



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921

President-Ari Hoeksema, Past President-Bill Taylor,
1st Vice-President-John Boyd, Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-Mike Matei,
Directors-Warren Garbutt, Marty Larson, Jack Little, Jim Lochhead,
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Those celebrating birthdays in September are **Gerry Glassford** on the 5th and **Michael Mant** on the 18th.

The September wedding anniversaries are **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier**, 8 years on the 1st; **Ken** and **Ruth Bowes**, 35 years on the 1st; **David** and **Marlene Burnett**, 45 years on the 3rd; **Warren** and **Vicki Garbutt**, 52 years on the 5th; **Mort** and **Jean Morter**, 60 years on the 5th; **Peter** and **Marjory Fairbridge**, 59 years on the 6th; **Allan** and **Elaine Douglas**, 43 years on the 7th; **Carlyle** and **Betty Anne Ross**, 43 years on the 14th; **John** and **Marion Boyd**, 43 years on the 21st; **Bruce** and **Margaret Foy**, 51 years on the 24th and **John** and **Yvette Stroppa**, 58 years on the 26th.

Mike Matei welcomed 32 Gyros and guests to our annual inter-club **Bocce Night** at the **Italian Canadian Centre** on Tuesday evening, October 4th. **Eric Haak**, President of the **St Albert Gyro Club** along with **Dwayne Clayton**, **Larry Duchesne** and **David Jones** joined our merry group. The singing of **Cheerio** was led by **Marty Larson** and the **Grace** was presented by **David Burnett**. **Val Pohl** introduced his two sons, **Darren** and **Kent** as well as his guest, **Ed Condrotte**. **Barry Walker** introduced his guest, **Tony Mazzuca**.

The Bocce Tournament commenced shortly after 5:00 pm and most players had an opportunity to play at least one game before dinner was served at 6:30 pm. The application of the rules of Bocce were constantly in debate on court and between courts which resulted in some interesting adjustment of scores!

Dinner consisted of Roast Beef with mushroom sauce, Caesar salad, Italian Style Roast Potatoes and Hot Apple Pie. The tournament continued after dinner and the winning team of **Mike Matei, Cliff Revell, Gord Robertson** and **Eric Spink** walked away with the Gord Rennie Memorial Bocce Trophy.

Thanks to **Mike Matei** and **Eric Spink** for organizing this event.



Mike Matei

Eric Spink

Cliff Revell

Gord Robertson

The **Annual Inter-Club Founders Night** was held at the German Canadian Cultural Association on Wednesday Evening, October 19th. **Vic Syvenky, President** of the **Sherwood Park Gyro Club** welcomed 28 members from the **Edmonton Gyro Club**, four members from the **Edmonton Crossroads Club** and 30 members and guests from the **Sherwood Park** host club.

Jim Malott, 2nd Lt. Governor led the **Induction ceremony** of new Edmonton Club member, **Larry George**. **President Ari Hoeksema** on behalf of sponsors, **Larry Dobson** and **Gerry Glassford** committed to support Larry with his new roles and responsibilities in the club. Each Gyro member in attendance then proceeded to personally welcome Larry into the **GYRO** fraternity.



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Larry George

Ari Hoeksema

Bill Carter presented the **Toast to the Queen** and **Ray Davis** gave the **Grace**.
The winner of the 50-50 draw was **Lawrence Zalasky** of the Sherwood Park Club.

Bill Carter presented information on the three college friends who founded *GYRO* in Cleveland, Ohio in 1912.

Paul Schwan had the vision and burning desire to develop the friendship organization of *GYRO*. Paul was born in Cleveland and obtained a law degree. In 1918, he joined the U.S. Army as a private but on April 17th, after only 17 days of army life he died, a victim of the Influenza epidemic.

Gus Handerson, born in Cleveland in 1889, developed his vision to retain friendships through personal contacts and provided the practical leadership for the charter members. He was responsible for the first club bulletin, the **GYROSCOPE** and helped it to become interclub by 1918. He accepted a number of positions in *Gyro* in which he was preeminently successful. He died in 1942 of a heart ailment.

