

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

22 February 1994

At our last meeting on 15 February as we did not have a guest speaker, we had a social get together which gave us a little more time to visit, and settle local and world affairs without "luncheon interruptus", apart from the normal format.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren had nothing new to report, but we learned from Dan Lawton that Edna is feeling better and recovering nicely.

Vern Sadd advised that Fran had a rather tough time when she was in hospital in January, however she is home again and feeling fine once again.

Birthdays - the following Gyros who were born under the 12th sign of the zodiac, Pisces, who will have reason to celebrate another birthday on the following dates.



BILL AGNEW  
22 Feb 1994



JACK ELLIS  
24 Feb 1994



STANLEY N. SMITH  
25 Feb 1994

Our congratulations and best wishes to all. Our most senior member Stan, will be celebrating his 95th birthday! and while this gentleman Gyro has some physical difficulty with mobility, he is very sharp mentally and has a great sense of humour; which we all appreciate.

Coming events - Saturday 5 March - Gyro mixed curling - Quad Club, at the Balmoral Curling Club.

**PLEASE NOTE!** - You must be at the Club ready to start by 11.15 a.m. - not as previously reported. For those who are just coming for the dinner, the cost is \$15.00 per person. Mike Matei needs prizes, so if you have anything to donate, please let him know. Phone (B) 458-9211 or (R) 458-4690.

15 March - Bill & Wendy Agnew have invited us to visit and tour their place of business, known as "Sweet Impressions", which is located at 6311 Wagner Road, Edmonton. We are to meet there at 12:00 noon and Gyrettes are invited. A sandwich lunch will be served. Please mark your calendar now for this outing. More information to follow in the next 'log.

18-20 March - District 8 Interim Meeting at Fairmont Springs, B.C. - This is your last reminder about this important and popular District 8 meeting.

Gyro International - Marty Larson, our I.P.P. of Gyro International reported the International Interim Meeting, recently held in Tampa, Fla., was very successful.

Hockey Pool Winners - Game on 12 Feb. 1st & 2nd periods (total) \$25.00 Lauraine Duchak: Len Cary: & Andy Russell. Final score \$25.00 Joseph Bogach & Wendy Agnew.

Game, 19th Feb. 1st period \$10.00 G. Burton: D. Walberg: T. Noble... Cheryl Lawton. 2nd period \$15.00 G. Heron: Dave Pacholok: Wm. Anaka: Roy Faltinson. Final score \$25.00 Terri Russell: Colleen Wood.

Our hockey pool manager Al McClure & Bette, will be in Phoenix for a few weeks, enjoying a well deserved holiday. In Al's absence, Mike Matei will be looking after the hockey pool & the results published in the Gyrolog. As usual Ron Ewoniak will be the paymaster.

Following the business portion of our last meeting, President John Stroppa threw caution to the wind, by inviting the members to voice their thoughts about our club operation, etc., including beefs, suggestions whatever! Believe it or not - there were no complaints - so we can assume that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

There were a couple of suggestions; one by Howard Wilson who wondered about the possibility of Gyro undertaking the building of a Gyro Arch, at the border crossing between Coutts & Sweetgrass, to further promote Gyro friendship between USA and Canada. While the idea may be food for thought, a project of such magnitude would require an in depth study. While some thoughts were expressed by Marty Larson and Allan Warrack, no conclusions were reached at present.

Gord Rennie then took advantage of the "open session" to provide some memorabilia about our Gyro club, because of the discovery of a Gyro trophy in a local shop called "As Time Goes By." Back in the 1940's our club formed a group within the club, called the Spokes Club (something similar to the Toastmaster's) whose purpose was to help members to acquire the ability to become efficient speakers. The club met once a month in different members homes. The club President would decide on the subject and format and arrange for a critic to provide constructive criticism and advice about each speaker's performance.

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The meetings were successful and as you can imagine, a lot of good Gyro fun. The club actually performed two functions, to help us to learn how to speak in public and it gave us the opportunity to become better acquainted with our fellow Gyros.

At the end of each year the Spokes Club Trophy was awarded to the member who had made the most progress in his speaking ability, during the year.

The trophy contains the names of winners from 1947 to 1960, incl. plus the names of the various critics - twenty names in all, unfortunately the majority of whom are no longer living. Just four members are still around, viz: Wes Van Dusen Stan Smith: John Halford and Gord Rennie.

As our club historian, Gord Rennie rescued the Spokes Club Trophy, which will take its place with our clubs Historical Records in the City of Edmonton Archives; which are now located in the former Prince of Wales Armoury.

The last recorded meeting of the Spokes Club took place in 1962, as attendance gradually declined - reason unknown. Perhaps it was that our new members coming into Gyro at that time already had "the gift of the gab".

The draw winner at our last meeting was Allan Ursulak.

Laughter is the best medicine - the following story appeared in the Stampede City Gyro bulletin. **INSIDE EDITION** - The speaker of the House of Commons will introduce the BOBBITT BILL. If someone goes on too long he can cut off the offending member.

VOX POP - Governments tend not to solve problems - only to rearrange them. (John Pedden)

Character is a man's guiding destiny. (John Plunkett)

Many politicians are like buttons - always popping off at the wrong time. (Gordon Robertson)

The trouble with being punctual, is there is nobody there to appreciate it. (Roger Russell)

## OUR NEXT MEETING

THE DATE - TUESDAY MARCH 1, 1994

THE PLACE - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB

THE TIME - 12.00 NOON

Program team No.15 with Captain Larry Dobson and member Bert Bören are in charge of arrangements. (Bert is subbing for Bill Graham who is away).

Our guest speaker will be G.A. (Sandy) Rennie, BPT. MSc. Associate Professor Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta.

His talk and slide presentation will be about the summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain; from a physical therapist's point of view. It should prove to be very interesting. So come out and bring a guest.

( written without prejudice)

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