

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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At our last meeting on 21 November, President John Pedden welcomed several guests, viz:- Roy Bennett, Rick Pirnak, Mel Snihurowych and Jack Ellis; as well as two Gyro visitors, Gary Kleebaum of Sherwood Park and Vince Folk of the Crossroads Clubs.

We were also pleased to welcome our one and only Stanley Noel Smith, who has been a member of our club for some 61 years. Stan, whose repartee and good humor is legend, made it known that today he was "wired for sound". He further stated that if the hearing device proved successful, then it would allow the more affluent members of our club to pay for the cost of the equipment - through taxation! Good on ya, Stanley - while you may no longer be a threat in the 100 yard dash, you are hard to catch up to when it comes to quick wit. Long may it be so!

Membership - we increased our numbers again on 21 November, when Barry Bentz became a member of our club. Third Int'l V/President Marty (Membership) Martin conducted the induction ceremony, which he does so well, while Barry's sponsor Bryce Van Dusen, gave him his Gyro Pin. We are happy to welcome Barry and his wife Debbie to Gyro.

First Posting - Jack Ellis, 12427-51 Ave, Edmonton T6H 0M7 (R) 435-2349 - President/Managing Director, Jacktari Resources. Sponsored by Merrill Morstad - Seconded by Marty Larson.

Birthdays - Gunnar Anderson was the recipient of a somewhat off-key but hearty rendition of "Happy Birthday" for his upcoming natal day on 24 November. Have a terrific day Gunnar.

Health & Welfare - no report at our last meeting. Good health is happiness. However your writer just received a card from John Halford from Victoria, B.C., to say that he had just got Marion out of hospital after 4½ weeks and major surgery. As a result their plans are a little uncertain at present, but they hope to leave for San Diego by December 3rd. In the meantime they are staying at the Oxford Castle Inn, 133 Gorge Road, East, Victoria, B.C. We hope that Marion will soon fully recover and that they will be on their way to their winter home as planned.

Obituary - our sincere sympathy is extended to Paul and Enid Green on the passing of Enid's mother, Mrs. Elsie Marion on 18 November 1989.

The death occurred on 24 November 1989, of Shirley Morbeck, wife of Past Governor, District 8 Russel J. Morbeck of Coeur d'Alene. Our deepest sympathy is conveyed to Russel and family.

Financial - a notice of motion concerning our club dues, was posted in the Gyrolog dated 21 June 1989, which was to have been voted on by the club membership in September 1989. This had not been done. Therefore, the motion was made by Barry Walker, seconded by Roger Russell, "that our club dues be increased from \$250.00 to \$260.00 effective 1 July 1989 to 30 June 1990". (Carried)

Hockey Pool - winners on 18 November 1989:-

\$10.00 Ticket #2311 Marlene Burnett: Ticket #2448 R.F. Marriott
\$15.00 " #2322 Pat Sharp: Ticket #2459 Shirley Larson: Ticket #2215 Jean McDonald.
\$25.00 " #2342 Andy Friderichsen: Ticket #2479 Brian Goodhope.

Winners on 25 November:- \$10.00 Ticket #2346 Dennis Storoz: Ticket #2415 Ivan Ivankovich.
\$15.00 and \$25.00 Ticket #2347 Brenda Hennig: Ticket #2416 Al McClure (2nd period & final score)

One winning ticket on the first game on 11 November was not previously reported. The winner was Ticket #2499 for \$25.00 to D. Jahns of Carman, Manitoba.

Harry Mills advised that he has not received the following tickets:-2207, 2229, 2427, 2474 and 2503. Please get them to him right away, even if they have not been sold. Harry further said that he had deposited \$4620.00 (gross) in the bank from ticket sales, to date. A nice sum. Our thanks to Harry and Ruby for all their work on the hockey pool.

Coming Events - 9 December 1989 Coeur d'Alene Gyro Club Installation - President John Pedden read a letter of invitation from Ken Wiegele, President of the Coeur d'Alene Club, inviting us to attend their Installation Party, which will be held at the Ponderosa Golf Club. Cocktails at 6.00 & dinner at 8.00 p.m. Cost \$50.00. It would be great to have representation from our club.

15 December 1989 - Edmonton Gyro Club Christmas Party - Andy Carabott reported that arrangements for this annual party are completed. Place, Edmonton Club: Cocktails at 6.00 and dinner at 7.00 pm. Dancing 9.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Cost \$65.00 per couple. Guests are welcome, with a special invitation to Crossroads and Sherwood Park. Tickets for this bash will be available at our next meeting at Mayfair on 5 December.

