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President Dick welcomed 39 Gyros and 4 guests to another beautiful day in paradise. **Val Pohl** led us in Cheerio and **Jack Brown** asked the blessing. **Jack Brown's** guest was Warren Garbit, **Walter Yakimets** introduced Leon Bouvin and **Allan Douglas** welcomed Dave Forbes again. The other guest was our guest speaker Dr. David Wrangler.

PDG Gerry Glassford introduced the guest speaker David Wrangler who taught at the University of Alberta for many years and now teaches at UBC. He discussed Fukuyama's book the end of history and the last man. The theme of the book is that the world is moving towards liberal democracies. We have moved from a situation where there was freedom for one, the king, to freedom for some as in aristocracies, to freedom for all. In 1803 there were 3 countries that were liberal democracies, in 1920 there were 16, in 1986 there were 69 and in 1996 100 of 119 nations call themselves liberal democracies.

Jack Ellis thanked the speaker on our behalf and **John Stroppa** won a free lunch.

On April 5th **Larry Wang** is celebrating a birthday, as does **Fred Schulte** on April 13th, and **Mort Morter** on the 24th. **Gord Robertson** and **Harry Nash** share the 27th, and **Peter Butler** ends the month on the 30th.

Dave Duchak reported that Game 19 took place on April 9th with the Road Runners home to the St. John's Maple Leafs. Edmonton led 1:0 after one and the winners were **Marg Foy** and **Marlene Burnett**. It was tied at 1 after two and Ashley Salkeld and Rob McKinnon won \$15. The final score was 2:1 for the Maple Leafs and **Margaret Butler** and Sophie McKinnon won \$25.

The final game of the season was on April 16th with the reverse situation of Edmonton visiting St. John's. The Leafs were up 1:0 at the end of the first and the winners were **Jack Ellis** and Brianna McClure. With St. John's up 3:1 after two **Dave Duchak** and **Walter Yakimets** were winners and with a final

score of 4:1 the last big winners for the year were **Lauraine Duchak** and **Janet Russell**.

Marty Larson reported that there are 40 spots taken in the golf tournament so if any Gyros want to sign up there is a great opportunity. Also, if anyone wishes to make a donation to the Cancer Society through the Golf Tournament they are able to do so. The receipts are written by the Canadian Cancer Society not the Edmonton Gyro Club so any donations will be receipted in that way.

Marty wants to inform us about the following. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good)..... A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

John Ross advises that *Habitat for Humanity* is now gratefully accepting *Canadian Tire* 'Money' as a form of donation. With this 'money', *Habitat can* purchase lighting fixtures and other building materials for the homes being built here in Edmonton. So if you have any *Canadian Tire* 'money' stashed away, that you would just as soon give to *Habitat for Humanity*, please bring it with you to some future Gyro meeting. **John** will have a donation box there, and will forward the 'money' to *Habitat* on a periodic basis. (*Habitat's mission* is to provide hope to the lives of low income families through home ownership, by building simple, decent and affordable homes, with the assistance of volunteers and community partnerships.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

President Dick advises that the 81st Executive Installation of the Edmonton Gyro Club will take place on April 30, 2005 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club. The reception is at 6:00 PM and dinner featuring roast prime rib at 7:00. The cost is \$50 per person with wine and \$40 excluding wine.

On May 3, 2005 **Allan Warrack** has arranged for Pat Laforge the President of the Edmonton Oilers to speak to us on the future of the Oilers and the NHL.

On May 10, 2005 the Gyrette Meeting will be at the Mayfair with cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:30. The speaker will be Dr. Lara Ostolosky (Burnett) who will speak about eating disorders and the clinic at the University of Alberta Hospital.

Mike Matei is organizing the Gyro District VIII Inter Club Golf Tournament for Thursday June 9th at the Riverbend golf course in Red Deer. The T Off time will be 11:00 AM on the first and tenth tees. Dinner will be served at about 5:00 PM. The cost for the golf, power cart, BBQ, range balls and prize fund is \$105.00.

Our annual Prostate Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday June 17, 2005.

The District VIII Annual Convention will be held June 23-26, 2005 at the Regina Travelodge, in Regina, SK

Barry Walker advises that the Gyro/Gyrette golf scramble will be at the Legends on July 12-05, golf will start at 1:00 PM with the traditional BBQ to follow. More details to follow, and we are in need of prizes.

John Stroppa announced plans for a Gyro/Gyrette luncheon to celebrate Thanksgiving. The date is Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 12:00 noon. It will be at the Santa Maria Goretti Italian Community Centre, 11050 – 90 Street. There is ample free parking available behind the centre, on the front street, or across 90th Street in the Commonwealth Stadium parking lot. Further information to follow.

Walter Yakimets has booked the same venue for our Christmas party on December 6, 2005.

Barry Walker informed us that we will be hosting the District VIII Convention in 2007 from August 9 to 12. It will be at the Delta City Centre Hotel and the room rates will be about \$100.

Same Old Bull

Allan

