

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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Our last meeting was on 24 January with 26 in attendance, no guests. "Maestro" Mills led us in song, then "Retread" gave us a Scottish blessing. President Dave started his "gong show" with a couple of one liners, which weren't bad for him, which he got through so quickly, I didn't have time to record them. Being copyright material he <sup>didn't</sup> show them to me, it maybe just as well!!

Membership survey - Club projects: Allan Warrack, Chairman Ways & Means, Objectives and Benevolence Committee, spoke on the subject of future Club projects. He first reviewed the Club's past policy and use of benevolent funds; then dealt with the draft forms on membership survey on suggested resource areas, which had previously been provided to all members for suggestions. These submissions contained a variety of ideas and suggestions including:- care for the handicapped, children & underprivileged, medical research, scholarships, Alex Taylor School, Gyro Parks Historical Identity, and many others. An open discussion followed with many opinions expressed, with good dialogue throughout. Our thanks to Allan and his Committee for their efforts, also to those members who participated; which we hope will assist the Committee to make further study and report.

Mail Call - Dan and Edna Lawton sent greetings from Palm Springs, California, where they had to endure 70 degree weather, play golf daily, then struggle to the pool after each round. Tough life! - however they managed to keep their sense of humor, by sending our President the following jokes. (1) Bumper-sticker of the week - "my wife's other car is a broom! (2) If you get your arm broken in two places, what should you do? - stay out of those two places!

Birthdays - 24 January, belated best wishes to Jack Jones (Calgary) who shared that date with Neil Diamond & Ernest Borgnine. On 5 February, congratulations to Ed Edlund & Bryce Van Dusen, who share that day with Red Buttons & Hank Aaron. Then on 11 February, which was Thomas Edison's birth date; Gyro Dave Webber who now lives in Brentwood Bay, will be blowing candles.

Health & Welfare: Ivan Ivankovich advised, that following an operation, Suzanne is now getting therapy and making progress. Best wishes from us all Suzanne, we hope you will be home soon. James Humphries has not been feeling very well of late, apparently due the side effects of some medication. As Jim said "I was fine until I went to see the doctor" - however he is feeling better and we hope to see him at our next Gyro meeting.

Rita Davidson is recovering nicely from a recent knee operation and is convalescing in the Glenrose Hospital.

It was noted in a recent issue of the Gyrodeo (Calgary Gyro Bulletin) that Irma Warrack came through a hip replacement operation successfully. Great news Irma, all your friends here wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

Employment Opportunity - which was advertised in the Gyrolog dated 3 January 1989, has been filled - I think. Just how this young, hard working Gyro was harassed into taking this job I just don't know. Anyway, my sincere thanks to Allan Douglas for taking over so that I can take a rest & prevent a nervous breakdown. Allan don't let "Boss" Burnett run you ragged - get a silent phone number.

My thanks to Ted Gaffney, Editor of the Gyroper, (Stampede City Club) who recorded the above job application in a recent bulletin. We thought that perhaps Ian Greig might have accepted the chance. The job would be a cinch for him - but to attend those Oilers games might be tough. Ted also made reference to the picture I took of him and Marty Larson at the curl-a-rama, but he can't remember the name of the other "guy" in the picture. Do you recognize him? Ted also said that I will sell Gyros a copy of this picture for an exhorbitant fee - his idea of "exhorbitant" is nothing - because that's what he paid me for his copy! Thanks anyway Mr. G. for taking the time to read the Gyrolog.



## Office of 2nd Lieut-Governor Gyro District VIII

Nominations for this District Office are open to all clubs until 15 March 1989. What about a candidate from our Club for this honor and privilege. Can you suggest to our Board one of our members who has the talent, time and savoir-faire to accept this challenge? -- No, no, - no Marty - only one time around, please.

Hockey Pool - and the winners are:- On 21 January - \$10.00 Don Millar & Neil Sheidow: \$15.00 Butch Agnew & Jack Beattie: \$25.00 Mort Morter and Harry Bowering.  
On 28 January - \$10.00 Harvey Millar & Stew Graham: \$15.00 Lois Hill & Harry Bowering.  
\$25.00 Butch Agnew and P. Plouffe.

