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Our Christmas party was a smashing success on Tuesday December 15 at the Petroleum Club. There were about 55 in attendance, including Jeff and Diane Brewer who were guests of John and Helen Ross. Helen got us into the Christmas spirit by reading "A Christmas Gift". The meal was excellent and the friendship warm. Other highlights of the evening included a recitation of Twas the Night before Christmas by Past President Gerry Glassford.

The ladies each received a gift with a saying inscribed. Those who shared their message were Valerie Walker, Jean Warrack, Marlene Burnett, Marg Ogilvie, and Florrie Van Dusen. We were all very pleased to see Gord and Ivy Rennie out to this event. Gord has enjoyed a great recovery and for that we are all thankful.

The evening was capped off with Helen Ross and Peter Carter leading us in Christmas carols. 1st Vice President Gord and Elinor Robertson organized this very successful event. We showed our appreciation with a warm round of applause and again thank them for their superb efforts.

This time I have three hockey games to report. On November 28, in game three the Senators were in Toronto. At the end of the first period the visitors led 2-0 and the winners were Kendra Russell and Fred Schulte. After two it was 2-1 and Terrie Ellis won (a second winner has not turned in the ticket). Toronto came from behind and the final score was 3-2 pleasing Amy Wilson and Bryce Van Dusen.

On December 5, game four saw Toronto at Montreal. There was no scoring in the first period and Brooks Ross, Dermot Baldwin and Murrie Hurley took home money. It was tied 2 all after two and Gracie Russell and Bob D'eath were rewarded. The final score was 4-3 for the leafs and Kendra Russell and Fred Schulte were back to collect.

The fifth game on December 12 saw Philadelphia at Toronto. (We sure get a lot of Leaf games). The visiting Flyers led 2-0 after both the first and the second periods and the winners were Deborah Lawton and **Bill Agnew** who collected \$10 after the first and \$15 after the second. With a final score of 3-0 Dave Wasulak and Edna Lawton each won \$25.

Dave Duchak wants to educate our members by pointing out that a cannibal is someone who is fed up with people and an egotist is someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

Birthdays are Larry Dobson on the 16th, Victor Jagoldis on the 20th, and Bob Lippe on the 21st.

For the last couple of issues I have failed to inform you that Allan Warrack's new book is now available. It is entitled 'Business and Government in Canada: Partners for the Future'. It will be used for teaching in January.

On December 22, 1998 we had a regular noon meeting with a special Christmas message provided by Reverend John Green of Strathcona Presbyterian Church. Rev. Green shared his negative feelings about the marketing, materialism and greed that is so pervasive at this time of year. He criticized the "calculated generosity" of many firms. The real message that keeps him optimistic is celebrating "the miracle of life and the wonder if living". He believes the season is about the life in us and seeing life all around us. **Roger Russell** thanked the speaker on our behalf.

Bruce Foy won a free lunch on the first draw.

Upcoming Events

Our next regular meeting will be on January 5th. Gunnar Anderson has arranged for Court Smith, the Chief Financial Officer of the Airport Authority to speak to us and present some slides about the airport. There will be major changes at the International over the next few years and it will be interesting to hear more about them.

John Plunkett reports that Pat Rasko is organizing the mixed bowling for Saturday January 16th. This is always a fun event with team competitions and serious bowling sidelined. Plan to attend, the cost is \$15 per person for bowling and food. It will be at the Edmonton Bowling Centre on Parsons Road just south of 34 Ave.

District VIII Interim will be in Fairmont from March 19 to 21, 1999. President Jack has more details. The room cost will be \$79.

The Sherwood Park Club is organizing a quad Club Golf Tournament at Broadmoor on August 30, 1999. It will start at noon and there will be room for 48 golfers. Dinner will be included. Details to follow.