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Subsequent to our meeting, John passed on the news that two others of our Gyro friends have resigned for personal reasons. Joseph Bogach and Peter Rausch will no longer share their time with us but we offer our thanks to them for their companionship and wish them good luck.

Brief mention was made of the good time enjoyed by all who took part in the mixed curling/dinner event on March 2nd and the equally enjoyable Bocci Night on

Members from the Sherwood Park Gyro Club boosted our numbers at the noon Mayfair meeting on Tuesday, March 19th, to an impressive forty two (that's 42 to our "bean-counters")

President Mike welcomed us to a busy agenda. **Larry Dobson** led Cheerio and our **Rev. Wm Graham** was back in form with a Grace that was filled with both meaning and humour. What a wonderful touch he adds to our luncheon.

We had several very welcome guests: **John Tartar** introduced **Ted Coldwell**; **Gord Robertson** presented soon-to-be-member, **Haig Lewis**; **Tony Sneppard** brought his son, **Grant**, as his guest. Sherwood Park Gyro president, **Jim Malott**, present his club members: **Barry Pratt**, **Paul Lennon**, and **Keith Bradley**. A very special guest was **Bob Tulk** of West Vancouver, our International President of Gyro. Your reporter had the pleasure of sitting next to Bob and found him a modest, very warm human being.

Bob was introduced by **Marty Larson** who then spoke to us of some ongoing international activities. He was very generous in his remarks referring to Edmonton. (One wonders if it was sympathy arising from the recent miserable, long winter!) I look forward to seeing this dedicated Gyro again at our July convention.

Some of the following are belated birthday wishes but they are sincere notwithstanding: **John Pedden**, March 2nd; **Roy Bennett**, March 17th; **Pat Rasko**, March 18th; **Ernie Siegel**, March 22nd; **Barry Walker**, March 29th; **Dan Lawton**, March 30th.

Bert Boren's only Health and Welfare news was that **Rick Little** had a recent report that indicated he had had a very favourable response to his cancer treatments. Rick, we all wish that the good news will continue.

It is with regret that we acknowledge the resignation of our club member, **Gary Diment**. Gary cited personal resigns for his decision in his letter of resignation. Thank you for sharing your friendship with us over the years, Gary.

March 4th. (Ed. Note: if you "gracious" winners in these events want names and details of your triumphs recorded in the Gyrolog, my telephone and fax are still working. Please wait for the fax beep after the recorded message for your fax transmissions.)

Six couples from our club enjoyed the District VIII Interim at Fairmont. **PYS** and Company did a fine job in promoting our July convention. Rumor has it that our promoters returned with 28 registration forms and *cheques*. Well done!

Another tip of the hat to **Jack Ellis** and **Gerry Glassford** for their contribution to the recent Gyroscope detailing the events and the fun to be had here in July. (Headquarters in Painsville notes that the Edmonton Convention has had the best publicity of any Gyro convention ever held.) All of this certainly speaks volumes for those dedicated Gyros that have done and are doing such a great job for us.

At the March 19th meeting, **Roger Russell** announced that 137 couples had registered for the July Convention; 28 of those are from our Edmonton club. We are expecting a good increase before the April 1st deadline for reduced registration fees.

Victor Jajoldas indicated to us that he still needs approximately seven more dancers for the Thursday, July 11th presentation. First practises will be at Vernon Barford School at 32 Fairway Drive on Wednesday April 10th. Ladies will practise the Charleston from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Men will join the ladies for the couples practise from 8:00 to 9:00pm. Concern has been expressed for keeping the gym floor clean so please take an extra pair of clean shoes suitable for dancing. Victor and Valorie's phone number is 434-2438.

Allan Warrack brought a news clipping from the Folio (U of A) dated 8 March 1996 where it was announced that **Dr Larry Wang**, professor of Biological Sciences, has been appointed Presidential advisor on International Affairs with emphasis on the Asian area. Congratulations, Larry.

Before the Tax Man gets to you, **Marty Larson** is selling Gyro golf shirts for \$25.00. His phone number is 434-9692.

Speaking of new phone numbers, **Dick Mandlis** has a new residential number - 489-2349. Scratch out the other number in your Gyro roster.