Ed Kagy, who was also born in Cleveland in 1889, was affectionately known as "the Grey Eagle". Ed was the Secretary Emeritus of *Gyro International* as well as being a tireless and enthusiastic member of the Cleveland Club from 1912 to 1923. In 1923, Ed consented to accept the responsibility as the paid **Secretary-Treasurer** of ***Gyro International***. This new role became his lifetime work and was convinced that all he was and had, he owed to *Gyro*. He lived in Chagrin Falls, Ohio until his death in 1960.



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Gus Handerson **Ed Kagy** **Paul Schwan** *Gyro Club*

Ray Davis presented some interesting information on the kind of world one would have experienced had they lived in **1912, 100 years ago next year.**

- The sinking of the **Titanic** on April 15th with the loss of 1514 people and the saving of only 710.
- A **tornado in Regina** on June 30th left 28 dead and 2500 homeless.
- **Arizona**, a winter haven for many Canadians became the 48th state on February 14th.
- **Eva Braun**, mistress and wife to Adolf Hitler born.
- The population of **Edmonton** with the newly annexed Town of Strathcona is 53,611.
- **Sam Snead**, golfer, is born on May 24th in Hot Springs, Virginia.
- **Ben Hogan**, golfer, is born in Dublin, Texas on August 15th.
- **Perry Como**, singer born on May 18th.
- **Art Linklater**, born in Saskatchewan on July 17th.
- The **Summer Olympics** were held in Stockholm, Sweden, May 5 to July 27.
- The **first parachute drop** from an airplane by Capt Albert Berry.
- The Model 30 Cadillac included the **first electric starter**. The impetus for the invention of the electric starter arose after a friend of a General Motors executive was killed by the kick of a hand crank.
- **Teddy Roosevelt** was shot while campaigning in Milwaukee on October 14th, but survived because of a thick sheaf of papers in his breast pocket.
- **Gasoline** for automobiles sold for 4 cents a litre.
- The **first Calgary Stampede** was held September 2nd to 5th.
- On October 16th, the Boston Red Socks beat the New York Giants in the **Ninth World Series** after eight games. The fifth game ended in a tie due to darkness.

Good news! **David Dyck** is rejoining our Gyro Club. Ari and Bryce originally sponsored David for membership in 2007. David's work/travel schedule wasn't conducive to him attending our luncheon meetings though, so David resigned in 2009. David's work focus has changed and he has accepted Ari's invitation to join Gyro again. we are treating David as a reinstated member rather than a new member. We warmly welcome David back!

David's updated membership information:

David Dyck, married to **Shirley Hearty**. Home and business address: **18419-81 Ave. Edmonton T5T 1A6**. Home and business telephone: **780-970-3861**.

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David is President/Owner of DJ Dyck & Associates, is a golfer and a member of the Cosmopolitan Club.



David Dyck

Ari Hoeksema

Bryce Van Dusen

UPCOMING EVENTS

GYRO District VIII, 2011 CURLARAMA, November 4-6

Location, Banff

Hotel: VOYAGER INN

Price: \$230 per curler, \$170 per non-curler

Includes a minimum of 3 curling games, 2 nights hotel (2 per room), 2 breakfasts, hospitality Friday night, Saturday Night Banquet and Poker Tournament.

Host: Calgary Gyro Club.

Contact: John Hodgson (403) 253-3150

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, November 1st

Speaker: Ray Cromie, a retired school teacher and self-trained bird-bander. He travels thousands of miles each winter to place owl nesting boxes and band young owls.

Topic: Owls in Alberta

Contact: Ron Ramsey

Gyrette Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, November 8th

Time: 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30

Cost \$25

Speaker: Jack Little, Executive Director, Edmonton Heritage Festival Association. The presentation will include a short video.

Contact: Sylvia Little

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, November 15th

Speaker: Dr. Lyn Skillen

Topic: Edmonton Lifelong Learners Association (ELLA)

Contact: John Ross

Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party, River View Room, Shaw Conference Centre, Tuesday Evening, December 6th

6:00 pm: Champagne and socializing

6:30 pm: Carved Roast Turkey Dinner

Contacts: Fred Schulte and Sam Gruden

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, January 3rd, 2012

Speaker: Bob Boutilier, Transportation General Manager, City of Edmonton

Topic: Rapid Transit, Road Construction and the Snow Removal Policy.

Contact: Chuck Gerhart

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