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## Date Reminders - District & International

District VIII Interim Meeting - March 17-19, 1989 at Fairmont, B.C.

District VIII Convention - July 13-16, 1989 at Trail, B.C.

Gyro International Convention - June 22-25, 1989 at Kelowna, B.C.

Coming Events - Tuesday 7 February - Boccia Night at the Italian Cultural Centre - as arranged by Program Team #14: Bill Agnew: Al McClure: Paul Green: There will be good food and wine at a cost of approx. \$12.00. Festivities start at 6.00 p.m.

Monday 13 February 1989 - Valentine Supper - at the Fantasyland Hotel - A tour of the Theme Rooms - a special draw for an overnight stay! Cost \$45.00 per couple. Arrangements by Program Team #19, under Allan Douglas. Watch for further details in the next "log."

Guidelines for Team Leaders - our hard working and highly organized President David Burnett, (what am I saying?) recently revised a list of suggestions for Program Team Leaders which are very complete and will, I am sure, be most helpful to the people concerned with organizing our club programs. A copy of the above is enclosed for each Team Leader.

Club By-Laws - at our last meeting the following proposed changes to our By-Laws were read by President Dave, to be effective 1 July 1989, as follows:- Article III Sec 10, shall read: "The Board may appoint a Clergyman to be Padre of the Club, who shall be an active member and entitled to all the privileges, and subject to all the duties and obligations of other members." Article 5 Sec.5, shall now read: "Any or all of the Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor and Padre, may be paid an honorarium as the Board may decide."

Notice of Motion - "that the above proposed changes will be presented to the membership at Club meeting on 7 March 1989, in accordance with Article XIII of the Club Constitution."

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Inter-Club - On 23 January the Crossroads Gyro Club held a Cribbage/and or Darts Tournament, which was attended by David Burnett, Al McClure and yours truly from our Club. It was a good evening and we enjoyed our visit; but none of us could overcome the skills of Sonny Noga (winner of A Event) or Don Birmingham (winner of B Event). This kind of evening might be something for us to consider in future programming.

Cash Draw - winner this week was Harry Mills, who said he hadn't won the draw for many moons. One of these days I am going to make up a list of those who have never won the draw - also those who have been lucky quite often. Should prove interesting.

Quotable Quotes - Allan Douglas - Science may never come up with better office communications than the coffee break!

Allan Warrack - Luck - that's where preparation and opportunity meet!

John Boychuk - To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am!

Smiles & Chuckles - Don Agnew - Health Insurance is like a hospital gown - you're usually not as well covered as you think you are!

Jack Jones (Calgary GC) - Did you hear about the guy that one a Polish Lottery? - he won a dollar a year for a million years!

Thought For The Day

Age is a quality of mind,  
If you have left your dreams behind,  
If hope is cold,  
If you no longer look ahead,  
If your ambitions' fires are dead -  
Then you are old.

But if from life you take the best,  
And if in life you keep the jest,  
If love you hold;  
No matter how the years go by,  
No matter how the birthdays fly -  
You are not old.

(H.S. Fritsch)

Gyrettes Corner - Ladies please take due note!! - you're next Gyrette Meeting which was planned for Tuesday 14 February 1989 - HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

\*\*Postscript - our last meeting ended up with some good jokes by Dave Burnett, Marty Larson and a priceless one from Russ Carter's little black book; about the soldier who had been overseas for over a year and when he came home, discovered that his wife was - (whoops!!) - this is a family paper, so I can't finish the story. Just don't hold a grudge!

Our next meeting

Date: 7 February 1989

Place: Italian Cultural Centre

Address: 14230 - 133 Avenue

Time: 6.00 p.m. Cocktails - Dinner 7.00 p.m.

Menu: An Italian Gourmet Dinner

Program: Boccie Night - Team Draws

Program Team: #14 - Bill Agnew & Company

Our pleasure: To invite guests

Our obligation: Attendance

Our dividends: Friendship is one of life's greatest rewards.

See you there!

"Retread"