Larry Dobson introduced our guest speaker, **Gemini Waghmare**, Product Manager for EdTel. He spoke of the expanding use of the InterNet (currently some 30 million users in 220 countries). Your reporter has trouble operating a VCR, so imagine the bewildered look I wore as I struggled to keep pace with the information flow that seemed to flow so effortlessly from Gemini - he made it all sound so easy. Perhaps after a series of those lessons that Gemini told us were available through EdTel we could become a bit more conversant with this new technology. **Allan Warrack** thanked Gemini for his well prepared slides and speech.

The draw was won by **Tony Sheppard**.

SECOND POSTING

This is the second posting for **Haig Lewis** (wife **Betty**) of 4216-147th Street. Haig's sponsors are **Gord Robertson** and **Mort Morter**.

GYRO HOCKEY POOL

GAME 13	FEBRUARY 19TH	DETROIT AT TORONTO
1st Period	Bill Brook, Mike Babichuk	
2nd Period	Richard Weir, Edna Lawton	
Final Score	Keith Bradley, Irma Warrack	
GAME 14	FEBRUARY 17TH	CALGARY AT MONTREAL
1st Period	Natalie Danny	
2nd Period	Don Kashman, Richard Larocque, Gary Taylor	
Final Score	Brian Dunnigan, Gordon Rennie, Dennis Vachon	
GAME 15	FEBRUARY 24TH	DALLAS AT TORONTO
1st Period	Bette McClure, Ella Wilson, Ellen Boren	
2nd Period	Mark Power, Georgina Plunkett, Lynette Storoz	
Final Score	Mark Power, Georgina Plunkett, Lynette Storoz	
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GAME 16	MARCH 2ND	TORONTO AT DALLAS
1st Period	Gregg Watson, Ivan Ivankovich, Nancy Leversedge	
2nd Period	Lorraine Getzinger, Michael Lawton, Bob McCulloch	
Final Score	Ben Russell, Bob Clisdell, Allan Ursulak	
GAME 17	MARCH 9TH	CALGARY AT TORONTO
1st Period	Valerie Walker	
2nd Period	Don Hashman, Marc Lyberg, Gary Taylor	
Final Score	Gregg Watson, Wayne Kauffman, Nancy Leversedge	
GAME 18	MARCH 16	NEW YORK AT MONTREAL
1st Period	Gary Latimer, Don Cimino	
2nd Period	Gary Latimer, Don Cimino	
Final Score	Butch Agnew	

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27th	Executive meeting at President Mike's	- 7:30 PM
April 2nd	Election Meeting at Kelly's Saloon, Fort Edmonton beginning at 6:00 PM. Dine at 7:00 PM. \$25 per person. Barry Walker would appreciate early payment. (Note: No Mayfair Noon Meeting!!!) This is a very important meeting for all and we urge Gyros to make plans now to attend.	

Special notice - our incoming President will be decked out in his finest attire for this evening's event.

April 9th

Joint Gyro/Gyrette Convention Dinner Meeting. Mayfield Hotel. Cocktails at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. \$15.00 per person. This dinner meeting is designed to provide everyone with an update on Convention plans as well as opportunity to tour the Mayfield facility. Enquiries: **Dave Burnett** 435-1837 or **Marty Larson** 434-9692. This meeting will be the last all-member meeting before the Convention. Come taste the fare. Hear about the various programs planned for the Convention. Tour the hotel rooms. Join the excitement!

May 4th

Gyro/Gyrette Bridge Club wind up at the Balmoral Curling Club (same location as last year). Mark your calendar - details to follow.

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

Within days we reach a critical date - April 1 - the beginning of a new month but also the beginning of a new schedule of convention registration fees. It is not too late to take advantage of the special fee reductions offered by the convention committee but April 1 brings an end to their largesse. Call **Roger Russell** if you need any specific information on registration procedures, forms, or last minute procedures to follow to obtain you registration at the reduced cost.

If we take 600 as a reasonable target for registrants for the International Convention then we are almost half way there - over 137 couples are already registered and the numbers keep climbing. This is going to be a great event. If you haven't made a firm decision to come and join the excitement yet, then make that a positive decision today.



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