



# **THE GYROLOG** THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

## **President**

Leon Lubin  
780 454-9712

MAY 2009

## **1<sup>st</sup>Vice-President**

Bill Taylor  
780 430-0330

Those celebrating their birthdays in May are **Bob Berube** on the 1<sup>st</sup>, **Andy Friderichsen** on the 13<sup>th</sup>, **Geoff Brewer** on the 17<sup>th</sup>, **David Burnett** on the 18<sup>th</sup> and **Allan Warrack** on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **2<sup>nd</sup>Vice-President**

Ari Hoeksema  
780 421-7776

## **Past President**

John Plunkett  
780 435-7011

The May wedding anniversaries are **Dick and Vi Moskalyk**, 52 years on the 15<sup>th</sup>; **Fred and Paulette Schulte**, 41 years on the 18<sup>th</sup>; **Chuck and Myrna Gerhart**, 44 years on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Peter and Katherine Morrison**, 29 years on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Secretary**

Barry Walker  
780 475-0983

## **Treasurer**

Mike Matei  
780 930-1780

## **Directors**

Peter Carter  
780 488-2403  
Sam Gruden  
780 488-5520  
Chuck Gerhart  
780 439-9792  
Ken Willan  
780 434-1306

The **Gyro Club of Edmonton Bridge Group** had their windup at the Highlands Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Forty-one were in attendance for dinner, the awarding of prizes for the year and for a few hands of bridge. Highest point score for the season went to **Roger Russell**. Roger received the Merrill Morstad Trophy and \$50 cash. Second high score for the season was recorded by **Jean Warrack**. Jean received \$40 cash. Other winners were **Georgina Plunkett** for highest score on any evening, **Terri Ellis** for second highest score and **Marion Morstad** for third highest score on an evening. Highest score on the windup evening went to **Marlene Ramsey** and second high score went to **Marion Morstad**. **Mort Morter** won a bottle of wine for being the last person to take a trick with a deuce. **Carol Dobson** received recognition for Hostess of the Year and **Walter Yakimets** was designated Host of the year.

## **Gyrolog Editor**

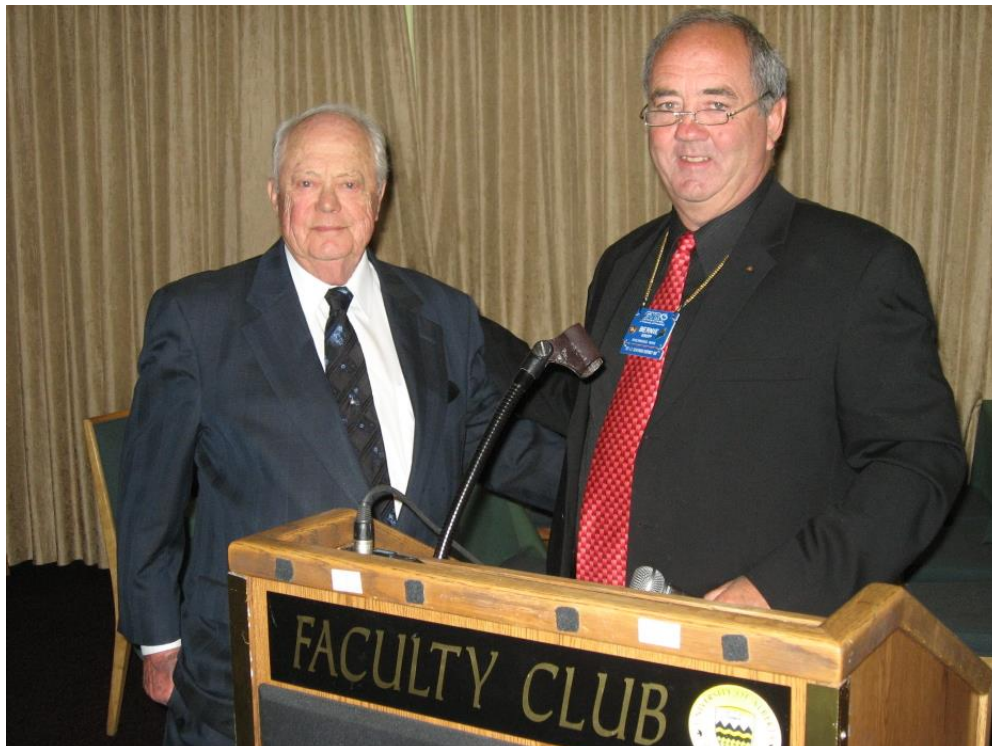
Fred Schulte  
780 434-0925

**President John Plunkett** welcomed 62 Gyro's, Gyrette's and guests to the Executive Installation held on Tuesday evening May 5<sup>th</sup> at the University of Alberta Faculty Club.

Cheerio was led by **Roger Russell** and the Grace was presented by **Peter Fairbridge**. **Sandy McDonald** and **Jim Lougheed** were guests of **Barry** and **Valerie Walker**. **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Governor, Bernie Kropp** and **Brenda** along with **Sid** and **Sharon Slade** from the Sherwood Park Gyro Club were also in attendance.

