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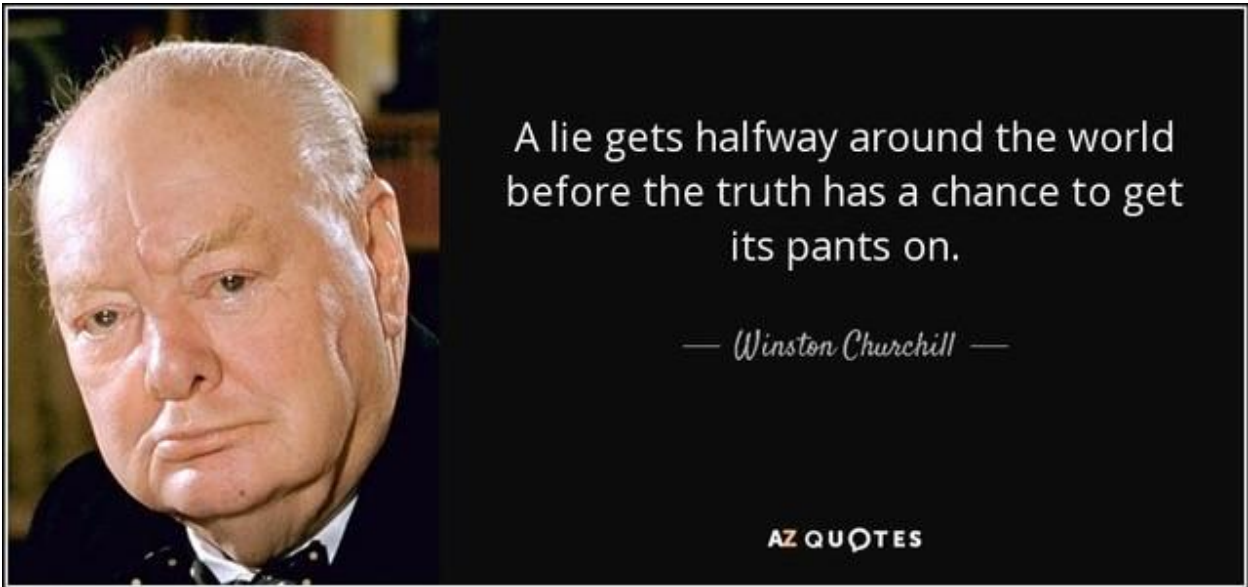
THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

**President-Bruce Swanson, Past President-Ray Dallaire,
1st Vice-President- David Winfield, 2nd Vice-President-Chuck Gerhart
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Club Website: www.edmontongyroclub.com**

SEPTEMBER 2018

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Gerry Glassford** on the 5th, **Bruce Swanson** on the 8th, **Michael Mant** and **Peter Carter** on the 25th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Doug** and **Maryella Armstrong**, 62 years on the 1st; **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier**, 35 years on the 1st; **David** and **Marlene Burnett**, 52 years on the 3rd; **Warren** and **Vicki Garbutt**, 59 years on the 5th; **Mort** and **Jean Morter**, 67 years on the 5th; **Ron** and **Theresa Trant**, 30 years on the 9th; **John and Marion Boyd**, 50 years on the 21st and **Bruce** and **Margaret Foy**, 58 years on the 24th.



The Gyrettes now have their own heading on the homepage of our Club Website. They have been active for 71 years, please check it out!

President Bruce Swanson welcomed 40 Gyros, Gyrettes and two guests to the **Bocce Tournament and Barbeque** held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club on September 4th. **David Burnett** led the singing of Cheerio and **Heinrich Grosskopf** presented the Grace.

Len Stevens introduced his son, **James** and **Bruce Swanson** introduced his guest **Jim Olson**.

President Bruce expressed his thanks to **Bruce** and **Margaret Foy**, **David** and **Marlene Burnett**, **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier** for their assistance in the organizing of previous Corn Roasts and Bocce Tournaments.

