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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

February 16, 1984

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 1984, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

1. District VIII Interim Meeting - March 2 through 4, 1984, at Lethbridge Alberta. If you plan to attend please advise George B. Evans, 12504 - 66 Avenue, T6H 1Y5. Phone 434-1849.
2. The Trail Gyro Club Installation Party and Dance will be held Saturday, March 31, 1984 at the Elks' Hall. Cost: \$30.00 per couple. Write or telephone Robert L. Redman, Trail Gyro Club, P.O. Box 101, TRAIL, B.C., V1L 4L3. Phone: (603) 368-3462.
3. Wind-Up Bridge Club Party, Friday, May 25, 1984, Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Cocktails: 6.00 p.m. Dinner: 7.00 p.m. Bridge: 8.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Cost: \$13.00 per person. Visitors are cordially invited to attend. For further information telephone, please, Betty or Dick Hunt at 437-0905.

BIRTHDAYS

Herb Hamly; February 16; Charles Darwin February 12

"We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities . . . still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin." - Charles Darwin.

SICK AND VISITING

Andy Carabott spent a few days at home following a physical examination and further tests.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A note from Peggy Barr, a recent winner in the Gyro Hockey Sweepstakes, expressed her thanks for the cheque.
2. A thank-you note was received from Gay Rutherford for the support from the Gyro Benevolent Fund during the past year. This financial help enabled her to spend a week-end at Camp He-Ho-Ha and also to purchase a new watch.

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Game No. 12, February 4, 1984

- \$10.00 - Peggy Barr, Ticket No. 714; Rita Kraft, Ticket No. 825.
- \$15.00 - Cor. Van Amsterdam, Ticket No. 724; Shirley Larson, Ticket No. 835.
- \$25.00 - Don Maskell, Ticket No. 734; Glenn Traacy, Ticket No. 845.

Game No. 13, February 11, 1984

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Bernie Brown, Ticket No. 915.
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THIS WEEK

The following were introduced and made welcome by Chairman Allan Warrack:
District ^{Governor} Will Jim Little, Burn Evans of Alberta Parks and Recreation, Les
Kerrison, father of Bob, Don Whipple, and Sandy Rennie, son of Gordon and
Ivy, and brother-in-law of Allan Warrack.

Marty Larson was called upon to introduce the guest speaker, John Amatt,
the Business Manager of the Canadian Mount Everest Expedition that success-
fully scaled this mighty peak in October, 1982. With some 25 years experi-
ence in mountain climbing Mr. Amatt recently established a company, One Step
Beyond, with headquarters at Canmore, Alberta. This company features Trails

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to High Adventure Tours. So if you wish to rejuvenate your pioneer spirit with a trip to Equatorial Ecuador, Nepal Himalaya, Arctic Canada, or the Peruvian Andes, John is your man.

Mr. Amatt stated that there was great interest among Canadians following this expedition, and that he had already given over 500 illustrated presentations of the climb.

He likened it to reaching the top in any field of endeavor, and stressed several principles for success.

He said that teamwork is essential because there are many individuals required for the various tasks, and each must play a specific role. With so many different personalities living together for 6 weeks in a relatively limited area it was inevitable that frustrations and clashes would occur; but these had to be submerged so that all could work for a common goal.

\$100,000.00 worth of equipment was required, and a number of Sherpas, not only to pack in this equipment but to act as guides. The speaker said that a Sherpa was equal in ability and status to any member of the expedition, but that Sherpas on the whole did not receive the credit they deserved.

Mr. Amatt suggested that in both mountain climbing and in other walks of life one must be able to adapt to changing and unfavorable conditions. Avalanches, shifting ice fields, crevasses opening and closing, and constantly blowing winds at upwards of 100 miles an hour presented ever present dangers to which they had to adapt. One avalanche which gathered speed as it developed swept 4 Sherpas and 3 expedition members to their deaths. Later it was found that a crack a mile in length in an ice field higher up had released hundreds of tons of ice and snow.

~~As one overcomes these extreme obstacles, said the speaker, and nears the summit,~~ the climber accepts this as a personal challenge, and reaches inwardly to find deep but hidden resources of strength and resolution.

The last few hundred feet of climbing, he said, is the most difficult. The body is weakened by the physical and mental challenge. General fatigue, loss of body fluid, and lack of oxygen will have taken their toll. But at this point latent sources of inner strength take over and in a relatively short time one man stands at the summit of the earth.

One lone man, an Italian, made the climb in 3 days on the north col; but he had prepared himself well.

Since the first successful ascent by Sir Edmond Hillary, and Tensing Norkay in 1953 there have been a number of successes. Once the impossible has been accomplished people recognize that it can no longer be considered unique as many duplicate the feat.

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Roger Russell won the draw.

The story is told of an alleged tight-fisted, one time president of the Royal Bank of Canada, Sir Herbert Holt, who was mountaineering in Banff National Park. One of his guides was blazing a trail, cutting out some undergrowth along a narrow ledge near the tree line. Swinging the axe vigorously, he missed the sapling; the force of the stroke pulled him over the ledge and he disappeared into the gorge several hundred feet below. "My Gawd!" cried Sir Herbert in anguish. "There goes my new axe!"

So much for basic values in mountain climbing.

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