The group enjoyed a roast beef buffet dinner along with all of the trimmings.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Bernie Kropp** on behalf of District VIII welcomed the assembly and congratulated the Gyro's who have been elected to the Club Executive. The first order of business was to un-install President **John Plunkett** as **Past President**.



**Past President John Plunkett**      **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Governor Bernie Kropp**

Bernie Kropp continued the process and installed as new Directors, **Chuck Gerhart** and **Ken Willan**. This was followed by the installation of **Mike Matei** and **Barry Walker** as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. **Bill Taylor** then took the oath and was installed as 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice-President followed by **Leon Lubin** who was sworn in as the President for 2009-10. Leon Lubin made a few comments and committed to upholding the purpose and goals of Gyro.

**Past President John** gave a few closing remarks and indicated that he had fun being President and was thankful for the wholehearted support he received. He also announced that yellow friendship roses would be distributed to all of the ladies in attendance.



**Chuck Gerhart   Mike Matei**  
**John Plunkett Ken Willan Barry Walker   Bill Taylor Leon Lubin   Bernie Kropp**

**President Leon Lubin** welcomed 28 Gyro's and two guests to the May 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Val Pohl** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **David Burnett** presented the *Grace*. **Bruce Foy** introduced his guest **Len Stevens**.

**Warren Garbutt** introduced our guest speaker, **James Rajotte, MP, Edmonton/Leduc**. James was born and raised in Edmonton, studied political science and economics at the University of Ottawa before obtaining his degree at the University of Alberta in 1995. He worked as the executive assistant to MP Ian McClelland and as a senior researcher for an Edmonton-based public relations firm. First elected to the House of Commons in 2000, James has been re-elected since. He has been a strong advocate for Canadian economic competitiveness. In opposition, he served as Industry Critic and in 2006, became Chair of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. James is presently Chair of the House of Commons Finance Committee.

Mr. Rajotte began his presentation giving an economic overview; in the summer of 2008 all of the market indicators suggested that there were a few issues but overall the economy should continue to be strong. The forecaster's were all wrong! Canada is facing the most significant economic downturn in modern times and it will take a considerable period of time for things to improve substantially. Notwithstanding the economic turmoil facing Canada, there are a lot of positive factors in play. Our banking system is one of the most stable in the world and our debit to credit ratio and interest rates are low. Credit incentives have been introduced; \$4 billion in infrastructure funding has been announced including \$100 million for transit expansion in Edmonton and there has been a doubling of the gasoline tax rebate to the provinces.

The Federal government has announced a number of justice initiatives through Bill C-14. Increased attention and regulation will be applied to organized criminal activities, identity theft, auto theft and credit card fees. Federal funding of healthcare and infrastructure are now consistently applied across the nation on a per capita basis.

Mr. Rajotte finished his presentation and fielded dozen's of questions which included topics as varied as negative election ads, MP expense accounts, sovereignty of the North and the export of bulk water to the USA.

**John Stroppa** thanked Mr. Rajotte for a very informative presentation.

The free lunch was won by **John Boyd**.

**Barry Walker** announced that a tentative booking of **July 21<sup>st</sup>** has been made at the Legends Golf Course for the **Annual Gyro/Gyrette Golf Tourney**. This event is suffering from low numbers of attendance and will not be continued unless there is demonstrated support this year.

Please check you calendars and be ready to make a commitment by mid June. Whether you are golfing or only attending the barbeque, **please confirm your commitment by providing a cheque or cash to Barry Walker or Roger Russell at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> luncheon meetings.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Speaker:** Eric Thurston, Chief Coach of the U of A, Golden Bear Hockey Team

**Contact:** Gerry Glassford, 780-430-7108

**2009 District VIII Red Deer Golf Tournament, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** Riverbend Golf Course Tee times begin at 10:00 am

**Cost:** \$125, includes 18 holes of golf, power cart, 8oz Rib Eye Steak Dinner, prizes, all taxes and gratuities

**Format:** Regular Stroke Play or Best Ball Scramble

**Contact:** Mike Matei 780 414-2514 [michael.matei@raymondjames.ca](mailto:michael.matei@raymondjames.ca)

**International & District IX Convention, San Diego, California, June 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle, Gyro Room Rates reduced to \$119**

**Co-Hosts:** Black Lake and Fresno

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Mixed Event Gyro's/Gyrette's,**

**Royal Glenora Club, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Buffet Luncheon, \$20 per person; please arrive at 11:30 am.**

**Speaker:** Dr. William Patton who will talk about his experiences as an emergency physician and officer commanding the NATO Multinational Hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

**Please note that this meeting is a change in location to the Royal Glenora Club!**

**Contact:** Jack Ellis 780-435-2349

**District VIII Convention, Cranbrook B.C., September 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Convention Hotel, Days Inn Cranbrook, Single Queen-\$84.95, Double Queen-\$94.95**

**Phone (250) 426-6683**

**Gyro Day at the Races, Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Location: Edmonton Northlands**

**Time: 12:00 noon, prime rib buffet, \$37 per person**

**Races commence 1:00 pm**

**Contact: Val Pohl 780-462-0511**