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January 2, 2001

There were 30 in attendance including Craig Senych, our guest speaker and **District VIII Governor, Don Greig.**

Health of the Club: **Gord Robertson** was back in action, **Eleanor** is making good progress in her recovery although getting a bit impatient and **Dick Ogilvie** was pleased to receive the card we had sent. All-in-all, the kind of report we like to get from Mort.

Don Greig did an excellent job of inducting our newest member **Peter Butler**. **Don** pointed out the significant role that the Gyro Club of Edmonton has played in promoting and working for the good of Gyro at the Club, District and International level and the recognition that many of our members have received over the years. He expressed the hope that new members will perpetuate this strength through the introduction of their friends to the great Fraternity of Gyro. **Peter** was sponsored by **John Ross** and **Geoff Brewer**. Thanks guys, and welcome **Peter**.

Dick Nichols introduced our guest speaker, Craig Senych, a former Spartan Controls colleague. Craig is a professional engineer and is Vice President Sales and Marketing, **TRAKWARE systemsinc**. **TRAKWARE** is a Company providing complete business solutions for smaller companies (500-1000 employees) in the manufacturing sector using high tech applications via the Internet.

TRAKWARE's market is predominantly in the USA but, using this on-line approach, it is able to successfully operate out of Edmonton. Craig pointed out a number of advantages and disadvantages of choosing Edmonton as home base. The cost of transportation to destinations south of the border is high and connections are often difficult to make. It is also difficult for high tech companies to raise capital in Canada. On the positive side, Free Trade and the value of the Canadian dollar is a real plus. Edmonton offers a well educated work force and a strong communications infrastructure.

Peter Carter thanked our speaker and didn't miss the opportunity to suggest a travel agency that might be able to help keep TRAKWARE's travel costs down.

Geoff Brewer won the draw after a number of false attempts by Craig to find a winning card – makes you wonder doesn't it.

Again many thanks to **David Burnett** for writing the Gyrolog for January 2, 2001.

January 16, 2001

President Bruce welcomed 26 Gyros and 8 guests to the second meeting of 2001. **Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio and **Gord Rennie** asked the blessing with the help of Robbie Burns.

Ted Hagemann introduced Wayne Tingley, **Bruce Foy's** guests were Tom Chambers and Karl Ewaniak, **Allan Warrack** introduced Max Stewart, **Walter Yakimets** brought out Arthur Butler, **Mike Matei** introduced Barry Johns and **David Burnett** re-introduced Peter Fairbridge.

Dave Duchak reported on the hockey pool. In game 8 on January 7 when the Columbus Blue Jackets visited Edmonton. After the first it was 2:1 for the Oilers and the \$10 winners were Bernie Heron, Linda Agnew, and John Ursulak. The second period and final scores were the same so Andrew Burnett and Auston Power each pocketed \$40.00.

In game 9 on January 12, 2001 the Oilers hosted the Canucks and with a 1:1 tie after one, **Jean Warrack** and **Owen Cornish** won \$10. It was tied 2:2 after the second and **Bob Lippe** and **Victor Jagoldas** won \$15. The Canucks prevailed in the third and with a final score of 3:2 the \$25 winners were Robert Lineker and **Victor Jagoldas** (with a different ticket that period two).

Mort Morter advised us that **Dick Ogilvie** would be happy to see visitors. Peter Carter advised that **Al McClure** is home from the south for tests and will have to wait a while for them.

FIRST POSTING: Peter Fairbridge has applied for membership to our club. He is retired and married to Marjory and they live at 3105 110A St., T6J 3E9. Their telephone number is 435-5629. They have two adult children one of each gender. Peter is proposed by **David Burnett** and his seconder is **Marty Larson**.

Victor Jagoldas introduced our guest speaker, Jim Edwards, the CEO of Economic Development Edmonton. He has a long history in broadcasting in Edmonton, was an MP for 9 years and worked in the life insurance industry. Jim explained that Edmonton is one of the fastest growing centres in Canada with a GDP growth of 4.4% in 2000 and 4.3% projected for 2001. Ottawa Hull is growing at 5.1% and Calgary at 3.8%. the Conference Board of Canada stated that the Greater Edmonton area is the most diverse metropolitan economy in the country.

Jim outlined the Greater Edmonton Competitiveness Strategy designed to have firms collaborate regionally and compete globally. There are currently 556 major projects underway in Northern Alberta and 17 are of \$1 billion or more.

THE CONGRATULATIONS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to **Peter Carter** and his staff at Peter Carter Travel for winning an award from Carnival Cruise Lines for being the Top Producing Advantage Travel & Cruise Centre in the prairies for the year 2000. Now we know the reason they have such good prices, they have the volume. Great news Peter, you are helping Edmonton's economic success!

A little boy kept his offering when the plate was passed at church. But after the service, he hurried up to the preacher and handed him the coin.

"Why didn't you put it on the offering plate?" the preacher asked.

"I wanted to make sure you got it," the boy replied. "My dad said we never had such a poor preacher."

Upcoming Events:

Our next regular meeting will be on February 6, 2001 and the speaker will be Grant McCarthy from Beaver Plastics which is a fast growing firm in northwest Edmonton. It should be an interesting event, bring a friend.

Valentines Party: **Walter Yakimets** announced that the Valentines Party will be held on February 20th at Bridges Café & Restaurant, 9028 Jasper Avenue. The cost is \$35 per person and includes wine with dinner. Drinks at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. A sign up sheet will be available at the next luncheon meeting and **Walter** will be prepared to lighten your wallets at that time. And remember, **Walter** has a reputation for great events! **(There will be a regular luncheon meeting on Feb. 20th as well.)**

District VIII Interim Meeting will be at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort March 16-18. This is a fine spot to put winter behind us. Our President will do all the work and the rest of us can soak in the hot pool!

See more information on District VIII and International in the attached correspondence from **Governor Don Greig**.

Same Old Bull

Allan

