



THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

President

Jack Brown
Res. 434-0392

Meeting held on **Tuesday, February 19, 2008**
Royal Mayfair Golf Club

1st Vice-President

John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011

President **Jack Brown** welcomed 25 Gyros to a sunny and mild day in Edmonton. **John Ross** led Cheerio and **Dutch Hoeksema** asked the blessing.

2nd Vice-President

Leon Lubin
Res. 454-9712

On January 30th, Jim Prentice, the Minister responsible for the National Research Council announced the appointment of our own **Dr. Allan Warrack** to the Council. Congratulations **Allan** on this honour!

Imm.Past President

Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925

President Jack thanked **Larry Dobson** and his team for a very successful Valentines event at the Mayfield Dinner Theatre. Thirty two people enjoyed good food, a great show and excellent seats.

Secretary

Barry Walker
Res. 475-0983

Allan Warrack reported that he attended the Scholarship awards at the Centre for Aging at the University of Alberta. They are looking for volunteers over 60 with healthy vision for a research project related to the aging of eyes. They will monitor the eyes over time to identify changes with aging and will provide information to the ophthalmologist or optometrist of the volunteers. If you are interested, contact **Allan** and information will be forthcoming over the next weeks and months.

Treasurer

Mike Matei
Res. 930-1780

Directors

Eric Spink
Res. 436-5242
Bill Taylor
Res. 430-0330
Bill Clarke
Res. 461-2228

Dutch Hoeksema provided us with information about his background. In 1937 his father was in agricultural school in northern Holland and decided that they family should emigrate to Canada due to information included in the Western Producer from Saskatchewan. The dream was not possible until after the war and his parents came to Canada with \$100 each. They used their money to purchase a train ticket to get them as far west as possible and ultimately arrived in Lethbridge. Dutch went to school in Fort McLeod and then graduated from NAIT. He put himself through school by buying and selling antiques. In the late 1960's he worked for Bryce Van Dusen for five years. For most of his life he has been in the water business, the antique business and the entertainment business as a ventriloquist.

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President Jack asked the membership for permission to hold a special meeting and all present agreed. **Allan Warrack** then discussed the process the Gyro Benevolence Committee used to explore options for the future of the benevolence fund. He then moved the following motion:

That the Gyro Club of Edmonton Benevolence Fund be fully dispensed by a donation to the Edmonton Community

Foundation, Donor Designated Fund category, Field of Interest—Lee Community Playspace Fund.

The motion was seconded by **John Ross. Allan, John** and **Peter Carter** provided information on how the Edmonton Community Foundation operates and our contribution will grow over the years and will support play spaces in perpetuity.

The discussion included ideas about the Benevolence Fund such as:

- Using some of the money to upgrade Gyro Park 10 at Fort Edmonton Park. Strategies to have the City or Fort Edmonton better maintain the park will be discussed further.
- Using the fund for charitable donations. The Committee saw the hockey pool fund serving this purpose.
- Applying for charitable status so that the Club could raise money to support charities.

After discussion the question was voted upon and was passed unanimously.

Chuck Gerhart then shared his personal information with us. He was born and raised in Manville and went to the U of A and did an undergraduate degree in pharmacy as did his wife Myrna. They have three well educated children and grandchildren in Vancouver. His career started at Woodward's and then he returned to the U of A for an MBA. Afterwards he worked for the Bay in 13 positions with 9 city moves; mostly he was in regional management. **Chuck** contributed to the communities he lived in by assuming volunteer positions including in Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Edmonton. Here he has been part of the Voyageurs at Fort Edmonton Park and the Friends of the University of Alberta Hospital. For leisure he plays a lot of bridge and golf including virtual golf during the winter.

Mike Matei consulted the membership on the costs of lunch and the annual dues. The cost of lunch at the Mayfair has increased and he asked for feedback on a proposal to decrease annual dues and increase the luncheon costs. The members present were supportive of those changes.

Allan Warrack drew the cards that on the second try awarded **Bruce Foy** a free lunch.

The results of the hockey pool that are available are for Game 12.

Game 12 February 10	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final	
Oilers vs. Stars					
First	1	0	Florrie Van Dusen	Barry Walker	Al Gordon
Second	1	2	Walter Yakimets	Enid Bear	Chuck Gerhart
Final	?	?	Walter Yakimets	Bill Clarke	Chuck Gerhart

Bill Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be no meeting on Tuesday March 4th as it will be replaced by the Bocce night discussed below.

*Gentleman, our annual **Gyro Bocce Tournament**, is scheduled for **Monday, March 3rd** beginning at 5:00PM at the **Italian Cultural Centre**, 14230 - 133 Ave. This will be a casual evening of great Italian cooking along with some casual Bocce. If you have never played*

*Bocce, this is a great introduction to the game. Members of the St. Albert Gyro Club will also be joining us, so please mark you calendars. Cost is \$35.00 per person without wine, \$45.00 with wine. Please contact **Mike Matei** at 414-2514 if you plan to attend, or would like more information.*

District VIII Interim Convention

March 14-16, 2008

Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C.

Rooms have been blocked off for Gyro's until January 16th

For Convention applications, please contact **Jack Brown**

March 18, 2008 Luncheon Meeting

Royal Mayfair Golf Club

Speaker: **Dr. Laurel Strain**, Director, Alberta Centre on Aging who will speak on the Centre for Gerontology Fund and the 2008-2009 undergraduate and graduate scholarships. This endowment is funded by the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

Tuesday Evening, April 1st, Elections Night

German Canadian Cultural Association

8310 Roper Road

Regular Noon Meeting May 20, 2006

Peter Carter announced that the guest speaker for this meeting will be Martin Salloum the President of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

District VIII Convention

August 7-10, 2008

Prestige Lakeside Resort and Convention Centre

Nelson, British Columbia.

Same Old Bull, Allan Douglas