Bruce also thanked **Peter Carter** and **Mike Matei** for their exceptional work in completing the **Club Website**.

Seven teams played Bocce on unusually smooth but sloping grass to determine the winning team consisting of **Peter Carter**, **Marie Losier**, **Myrna Slobodan** and **Sam Gruden**.

Thanks to Bill Taylor, Bruce Foy, Leon Lubin, John Boyd and John Mann for their assistance with the Bocce Tourney and overall organization of this event.



The Bocce Winners!

Peter Carter Marie Losier Myrna Slobodan Sam Gruden

President Bruce Swanson welcomed 28 Gyros and three guests to our September 18th luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club. **Roger Russell** led the singing of Cheerio. **President Bruce** presented the Grace.

Val Pohl introduced his brother-in-law, **Marty Slatta**. **John Ross** introduced his guest, **Jim Begg**.

Leon Lubin introduced our guest speaker, **James (Jim) Harley Marsh**. After a national search, Edmonton publisher Mel Hurtig brought Marsh to Edmonton in 1980 to be editor in chief of the **Canadian Encyclopedia**. There he drew up plans for Canada's first comprehensive encyclopedia since the 1950's and hired some 40 staff, 200 consultants and several thousand contributors. The ambitious project was completed on time and to great reviews and commercial success in September 1985.

His inspiration for the encyclopedia came from the Frenchman, Denis Diderot's Encyclopedia, or a Systematic Dictionary of the Sciences, Arts, and Crafts which was published between 1751 and 1772.

Jim Marsh indicated that his approach with the Canadian Encyclopedia was to present an authoritative, expert, fair and balanced reference document. His entire

career as an author and editor has been to to act as a gatekeeper to ensure balance and correctness. The move to digital, made in 2001, means the Encyclopedia is available free to anyone with Internet access; it now receives more than eleven million unique visitors annually for 25 million-page views. The Encyclopedia contains more than 30,000 multimedia items including images, maps, games, audio and video.

The topic of Jim Marsh's presentation was "**Truth, Lies and the Demise of Democracy**"

The online community has become a mob. Emotion, not reason drives the media. Truth is now 'relative'. The vain hope that social media would overcome tyrants has not borne fruit. In the recent past democratic processes have disappeared in Egypt, Syria, Turkey, the Philippines and Venezuela.

There is a fine line between populism and demagoguery. Extreme populism preys on people's worst fears and often hidden emotions. Some demagogues have received up to 40% of the popular support but were rejected by the mainstream political parties. Examples in the United States are Senator Joseph McCarthy, a Republican Senator from Wisconsin who began his witch hunt against communists in the 1950's but was ultimately discredited and disappeared from public view. Democratic Governor George Wallace of Alabama strongly believed in "Segregation Now, Segregation Tomorrow and Segregation Forever". He twice ran for President as an Independent Candidate in 1968 and as a Democrat 1972. He was shot and paralyzed in the 1972 campaign but ultimately returned to state politics and served four terms a Governor. By 1979 he apologized for his views on segregation and appointed black citizens to his government.

Democracy is hard work! Negotiation, compromise, mutual toleration, forbearance, and accepting that others have the right to exist are essential elements for democracy to survive.

The disappearance of conservative Democrats and liberal Republicans has made a huge difference in the USA. If democracy fails in the United States it won't take long for it to fail in Canada.

How are we going to get out of this mess in Canada when Quebec would prefer to import oil from Saudi Arabia instead of from Western Canada? There is a wave of anti-establishment sentiment in Canada and around the world.

The Gate Keepers are gone!

Ken Korchinski thanked our speaker for a stimulating and thought-provoking presentation.

Mike Matei was the winner of the Free Lunch draw.



Allan Warrack John Boyd Fred Schulte Photo by Paulette Schulte

An amazing shot was celebrated at the Links Golf Course in Spruce Grove during the Annual YESS Golf Tournament on September 6th. John Boyd using an 8 iron chipped a 100-yard shot into the hole.

