



Gyro Club of Edmonton

What is “Gyro”? Do you remember the **Gyro Playgrounds** that were built in the 1900’s throughout Edmonton... well, that’s us.

Gyro is an international organization (Canada & USA) that promotes fellowship and friendship. It was started in 1912 and the **Gyro Club of Edmonton** was formed in 1921 and is the oldest of the three Gyro Clubs in the Edmonton area.

Our Club meets for a luncheon meeting, at the **Woodvale Community Facility**, (4540 50 Street) on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Meetings start at 12:00 noon and are finished by 1:30 p.m. Club members arrange for guest speakers who address a variety of relevant and interesting topics. In 2023, our annual membership fee was \$260, and our lunches are an additional \$25 each. Also, there is no attendance requirement in Gyro, so if you can’t make it, no problem. That said, we encourage your active participation, when possible, to partake in the fellowship and friendship.

In addition to our regular luncheon guest speaker *meetings*, we have other social events throughout the year, such as: a golf tournament, a curling bonspiel, and a bocci ball competition; we might add... you don’t have to be an expert in any of these as the intent is to enjoy and socialize.! Our spouses / partners are included in many evening events throughout the year, as are guests. Typically, these *include* Christmas and Valentine dinners, a fall ‘Corn Roast’ and ‘Bocci Ball’ evening. There is, also, an active bridge club of twenty couples who play every month from September through March, concluding the season with a wind-up banquet.

Gyro is a men’s club, however, there is a **Gyrette** ladies club that many of our spouses / partners belong to. The Gyrettes have monthly luncheon meetings – September through June – and like the Gyros, their purpose is to foster friendship.

What we aren’t. We are not a service organization. However, our club typically raises up to \$2,000 annually to support local charities – money that is generated by our hockey pool.

We hope this brief overview explains what **Gyro** is all about. If you are interested in joining our club and / or have any questions about membership, in the Gyro Club of Edmonton, please do not hesitate to ask the friend who introduced you to our wonderful organization.

Yours in Gyro friendship, the Gyro Club of Edmonton.