

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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January 26, 1992.

Our last meeting was on January 21, 1992 at the Mayfair with approximately 30 Gyro's in attendance. John Ross introduced two guests Ted Hagemann and Richard Wilson.

President Merrill was not able to attend because he was returning from holidays by train, and the train was late. First Vice-President Bill Graham ably led the meeting. He asked us to lead ourselves in Cheerio which led Boyd Slavik to remark "Boy, do we need Harry".

**Birthdays:** It was reported by Gord Rennie that there were no birthdays until March. He was bluffing so keep tuned in for the February birthdays.

**BOCCI NIGHT:** Al McClure reported that the plans for Bocci Night have been made and it will once again be held at the Italian Cultural Centre at 14230 133 Avenue on Monday February 3, 1992. Due to the number attending, Al has arranged for some games to be played at 5:00 before the cocktail hour. If you can arrange to be there early, please do so in order that others can play later. There will be some tough competition from the Crossroads members who plan to attend. Drinks will be at 6:00 with dinner being served at 6:30 sharp. The Bocci Night will replace the meeting which would have been held on Tuesday, February 4, 1992.

**VALENTINES PARTY:** This year we will celebrate Valentine's Day with the Gyrettes on Valentine's Day. Who said Gyro's weren't innovative! Ed Edlund, who has made the arrangements was busy twisting arms to collect money to cover his charge card expenses. He has generously charged a guaranteed number of seats to ensure that we have enough seats and that they are in a good location. For those who were missed he will be available for further financial contributions at Bocci Night. This is a fun evening of dinner theatre with a show called "Knaughty Knights" at the Neighbourhood Inn (formerly the Londonderry Hotel) at 13103 Fort Road. The doors open at 6:00, and we must be seated by 6:30, so please be on time. There are still some place available at \$30.00 per ticket, so call Ed at 487-2826 if you have not signed up.

**DISTRICT VIII INTERIM MEETING:** The District VIII Interim will again be held at Fairmont Hotsprings B.C. on March 20 to 23, 1992. This is not restricted to officers and others who attend have a terrific time! PYS ROGER RUSSELL has registration information and forms, the fee is \$100.00 per couple.

**GYRO EXPANSION:** Some very encouraging news was shared by Gyro International Vice President Marty Larson regarding a new club in St. Albert. So far there have been about 35 people interested enough to come out at least once, and three are going to Fairmont. The plan is to aim for a Charter Night in mid April. The fellows from St. Albert have now taken on the responsibility for organizing and running their own meetings, and there is a lot of enthusiasm. If you know someone who would be interested, contact Marty or Keith Bradley or Rick Little.

**HOCKEY POOL:** The hockey pool winners for January 18, 1992 were:

- \$10.00 Janet Russell, Michael Matei
- \$15.00 Marcia Larson, Capt. Jim Smith, Edna Lawton
- \$25.00 w. Spencer, D. Mills, James F. Walker

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** There are three Gyro's in the Royal Alex. Harry Mills underwent a successful operation and will be recovering in the hospital for a little while. Dick Ogilvie is also recuperating and hopes to be home this week. The third Gyro,

from Crossroads is Rick Little who may have an operation later in the week.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Second posting - Owen Wilson Cornish, 10503 46 Street, Edmonton, T6A 1Y2. Telephone 469-1514. Retired, widower. Proposed by Merrill Morstad, seconded by Roger Russell.

**GYRETTE CORNER:** The February meeting is cancelled in favour of a joint meeting with the Gyros on Valentine's day February 14, 1992. The March meeting will be held on March 10, 1992. Cocktails at 6:00 with a light dinner at 6:30 at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. The Executive is responsible for the program, more news in future Gyrologs.

**A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY:** Canada is going to be 125 years old this July and Allan Warrack suggested that the Ways and Means Committee consider doing something special for Gyro and our country. He talked about the Canada 125 Event form which would let us register and be part of a national network. If you are interested, please lets others know and get involved.

**BRIDGE WINDUP:** Bernice Pedden called to say the Bridge wind-up will be held on Thursday April 16, 1992 at the Victoria Park Golf Club House at 6:00. Watch future Gyrologs for more details.

**SKI WEEKEND:** The Ski-Weekend is planned for Jasper on April 4 and 5, 1992, with the accommodation on the 3rd and 4th. This is always a lot of fun. Mark it on your calendar and come and see Marty get sunburned.

**THE PROGRAM:** The program, arranged by Ivan Ivankovich, was a controversial videotape developed by the Rotary Club of Los Altos California. From the video it is evident that the demographics of the club are similar to the Edmonton Gyro Club - this is not a college fraternity.

Prior to starting on the video members of the club believed that Aids was a disease that would never affect them. The initiative started when the son of the incoming President club returned from New York and his family learned he had Aids. The family was strong and rallied around him as he died. The President asked the club to take action around Aids in order to inform others. Over the year a senior member of the club revealed he had the HIV Virus as a result of a blood transfusion. The point is that we all will know someone who will suffer from HIV, probably before long. After the meeting one Gyro told me that one of his colleagues at work is dying from the virus. The video resulted in a big attitude adjustment for me - thanks Ivan.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There has been some correspondence that Retread was not privy to at this point. However, I would like to bring you up to date. At Christmas I received a card and note from **Gay Rutherford** wishing all Gyro's the best of the season. She added, "Thankyou for your continued support which is much appreciated. I am enjoying going to the Rick Hansen Centre as well as my swimming".

The second letter was from **Ann Sheidow** who informs us that:

- they were thrilled with the photo album of their farewell
- Neil changed jobs since they went to Ontario
- they will be in their new house on January 31, 1992
- she is still looking for work and remains hopeful
- they really miss their Gyro friends and hope to see some of us for a visit. They will have lots of room in their new home and look forward to having guests.

