 were announced by **Dave Duchak**. Game 10 was on January 18th, and it was Team North America against Team World held in Vancouver. The winners were: first period, **Ivy Rennie** and **Bette McClure** (3 to 3), the second period winners were **Murrie Hurley** and **Reg Grandy** (6 to 5 for North America), and third period **Mike Matei** and **Graeme Glassford** (8 to 7 for Team North America).

From the stupidest things ever said department comes the British sportscaster who declared "That's twice now he has got between himself and the goal". Then there was the physician who noted on the chart of a patient who died "Patient failed to fulfill his wellness potential".

Roger 'give me my money now' **Russell** reported that our speaker for the February 3rd meeting will be Captain

Mark Erdman from the Edmonton Garrison. He will inform us about the move of troops from Calgary and British Columbia to Edmonton and what that means for the Garrison and the city. There has been a great deal of money spent and the impact is significant, so be sure to come out and bring a friend for this interesting presentation.

Our good friend and bowling organizer, **John Plunkett**, reported on the mixed bowling event held on January 17th. There were about 30 "bowlers" out from our club and the Crossroads Club. Our members came to have fun, the Crossroads people came to win the prizes. The first game was an ordinary game where each person tried to maximize his or her score and the team with the highest score also won. The winning team with a score of 584 was comprised of John Lover, Kay Leeson, and **John Stroppa**. This game also resulted in the prizes for the highest and lowest individual scores. The highest score for women was Kay Leeson (186) and for men Brian Leeson (178). The lowest score for women was **Paulette Schulte** and for men was **Allan Douglas**. Due to an unfortunate oversight those scores were not published.

The second game was a team effort was a bingo game where the first team to get all of the scores on the card won. The winning team was John Lover, **John Stroppa**, **Gerry Glassford**, and Kay Leeson. The final game was also a team game, travel around Alberta. Each team had to get a certain score to move to the next location. For example a strike to get from Edmonton to Red Deer, a score of 13 to move on to Drumheller etc. The winners were **Marty Larson**, **Yvette Stroppa**, **Jack Ellis** and **John Plunkett**. Both of these games were a lot of fun and got team spirit cranked.

Upcoming Events: Regular noon meetings will be held on February 3rd and 17th.

On **February 12th** we will celebrate Valentine's at the Mayfield Inn Dinner Theatre. There is a comedy entitled 'Moon over Buffalo'. Assuming we have 50 people, the cost will be \$20 per person (\$27 for guests) for a huge buffet dinner and the play. The buffet opens at 6:00 p.m. and the play starts at 8:00 p.m.

Our annual bocci night will be held on Monday March 2nd, 1998. Details to follow but book the time now for a terrific meal and stiff competition. **NOTE: There will NOT be a regular meeting on Tuesday March 3rd.**

President Gerry announced that the **District VIII Interim Convention** will be held at Fairmont from March 20 to 22, 1998. This is a great event for fun and a mountain holiday so book soon. There is a limited number of reserved rooms so we need to register early at the hotel. Call them toll free at 1-800-663-4979. Please note the phone number, your faithful scribe got it wrong in the last Gyrolog.

Our guest speaker was Dennis Henke from the Trappers who talked about the change in baseball to big business while it has retained its entertainment value. His talk was entertaining and informative. In the draw he first drew **John Ross's** name, but since he was not there **Walter Yakimets** got a free lunch.