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President Dick welcomed forty five Gyros, our guest speaker, and one guest, to another beautiful day in paradise. **Larry Dobson** led us in a spirited version of Cheerio and **David Burnett** asked the blessing.

Bruce Foy introduced his guest, his brother Jim.

The large turnout of Gyros was the result of members of the Sherwood Park, Crossroads, and St. Albert Clubs joining us for a visit by **Second International Vice-President, Al Sinicrope** and **District VIII Governor Al Clark**.

The largest contingent was from the Sherwood Park Club that was represented by **President Rikke Dootjes**, joined by **Don Greig, Keith Bradley, Dale Woodroff, Richard Dickinson, Bernie Kropp, Bill Austin, Sid Slade**, and **Second Lieutenant Governor of District VIII, Erik Braun**.

The following illustrious members made the presence of the Crossroads Club known. **President Don Kashman, Harf Watson, Brian Dunnigan, Bryan McMullen**, and **Bill MacLean**.

The St. Albert Club had quality representation by **President David Jones** and **Red Laychuk**.

Val Pohl introduced our guest speaker, Jay Ball who is the Executive Director of Junior Achievers. The organization was founded in Edmonton in 1964 and it offers courses in conjunction with the schools related to business. Young people also start businesses with mentors from JA so that they can learn about business from a practical perspective.

The three themes that are emphasized by JA are that: it is good to be in business, the free enterprise system results in many benefits to our country, and it is important to contribute to the community. There are a series of initiatives that JA has launched to appeal to students in elementary, junior high and high schools.

On our behalf, **Jack Ellis** thanked Jay for his enthusiastic and informative presentation. Jay, in turn, drew **Jack's** name for a free lunch.

Mike Matei informs us of a change of address for **Ernie and Beth Siegel**. Their new address is 2B, 10050 - 118 Street. T5K 2M8. Their phone number remains the same

President Dick reported that the following gentlemen are celebrating birthdays in August. In order they are **Bruce Foy, Walter Yakimets, Peter Fairbridge, Allan Douglas, and Dave Duchak**.

Gerry Glassford reported that former **International President Larry Braun** is recovering well from an operation.

A gimme is a putt so short you would never have missed if the stingy SOB you're playing with had been enough of a sportsman to concede it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Erik Hedegaard reported that he and **Tom Chambers** have arranged for an exciting speaker for our September 7th meeting. He is John Chomiak who is with Hemispheric Engineering who will be talking about disease control centres such as the ones in Winnipeg and Atlanta and their importance to all of us. Bring a friend out to this interesting event.

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. **John** has reserved the Upper Sky Suite on the 4th floor of the Spectrum at Northlands Park with its balcony access. Take elevator from main floor - left side. Limited free parking if grounds entered from Borden Park Road. The package includes a lunch buffet, private bar or cocktail service, racing program, convenient access to pari-mutual windows, and a group hostess to assist during the function. The buffet will be served approximately 12:30 pm. Post time is 1:00 pm. The cost to the Edmonton Gyro Club members and Gyrettes is \$24 per person. For guests the cost is \$28. Please make all cheques payable to Gyro Club of Edmonton. To register please contact **John** 469-6133, **Harry** 482-1012 or **Val** 462-0511

Same Old Bull

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