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**President Gord** welcomed us all for the first time in the new millennium and wished everyone the very best for the New Year. Since this was a mixed luncheon meeting to start the new century correctly there were 44 happy people out.

**Mike Matei** led us in Cheerio and **Gerry Glassford** asked the blessing.

**John Ross** introduced his mother in law, Irene Watson from Killarney Manitoba whom he and **Helen** had brought as a guest.

**Dave Duchak** gave the results of game 7 that was held on New Year's Day with the Edmonton Oilers visiting the Phoenix Coyotes. At the end of the first period the score was tied at 1:1 and the \$10 winners were Casandra Russell and C. Forester from Edmonton, and Gary Latimer from Hay River.

Edmonton slumped during the second period and at the end trailed 4:3. The winners of \$15 were **Lauraine Duchak** and Gordon Brook (these two were also winners last time). The Oilers came through in the third period with a final score of 5:4. The winners of the \$25 'superprize' were Brain Scranton of Kelowna and Angie Goodmundson of Edmonton.

A suggestion that has come forward is that some of our members might like to get the Gyrolog by email rather than snail mail. The advantages would be that it would arrive sooner and it would cut down the cost of postage for the club. I don't know how many have email or would like to use it but if you do let me know at [adouglas@oanet.com](mailto:adouglas@oanet.com)

For those who are interested in this option, I will send you the Gyrolog as soon as it is written and will tell **President Gord Robertson** so that he can take your name off of the mailing list.

**SECOND POSTING:** Dick Nichols has submitted an application to join the Edmonton Gyro Club. His proposer is **John Ross** and his seconder is **Geoff Brewer**. Dick was an employee of Spartan Controls and he is now enjoying retirement. He was born in Edmonton and contributed to his community as a Past President of the Edmonton Ski Club, a volunteer with the Canadian Ski Association and a member of his Community League Executive. Dick and his wife Marilyn have young adult children, a boy and a girl. They live at 7620 132 Ave., N.W. and their phone number is 476-3221.

**Walter Yakimets** introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Norm Kneteman, the head of the liver transplant unit at the University of Alberta Hospital. That facility is of the highest quality and Dr. Kneteman gave an excellent presentation about the progress in transplants since the first kidney transplant with identical twins in 1954. At the Ewe of Eh there were 3 liver transplants in 1989 and 69 in 1999. There were many interesting points including that in Canada there are only half as many organ donors as in Spain.

**John Ross** thanked the speaker on our behalf, indicating that one of our members, **Dick Mandlis** who had a kidney transplant about a year ago was not at the meeting because he was coaching a curling team in Calgary. There was no free lunch.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**There will be an Executive Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, at President Gord's home at 7:00 p.m. Officers and Directors, please note.**

Our next meeting will be a regular noon meeting at the Mayfair. **PIP Marty Larson** has arranged for our speaker to be **Jim Ross** who was the second President of the St. Albert Club.

The Gyro International Interim convention will be held in Palm Springs between January 11 and 16, 2000.

The **District VIII Interim** convention is scheduled for Fairmont Hot Springs Resort from Friday March 17 to Sunday March 19, 2000. Rooms should be reserved before January 17, 2000. The room rates are \$79.00 plus taxes. The registration fee for the Interim is \$125.00 per couple.

The International and District VII convention will be at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg from July 13 to 16, 2000.

This year the Sherwood Park Club is hosting the **District VIII Convention** at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. The dates are August 24 to 27, 2000. Lets have a large delegation to support our local club.

Same Old Bull - Allan



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