Curl-a-rama - Banff, Ab. 1-3 December 1989. Marty Larson reported that the following will be going from our club:- Harry Mills: Marty Larson: Allan Ursulak: Mike Matei: John Pedden: Merrill Morstad: Larry Dobson: Ed Edlund: John Ross: Allan Douglas: David Burnett: Gord Rennie, and guest Jack Ellis.

The cost for this package deal is \$125.00 not \$120.00 as previously reported. It's still a good deal.

Gyro International Interim Meeting - 24-28 January 1990 - Gene Autry Hotel, Palm Springs, CA.

Flashback - when reporting on the Lethbridge Gyro Club's Installation (Gyrolog 14, Nov. 1989) it was mentioned that they had inducted 4 new members that evening, but we didn't publish their names. So our congratulations and best wishes go to Allister Gilchrist: Einard Haniuk: Bob Lien and Mike McDavid. Two other new members who were unable to attend were Bill Hacker and Gordon Wesley, whom we hope to meet later.

In the last copy of the Gyro-Bridge, the Lethbridge News Letter, edited by our good friend Al McFadden, he had printed Edna Osterberg's reply to "The Toast to the Ladies" at their Installation Party. It was very well presented and contained a real Gyro message, as follows:-

Old friends are always wonderful...And some are priceless too...But we should look around and try...To cultivate the new...Because the circle that is formed...By all the hands we shake...Surrounds the height and margin of...The progress that we make...And if our friends of years ago...Are all we have today...Then surely we have slowed our stride...And walked an idle way...Whereas each new one helps to ease...Our struggle and our strife...And every larger circle is...A longer lease on life...So let us keep the Gyro friends... That we have come to know...But also let us do our best...To make the circle grow.

Our congratulations to the Sherwood Park Club on their news bulletin, Park Points, which now has a new look, which artistically reflects in part, their District 8 convention banner "90 IN THE PARK".

Their club, under the general chairmanship of Ted Cuthbertson, is hard at work planning and arranging for the District 8 Convention to be held in the Terrace Inn, in Edmonton August 9-12 1990. Plan on attending - it will be tops!

Our guest speaker at our meeting on 21 November at Mayfair, was Brigit O'Rooney, an Arts/History graduate of the University of Alberta, who was introduced by Allan Warrack. This lady gave us a very informative talk, with slide presentation, about some of the history of Edmonton as reflected in Public Art; which she described as any art work including buildings, parks, statues, etc., which total some 262 various art forms in our City.

The time frame covered a period from the beaver trade in 1795 to the present time, covering Fort Edmonton, the Klondyke Gold Rush, the Leduc Oil Strike, Space Science Centre etc., up to our Stanley Cup era and Wayne Gretzky's statue at the Coliseum. In addition to telling us about these various art works, she also described their locations to complete the story. Gordon Robertson expressed our thanks to Brigit for a most interesting presentation.

Smiles & Chuckles - Mrs. Highbrow Highbrow II came rushing out of the Astor Hotel and bumped into a very inebriated man on the sidewalk. Drawing herself up she fixed him with a cold stare and said, "how gauche". The drunk collected himself and then said, "not too bad, how gauche with you?"

She took my hand in sheltered nooks, she took my candy and my books, she took that lustrous wrap of fur, she took those gloves I bought for her. She took my words of love and care, she took my flowers rich and rare, she took my kisses, maid so shy, she took I must confess my eye, she took whatever I would buy. And then she took another guy!!

Quote - unquote - Sir Winston Churchill was once criticized by a colleague for ending up a sentence with a preposition. He replied, "that is precisely the sort of arrant pedantry, up with which I will not put." (Shades of Stan Smith)

A story of Four People - This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody accused Anybody. (My thanks to Andy Friderichsen for this home truth.)

A few people are wise, most are otherwise. (Russ Carter)

When trying to unwind, don't overdo it - you might unravel! (John Boychuk)

When you talk, use a grain of sugar. When you listen, use a grain of salt. (Bernie Brown)

An Irish Valentine - I love you. Live in my heart - and pay no rent. (Dan O'Brien)

It's amazing how punctual office workers can be at 5.00 p.m. (Jim Little)

The difference between a friend and an acquaintance is that a friend helps; an acquaintance merely advises. ("Stampeder Bob" Rowan)

Aim for perfection! Half right is always half wrong. (Bill Warrack)

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Our next meeting - will be held on Tuesday 5 December 1989 at the Mayfair Club at 12.00 noon. