

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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Our last meeting was an evening dinner meeting, held on 15 November at the Mayfair Golf Club, with President Dave's opening remarks having something to do with Roman numerals. While he prattled on, I figured the odds for a complete understanding would be MCLXXVIII to one! Our attendance could have been better, however we were happy to welcome five guests, who were introduced as follows:- Garry Diment by Andy Friderichsen; Rob Roy McGregor by yours truly; Gunnar Anderson and Richard Fernuk, by Dave Burnett, who also introduced our guest speaker, Mr. E.J.(Ted) McConnell of Toronto.

It was a privilege to have a speaker of Mr. McConnell's calibre. Irish born and educated, he graduated in Law from a University in Northern Ireland. He also has an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Queens's University in Kingston. Mr. McConnell proved to be a very good speaker, enhanced with an Irish brogue, coupled with a keen sense of humour and quick wit. He spoke about pension funds and our country's economy, as well some of his personal views about the free trade controversy. He summarized his thoughts by suggesting there would be a greater percentage of winners than losers, within the proposed agreement, where economies are inter-dependent.

Allan Warrack, in his usual very able and humorous manner, expressed our thanks to Ted and presented him with a token gift of appreciation.

Political Prediction Pool - at the a/m meeting, Boyd Slavik came up with a novel idea, when he sold tickets on which you predicted the number of Progressive Conservatives that would be elected on 21 November. Whether or not this is unconstitutional to our club, is a moot point, but anyway it created a lot of interest and tickets sold quickly. Watch for the name of the best prognosticator in the next Gyrolog.

Birthdays - our best wishes were extended to Don Millar for the 20th of November (albeit in absentia). Don shares that date with Pope Pius VII.

Health & Welfare - the health of the club must be fine - no sickness reported. Our club's welfare will improve considerably, just as soon as all us guys pay our dues, as recorded by our Treasurer Barry Walker. Don't be delinquent - pay now!

Hockey Pool - Happy Harry reported the first hockey pool winners for the season as follows:-

Game No.1. 12 November 1988

\$10.00 - Dan Warrack and Jack Wilson

\$15.00 - Bert Weir and Ted Wilkinson (Thorhild, Alta)

\$25.00 - Ernie Siegel - Lauraine Duchak - and Vern Sadd

(Did someone say that charity begins at home?)

New Members Initiation Fee - an increase in the initiation fee for new members to \$60.00 (which now includes name tags) was recommended by the club's Board of Director's some time ago, but was never ratified by the membership at large. It was duly moved by Ernie Siegel, seconded by Roger Russell, that the initiation fee be increased to \$60.00 as proposed. Motion carried.

Life Membership - you can still purchase a Life Membership in Gyro International for \$375.00 Canadian, before the deadline of 31 December 1988. After that date, the cost will be \$450.00. So prepay your International dues now and be a paid up member for life. It's a bargain in friendship.

Coming Events - Curl-a-rama - this is your last reminder about this annual curling event in Banff on 2-4 December. If you haven't confirmed your attendance by calling Marty Larson, do so pronto! We need a good representative number from our club - whether you curl or not.

Christmas Party - as recently reported, Program Team No.7 is arranging this get together.

Date: 10 December 1988

Place: Faculty Club - 114th Street and Sask Drive

Time: Cocktails at 6.30 p.m. Dinner at 7.30 p.m. Dancing to follow.

Cost: \$24.00 per person. Tickets can be obtained from John Ross, Don Agnew and Barry Walker.

Note! there will be an "early bird draw" for the cost of one ticket, on tickets purchased by December 6th. Someone is going to be lucky - it might as well be YOU! (Gyrettes see note on back) We would be happy to have members of the Crossroads and Sherwood Park Clubs join with us for the party. If you would like to attend, please call any of the a/m team members or Gord Rennie.

Santa's Anonymous - will all our club's Past Presidents' please play Santa Claus again this year, by each one donating a bottle of wine for the annual Christmas draw. The boys of Team No. 7, will appreciate your usual co-operation in this gift giving. Mucho gracias!

2 January 1989 - Gyro International Interim Meeting - at Marcos Island, Florida.

17 - 19 March 1989 - District VIII Interim Meeting - at Fairmont Hotsprings.

