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With an air of relief, and a mild surprise that it was happening so quickly, **President Gerry** called his last Gyro meeting to order. As tends to happen, when we have an important meeting we (a) had a good turnout, and (b) were stuck in the small lower level room at the Mayfair. Choosing to go out in a blaze of glory, **President Gerry** first led us in Cheerio and then asked the blessing. (Do you think he is afraid that no one is going to ask him to speak again?)

We were all pleased to see **Al McClure** had returned from hibernation in a sunny clime, and **Peter Carter** was in attendance (but he had an ulterior motive). In the latest version of the Mixed Golf Whine, which originated with **Ernie Siegel**, and was embellished by **Owen Cornish**, **Barry Walker** reminded members of the tournament on July 22nd, and floored us by saying he needed prizes. He even offered pick up service to be provided by **Roger Russell**. **Janet** says there is something to be said for having **Roger** pick you up.

About to be President **Jack Ellis**, reported that there were 35 people at the Derrick Golf Club for the bridge wind up. The winners were **Mary Foy** in first place, followed by **Shirley Larson**. The high scoring men were **Marty Larson** and **Jack Ellis**. The high spare was **Allan Warrack**.

The birthdays this time were **Larry Wang** on April 5, **Wes Van Dusen** on April 12, **Fred Schulte** on April 13, with **Mort Morter** and **Gord Rennie** sharing April 24.

On the health of the club, **John Stroppa** informed us that he had contact with former member Andy Carobot who got through a heart bypass operation but is now dealing with cancer. However, he did appear to be relatively strong.

From the saying dumb things and typing error department, you can always rely on former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle. He said "It isn't pollution that's

harming our environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.

And then there was the Maryland news broadcaster who gave the following early morning report. "The farmers in the Annapolis Valley are pleased to announce that this year there will be an abundance of apples. This is particularly good news because most of the farmers haven't had a good crop in years".

Our guests were Jean Lawton from the Tipton community and Diane Gunn from the City of Edmonton. The City found that some of the equipment in Gyro Park 3 did not meet modern safety requirements and had to be removed. The community is intent on restoring as much of the park as possible and to maintain it as a Gyro Park. This means refurbishing most of the equipment. The community has asked our club to financially support the interpretive centre and to participate in an old fashioned parade when the park re-opens in 1999.

After our guests left we had our election campaigns for the two new Directors. The four campaigners were **Peter Carter, Haig Lewis, John Plunkett, and Walter Yakimets**. After four entertaining presentations and a host of rash election promises, it was ballot time. We all congratulate and welcome our new Directors for 1998 to 2000, **John Plunkett, and Walter Yakimets**. On the third try, **Haig Lewis** won the free lunch.

Upcoming events

The annual **Quad Club Installation** and dance will be held on Saturday May 2nd, and is being organized by Don Greig of the Sherwood Park Club. This is a must event for all Gyros. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Centre which is a recently renovated version of the former Highway Hotel at 4520 76 Avenue. Cocktail will be at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00, Installation Ceremonies at 8:00 and dancing from 9:30 onwards. The cost is \$60.00 per couple. This includes the Float Away breakfast hosted by the Sherwood Park Club on Sunday May 3rd, 1998. Lets have a great turnout from the Edmonton Club.

Mike Matei wishes to advise all Gyros that the St. Albert Club and organizer Gerry Hood have confirmed the date of Thursday June 4th, 1998 for the annual Gyro Golf Tournament at the Reverend Golf Club in Red Deer. The first Tee time is at 9:00 a.m. and will follow last year's format of two different events. You may enter as an individual in stroke play or enter to play in a two man best ball event. Cost for the event including golf, Barbecue and prizes is \$60 each. If you are planning to attend, please contact **Mike Matei**.

From July 2 to 5 The International and District IV Conventions will be held in Penticton, British Columbia. There are a number of Edmonton Gyros planning on attending that event and a convoy to travel there and back is being planned. Joins us and help us win the man/mile award.

Barry Walker reminded us that the annual Gyro Golf Scramble will be on Wednesday July 22, 1998 at Westridge. Once again thanks to the generosity of the **Van Dusens**, we will have a BBQ afterwards at their ranch. As has become the custom, **Barry** is eager for prizes and is willing to store them until the event.

The District VIII Convention is being hosted by the Gyro Club of Calgary From August 13-16, 1998. The information has just come out. Registration is \$270.00 per couple and it will be at the Carriage House Inn.