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President Dick welcomed everyone to another fine day in paradise. There were 33 members and 1 guest Dick, a friend of **Allan Warrack**, came in wearing a Flames T shirt and received solid support from our members.

After a fine repast **Mike Matei** delivered the budget. A motion to accept by **Mike** was seconded by **Marty Larson**. **Mike** also reviewed the financial report (prepared by **Jack Ellis**) for the past year. Our members' equity has grown a further \$2,750.00 With our lower dues maintained at \$200.00 we had further surpluses. This was largely due to little money being spent on Presidents and Vice-Presidents at 2003-04 Gyro conventions.

President Dick called up our senior members one at a time and presented long term service pins to the following members:

Bryce Van Dusen - 25 year pin in this his 39th year of membership (since 1965). **David Burnett** - 25 year pin in this his 26th year of membership (since 1973). **Ernie Siegel** - 25 year pin in this his 26th year of membership (since 1973). **Mort Morter** - 25 year pin in this his 27th year of membership (since 1972). **Marty Larson** - 40 year pin in this his 40th year of membership (since 1964). **Marty** turned in his 25 yr. pin in exchange for this 40th one. **Gord Rennie** - 50 year pin in this his 54th year of membership (since 1950). **Dave Duchak** - 50 year pin in this his 61st year of membership (since 1943).

Congratulations to all you gents. We your fellow members are pleased to celebrate this occasion with you.

President Dick reviewed the 2004-05 schedule (pink pages) assigning dates and times to our events for the coming year. As always there will be additions and

changes and an updated version will be issued in a timely way. **Dick** asked members to read page 3 instructions as this lays out the expectations of the program teams.

Dave Burnett gave notice of the passing of former member **Dan Lawton's** wife. **Edna** passed away on May 25, 2004 and a funeral service was held on Monday May 31, 2004. **Mort Morter** informed us **Andy Friderichsen** had a revisit to the hospital for adjustments to his hip replacement. He is home recovering at the present time.

Bruce Foy reviewed volunteer placements and organizational details of the Prostate Golf Tournament.

Gerry Glassford volunteered as the fill in for **Allan Douglas** in garnering notes for the Gyrolog.

Thank you to **President Dick** for taking the notes for this Gyrolog. Also thank you to **Gerry** for volunteering to ensure the Gyrolog is published.

Here is a story that I stole from **Keith Bradley's** Park Points.

The steps at the Parliament Hill Building needed some repairs so bids are taken from contractors from across the country.

First, a contractor from Toronto looks it over. After a session of measuring and figuring, he presents his bid. "I can do it for \$19,000", he says. "I'd need \$9,000 for materials, \$9,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

Next, a redneck from Calgary does his measuring and calculating, then says "I'll do it for \$17,000. \$8,000 for materials, \$8,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

Last, a Liberal-friendly advertising firm from Montreal steps up. Without even looking at the job site, he says "I'll do it for \$57,000". Surprised at how high it is, the man taking the bids asks him to explain it. "It's simple", he says, "\$20,000 for me, \$20,000 for you, and we hire the guy from Calgary".

FIRST POSTING. **John Plunkett** has recommended his friend, Jack Brown, for membership in our Club. Jack's spouse is Joyce and they reside at 1334-119B St. NW, (City of Champions) T6J 7H5. Home phone 434-0392. Jack is a retired physician whose special interests are golf, bridge and playing keyboard. Thanks **John** for recommending your friend for membership. We look forward to having Jack join our merry throng!

Wayne Tingley sends the following greeting and invitation from Vernon.....

We have now moved to our home in Predator Ridge near Vernon BC. We love it out here. The course is very beautiful, but tough, and the scenery and natural beauty of the area is terrific.

I just want to thank everybody at the club for making Paulette and I feel welcome for the few years that we were members. The comradery of the club is fantastic and the clubs out here could take a lesson from Edmonton. Sticking to traditions such as singing Cheerio etc. is not practiced by some of the other clubs I have been to. You guys are a great model.

For you golfers that make it to BC, make sure you look Paulette and I up. As we are members and I also work as a starter on the course three days a week, we can get you an exceptional rate of \$62/person. This includes driving range facilities and cart with GPS. For Edmontonians that may not sound like such a good deal but the regular rate is \$104 plus cart (\$20/person riding).

Take care and keep up the great social club that I truly miss.

*Wayne Tingley
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The Edmonton Space and Science Foundation announced its 2004 Board of Directors. One of the directors is **Dr. Larry Wang**, Presidential Advisor International Affairs, U of A.

Please add the business number 495-3312 for **Carlyle Ross**, to your Gyro Roster.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For the meeting of June 15, 2004, **John Reid** has arranged for our guest speaker to be Ray Block who is the CEO of the Alberta Mental Health Board. He will inform us about the new mental health system that is being implemented in the province.

The Annual Gyro Golf Tournament is set for Thursday, June 17, 2004 at the Riverbend Golf Course in Red Deer with the first tee time at 9:00 AM. The Edmonton Crossroads Club (**Brian Dunnigan**) is looking after the organization this year and advises that the cost including golf, power cart, barbeque dinner and prizes will be \$95.00. If you are planning to attend, please forward your cheque, payable to the Edmonton Crossroads Gyro club, to **Mike Matei**, or directly to **Brian Dunnigan**. Your earliest confirmation is appreciated.

The meeting on July 6, 2004 will feature a report on the International Gyro Convention.

The Gyro and Gyrette 9 hole golf scramble has been booked for the Legends Golf & Country Club for Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. with a BBQ to follow. Cost is \$45.00 including golf, dinner and wine or \$25.00 for dinner if you prefer not to golf. Golfers are required to pay for their own cart. Please contact **Barry Walker** for more details and signing up.

Lethbridge's 2004 District VIII Convention will be at Waterton Lakes National Park August 5 – 8 and includes a boat trip and breakfast at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Application forms are in the current issue of the Gyroscope.

The Quad Club golf tournament is being run by the Edmonton Gyro Club this year and will be held at the Legends Golf & Country Club on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. with a BBQ to follow. Cost is \$65.00 including golf, cart, dinner and wine or \$25.00 for dinner if you prefer not to golf. The funds must be received by Monday, August 23, 2004 to secure your spot. Please contact **Barry Walker** for more details and signing up.

John Stroppa reports that he and his team of **Harry Nash** and **Val Pohl** have arranged an afternoon of thoroughbred racing on Sunday September 26, 2004. He has reserved the private **Upper Sky Suite** at Northlands Park. Mark your calendars, more information will follow.

Same Old Bull

Allan