1990 Gyro International Cruise - from all reports this trip will be one to remember, on the Sovereign of the Seas, which we have all read about in our Gyroscope News Magazine. The most important thing now is to make certain you have mailed your advance deposit, which is now due. Contact Roger Russell for any information you may require.

Lethbridge Gyro Club Installation - held on 5 November, was reported by Dave Burnett to be a great success. Representing our club were Dave & Marlene Burnett: John & Bernice Pedden and Allan and Betty McClure.

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Lethbridge (cont) - some 88 people attended, with 6 clubs from District VIII represented. Our congratulations to President Roy Penniket and the new Executive, plus a special welcome to the newly installed members and their Gyrettes:- Bob and Linda Johnson: Bob and Ingrid Sage: Art and Joan Wood, and Rand Peterson, who were formally inducted into Gyro by 2nd Lt-Governor of District 8, Jack McNeil of Regina. We understand it was a special treat for President Roy Penniket, whose parents were there from Nelson, B.C.

Sherwood Park - while on the subject of new members, the Sherwood Park Club brought in two new members on 16 November, in the persons of Steve Tadman and Morris Pombert; who were inducted into our Gyro family by Augie Annicchirico, a Past President of the Sherwood Park Club. Congratulations to Steve and Morris, may you enjoy a long, happy association in Gyro.

Gyrettes Corner - Gyrettes please note - your Christmas Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 13th, at the Mayfair Golf Club. Cocktails at 6.00 p.m. dinner at 7.00 p.m. There will be the usual exchange of gifts, and don't forget to bring a gift for the Win House; and mark it for a Boy, Girl or Mom. A good attendance is requested and guests are most welcome.

Cash Draw - 15 Nov 1988 - the name of Don Millar was drawn but unfortunately he was not there, so the loot will be carried over. Just a reminder, if you name is drawn not only do you have to be present, but you must be wearing your name tag. Forewarned is forewarned!

Our next meeting - will be held on Tuesday December 6th at 12.00 noon at the Mayfair Golf Club. This meeting is being arranged by Program Team No.11, with leader Ron Ewoniak and members Allan Ursulak, Dan Lawton and Tom Douglas. They have arranged for a guest speaker, Mr. Darrell Toma, from Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, whose topic will be on Free Trade. We look for a good attendance of members and guests.

The thought for today

The Indispensable Man

Some time when you're feeling important,  
Some time when your ego's in bloom,  
Some time when you take it for granted,  
Some time when you feel that your going  
Would leave an unfillable hole,  
Just follow these simple instructions  
And see how they humble your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,  
Put your hand in up to your wrist,  
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining  
Is the measure of how you'll be missed.  
You can splash all you want when you enter  
You may stir up the water galore,  
But stop and you'll find that in no time  
It looks quite the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example  
Is just to do the best that you can,  
Be proud of yourself, but remember  
There's no indispensable man!

(Thanks to Roger Russell for)  
(this item)

Quotable Quotes - Dave Burnett - If you really want to do something you'll find a way, if you don't you'll find an excuse.

Dave Duchak - Get in the habit of taking yourself and your problems with a grain of salt.  
Learn to smile at yourself and the world as well - because you'll get better results if you do.

Larry Dobson - The best safety device in a car, is a rear view mirror with a policeman in it.

John Pedden - The squeaking wheel doesn't always get the grease - sometimes it gets replaced.

Smiles & chuckles - Louis Tremblay - Two old maids were discussing men - "what would you like most in a husband - wealth, brains or appearance?" - "appearance" answered the second, "and the sooner the better!"

John Halford - Most people want to be delivered from temptation, but would like to keep in touch.

~~Ken Burnett - Another thing that man can do that lower animals can't, is to stand up in front of a crowd and put both feet in his mouth.~~

Gyrette at perfume counter - "do you have anything that will bring out the mink in a man without disturbing the wolf?"

Don't forget our next meeting

Date: 6 December 1988

Place: Mayfair Golf Club.

Time: 12.00 noon

Your obligation: to be in attendance

Your privilege : to bring a guest

- Our pleasure : to meet your friend.

A signpost special: The wheel was man's greatest invention until he got behind it!

P.S. Re: Christmas Party

The "early bird draw" includes those Gyrettes who are spouses of former members. So one of you gals could be the lucky winner.

See you on the 6th

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