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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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AT OUR LAST MEETING - our chairman was Past President Neil Sheidow, who told a couple of stories from his joke book to start things off. Neil <sup>then</sup> advised that President Merrill was waiting to go into hospital; that V/Pres. Rev. Bill Graham was at a funeral, and that 2nd V/Pres. John Ross was in England, boating on the Thames. He likened himself to I.P.P. Roger Russell who always said he was "poor, young & Struggling". Neil in turn said he was "poorer, but younger and struggling harder!"

Our guest speaker was Colonel Norman F. Oslund, Commandant of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, Northern Alberta Division.

Col. Oslund, who was introduced by Ken McKenzie, gave us a very interesting talk about the Corps, which was founded in England in 1859 by Captain Edward Walter, who had served in the Crimean War. His aim was to provide dignified and worthwhile employment for veterans, who were without pensions or prospects.

The Canadian Corps was established in 1925 and in Edmonton in 1939 for Canadian ex-servicemen. Today the list qualified to join the Commissionaires, include men and women with service in Canadian Armed Forces, Regular and Primary Reserves, and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Also eligible are those who have served in the armed forces of an allied government during a period of war.

Today there are some 13,000 Commissionaires serving 18 Divisions across Canada. The Northern Alberta Division employs some 440 people who are fully trained for various types of work, including Security Patrols, Airport & Industrial Security, By-Law Enforcement, Parking lot/Cashiering duties, etc.

The Corps is a non profit organization and not operated by any Government organization.

Bryce Van Dusen expressed the thanks of our club to Col Oslund for his talk & visit.

BIRTHDAYS - Greetings were given to Dick Ogilvie who celebrated on June 3rd; and to Howard Wilson and Rev. Bill Graham who share the birthdate of June 17th. Chairman Neil Sheidow announced that the famous Giovanni Casanova was born on June 4th and that he was a librarian first and a lover second. Neil suggested that perhaps we should do more reading!

RED DEER GOLF - this popular annual event was held at the Riverbend Golf Course on June 6th with a good all round attendance & guests. Tournament Chairman Rick Little and assistant Brian Dunnigan did a fine job of handling arrangements.

The weather was good, the course in fine shape (despite the water hazards) and the dinner following was very good.

There were a lot of prizes and while the list of winners is not at hand, the low gross went to Tony Valentine (Calgary G.C.) who had a 77 - nice work! The tournament trophy this year went to the Stampede City Club. Our thanks to Rick and Brian for their work on our behalf. The Gyro Club of Edmonton is responsible for running next year's tournament.

EXTERNAL EXTENSION - a concerted effort is being made to try and establish a Gyro Club in the City of St Albert, AB. The following Gyros, Keith Bradley (S/Park) Rick Little (Xrds) Mike Matei and Int'l V/P Marty Larson have been working hard on this project and hope to have something firmly established by 1 September.

If any Gyro member knows of anyone who lives in St Albert, whom they think might be interested in becoming a Gyro, will you please give the persons name to Marty Larson.

Any help you can give will be most appreciated and assist in reaching the membership goal established by Gyro International of "55 in 95" plan; i.e. 5500 members by 1995.

STAMPEDE CITY GYRO CLUB INSTALLATION - was held at the Elks Lodge & Golf Club in Calgary on Saturday June 8th. The dinner and dance was well attended and much enjoyed. Attending from our club were Al & Bette McClure, David & Marlene Burnett, and Gord & Ivy Rennie. Representing Crossroads Gyro Club was their President Bob Pringle. Your writer was privileged to conduct the Installation of Officers on behalf of 1st Lt-Gov Norm Billington, who was unable to attend for health reasons.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the new Executive and Board of Directors who are:- Directors, Al Stuart: Wes Fillo: Ed McCallion and Paul Stout: Treasurer Wib Clarke: Secretary Jim Duncan: V/President Bill Cherniak and President Dale Kary. During the evening we were happy to welcome a new member, Tim Fowler, to whom we wish a long, happy association with his new family of friends.

On the Sunday morning a breakfast was held at the home of President Dale and Edna Kary, which ended a most enjoyable visit with our Stampede City friends.

ON THE HORIZON - GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 17 to 23 June at Niagara Falls, Ont. There is still time to register - check the details in your latest issue of the Gyroscope.

DISTRICT EIGHT CONVENTION 18 to 21 July in Regina, Sask., will be here before you know it. Don't miss out on this get together, you will enjoy and appreciate the fun and fellowship that is Gyro at it's best. You have a whole bunch of friends waiting to meet with you.

GYRETTES CORNER - Just a reminder - The Gyrettes Past President's Luncheon will be held at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 19 June at the Mayfair Golf Club. RSVP only if you are unable to attend, by calling Marlene Burnett at 435-1837.

CASH DRAW - the winner at our last meeting was Boyd Slavik. Don't spend it all at once!

SMILES & CHUCKLES - The uncertainty of the law is perhaps best illustrated by the poor fellow who was sued by his wife for impotency, and by their maid for being the father of her child - and lost both cases!

I just wish there was something left these days that can honestly be called unmentionables.

VOX POP - Putting something away for a rainy day requires a much longer stretch of clear weather than it used to. (Andy Carabott)

A friend is a present that you give yourself. (Dave Duchak)

Great leaders never set themselves above their followers, except in carrying their responsibilities. (David Burnett).

Ever wonder why you can't claim a baby born in January on the previous year's tax return? After all, it's business transacted in the previous year. (Ed Edlund)

Character is what you know you are - not what others think you are. (Jim Little, Crossroads)

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the worm! (Keith Bradley - Sherwood Park)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Tomorrow looms, then it's today,  
So if you have a debt to pay  
Or work to finish, don't delay,  
Tomorrow never comes.

The putting right of some mistake;  
The gesture that you meant to make,  
The habit that you vowed to break,  
Tomorrow never comes.

So do it now, for fate can play  
Some funny tricks, time slips away,  
Better that you act today -  
Tomorrow never comes.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 18 June 1991

Place: Mayfair Golf Club

~~Time: 12:00 noon.~~

Our Program Team Leader is Al McClure, who reports that Detective Gerry Yohemas of the Edmonton City Police Force, accompanied by one of their Board members, will address our club on the current CRIME STOPPER PROGRAM.

This important and very timely topic will no doubt be a very interesting one. So mark your calendar now so that you don't miss out.

We look for a good attendance, so come out and bring us a new friend to meet.

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