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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Our last meeting on 16 November was chaired by First Vice President Barry Walker, who kept things under control and running smoothly; in his quiet, effective and humorous way. We were pleased to meet and welcome Allan Warrack's guest, Terry Cavanagh, the former Mayor of Edmonton; whose son Terry is a member of the Crossroads Gyro Club.

Allan then introduced his colleague from the University of Alberta, Dr. Allen Dobbs, Director of the Centre for Gerontology, who was our guest speaker. Following his introductory remarks, Allan then told us that just a few minutes earlier, he learned that Dan Lawton had once again made a contribution of \$1000.00 for the Centre, personally and directly to Dr. Dobbs.

In his talk Dr. Dobbs gave us a very interesting review of the current activities of the Centre as well as their goals, which include: - to foster research on aging; to promote educational opportunities in gerontology; and to communicate knowledge about aging to researchers, professionals and the community in general.

Our club has a special interest in the Centre because of the Gyro Endowment Fund that we established in 1989 for Gerontology. At that time and since, several of our members have personally made individual donations to the Fund. Consequently we were pleased to learn from Dr. Dobbs that the accrued interest from that Fund, has enabled the Centre to purchase a much needed computer.

Our thanks to Allan Warrack for arranging this program, and to John Pedden for very aptly expressing the thanks of our club to Dr. Dobbs for his visit.

Birthdays - greetings and best wishes were given to Garry Diment whose birthday was on November 14th, and to Gunnar Anderson who celebrates on November 24th.

Other Gyros who will be adding another milestone before our next meeting are: - John Plunkett on December 1st; and Dick Mandlis & Tony Sheppard, who share the same birth date of December 6th. Happy birthday to all - hope you have a great day!

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that Ivy Rennie was gradually recovering from her health problems, but that it is a slow process.

Garnet Nelson, a non-resident associate member of our club who lives in Kelowna, B.C., was recently hospitalized for surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery..

We understand that our good friend Bob Rowan of the Stampede City Gyro Club is still in hospital in Calgary. We send him our best wishes also for a successful recovery.

Correspondence - Chairman Barry Walker read a postcard we had received from Dan & Edna Lawton, mailed from Athens, Greece, while they were on a cruise. Dan beat the postcard home so he was thanked in person for keeping in touch.

Barry also read a letter from Dianne Allen, Executive Director of Grant MacEwan Community College, thanking us for holding our luncheon meeting of 19 October at the City Centre Campus.

Ticket Sales - two super salesmen went to work at our last meeting. Bert Boren very quickly and smoothly, sold us on buying tickets on a draw for a cruise; with the proceeds going to the Edmonton Symphony Association. Bert's "3 for \$5.00" pitch went well - no wonder he was formerly top man at Woodward's Stores!

Then not to be outdone and looking for equal time - Al McClure, our Hockey Pool Mogul, told us that he still has 9 tickets still for sale on the hockey pool. He reminded us that these tickets could easily include a winner from the first game, played on November 13th. Al also told us that not all the money from ticket sales had been turned in to him. If you are one of those people - please get your money to Al right away. Remember this hockey pool fund raiser takes a lot of work over the season, so the least we can do is to help Al and company by completing sales - pronto!

Hockey Pool Winners Circle - for the first game played on November 13th, from the tickets turned in to date; the winners are:-

1st period - \$10.00 Howard Wilson & Ann Ryan. 2nd period - \$15.00 Howard Wilson & Ann Ryan. Final Score - \$25.00 Warren Douglas.

Game on November 20th: 1st period \$10.00 Ray Wong: Lauren Warrack: Jennie Raskö: John Dingwell; Kirk Vander Ploeg. 2nd period \$15.00 Don McGarvey: C. Clement. Final score \$25.00 Justin Ogilvie: Alf Craig.

Game on November 27th: 1st period \$10.00 G. Heron & Grace Russell. 2nd period \$15.00 G. Heron & Grace Russell. Final Score \$25.00 Jim Warrack: Mike Lippe.

Club Executive Meeting - Barry Walker advised that the Club Executive & Board of Directors will be meeting on December 15th, at the home of President John Stroppa, at 7.30 p.m. A full attendance would be appreciated.

Gyrettes Corner - Bernice Pedden advised that your next meeting on December 14th at the Mayfair Golf Club, is your Christmas meeting. Cocktails at 6.30 dinner at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to bring a \$6.00 gift for a Gyrette. You are also asked to bring either one of the following items (or all three if you wish) for Winn House. (1) a pair of children's mittens. (2) a child's toy. (3) a small toiletry item for a mother. These items do not need to be wrapped.

Cash draw Pat Millard's name was drawn on Nov. 16th, but he wasn't there - so it's carry over!

Food For Thought - when you are thinking about Christmas time & giving, remember this:-

HUGS

There's something in a simple hug
That always warms the heart,
It welcomes us back home again
And makes it easier to part.

Hugs are meant for anyone
For whom we really care,
From your Grandma to your neighbor -
Or a cuddly teddy bear.

It's funny how a little hug
Makes everyone feel good,
In every place and language
It's always understood.

A hug's the way to share the joy
And sad times we go through,
Or just the way for friends to say
They like you 'cause you're you.

A hug is an amazing thing -
It's just the perfect way,
To show the love we're feeling
But can't find words to say.

And hug's don't need equipment
Special batteries or parts,
Just open up your arms
And open up your heart.

(Anon-Gyro)

Laughter is the best medicine - The late Sam Levenson, a well known Jewish humorist, always said that his mother was a great bargain hunter, with more than one method of dealing.

When Sammy was about to graduate from elementary school, Mama took him to the pushcart market to buy him a tie. She picked one out and the man asked her for fifty cents. To his utter astonishment, Mama paid it with no counter offer, no bargaining, just paid the price and said "thank you."

Sammy didn't dare ask, but on the way home, Mama read his mind. "You are wondering why your mother paid fifty cents for the tie without a word. Well you're a young man yet, but someday you'll understand. I never liked the man and today I'm getting even. Tonight he'll be ready to kill himself - because he didn't ask me a dollar."

Potpourri - Through the years, The Dolphin & Anchor have been used as a family crest, with the explanatory motto, "Festina Lente" (hasten slowly). It expresses moderation between two opposing ideas. In business, it means the medium between acting too quickly and waiting too long.

Vox Pop - Most of us know how to say nothing - but few of us know when. (Bernie Brown)

The idle mind knows not what it wants. (Andy Carabott)

No act of kindness no matter how small, is ever wasted. (Owen Cornish)

Health and intellect are two blessings in life. (Garry Diment)

The shortest and best way to make your fortune, is to let people see that it is in their best interest to promote yours. (Larry Dobson)

OUR NEXT MEETING

THE DATE - TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 1993
THE PLACE - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB
THE TIME - 12.00 NOON

Program Team No. 8 with Team Captain Gordon Robertson; Mort Morter and Tom Douglas are in charge of arrangements.

It's reported that our guest speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Ari Hoeksema, a man of many activities. His business is in Hot Water Systems, but he is involved in many other interests.

He is a member of the Arabian Horse Registry; a founding member of the Canadian Auctioneers Association, etc. etc. His topic has not been revealed, so we don't know whether he will be telling us about the Hot Water business, or perhaps about the breeding of Arabian horses. Then again he may demonstrate how one goes about conducting an auction.

- ③ Whatever his subject - it will be a surprise, so let's all attend and find out.
Your attendance will be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you - with a guest!

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