Gyro Club of Edmonton-Gerontology Scholarships

In the mid-1980's to mid-1990's, funds were contributed by the Gyro Club of Edmonton and individual members with matching funds from the Province of Alberta to establish the **Centre for Gerontology Fund** at the University of Alberta. This endowment fund in 2017-18 provided one undergraduate scholarship of \$700, and a Masters, and a PhD scholarship each of \$1200.

The investment return in 2017-18 for the University of Alberta Endowment Fund was 8% on 1.4 billion dollars. The spending allocation from the Gerontology Endowment Fund has increased from 3% to 4%. As a result, the scholarship values in 2018-19 will increase as follows:

Undergraduate	\$1000 from \$700
Masters	\$1700 from \$1200
PhD	\$ \$1800 from \$1200

"Fast Fred"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Men's Bocce Tourney-Edmonton/Sherwood Park Lead, Italian Seniors Canadian Centre, 9111-110 Ave. adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium. Wednesday, October 3rd.

Cost: \$50 per person, payable to the Edmonton Gyro Club

Cocktails: 5:30 pm

Bocce: 6:00

Dinner: 7:30

More Bocce: 8:00

Menu: Penne Pasta, Caesar Salad, Veal Culets, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Buns, Coffee and Tea, Tiramisu Dessert.

Team leaders: Augie Annicchiarico and Mike Matei

Please confirm your attendance with Mike Matei by email or calling 780-414-2514 during the day.

Founder's Night Inter-Club Mixed Event, Sherwood Park, Edmonton Crossroads, Host Edmonton Gyro Club, Faculty Club, University of Alberta, Tuesday October 16th

Cost: \$45 per person plus \$2.00 for Parking.

Hospitality: 6:00pm, Dinner: 7:00

Menu: Buffet with assorted Salads and Dinner Buns, Carved Prime Rib and Chicken, Gluten Free/Vegan Pasta salad, Desserts and Fruit, Coffee and Tea.

Cash Bar in the Saskatchewan Room

Team Leaders: Ken Craddock and Chuck Gerhart

CURLARAMA 2018, Banff, Alberta, November 2-4th

Accommodation: The Voyager Inn

Cost: \$265 per curler, \$210 per non-curler and \$120 supplement for single room

Host Club: Stampede City

Entry Form:

<http://district8.gyro.ws/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Curlarama-2018-entry-form.pdf>

The deadline for booking rooms at the Voyageur Inn is October 1st.

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Drumheller is not only famous for Dinosaurs but has an equally important history of coal mining. The first load of coal shipped out of the valley was from a Newcastle mine in 1911 owned by Jesse Gouge and Garnet Coyle. The Drumheller coal rush really heated up after **Samuel Drumheller** bought land in the valley from Thomas Greentree and sold it to the Canadian National Railway to develop a townsite. A famous coin toss was made by Drumheller and Greentree to decide who would name the town. The coin fell in favour of Samuel Drumheller. Between 1911 and 1979, 139 mines were registered in the valley and over 56 million tons of coal was shipped across Canada. **The Atlas Coal Mine** was the last one to close in 1979 signaling the end of the coal mining era in the valley. The structure and the coal mining history are preserved at the original Atlas Coal Mine site at **East Coulee**.

Taken from the 2016 Vacation Guide, Drumheller days and days of discovery, Travel Alberta www.traveldrumheller.com



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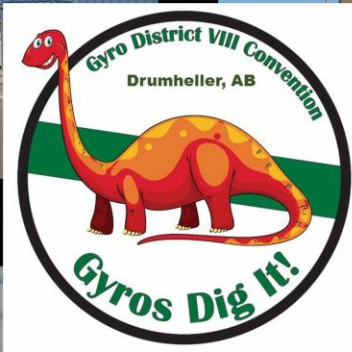
Hoo Doos and Badlands!



No Hassle Facilities



Roar with the Gyros!



Last Chance Saloon - Yahoo!



Golf with the Dinosaurs!

**Gyro District VIII Convention
Drumheller, Alberta
May 23 - 26, 2019**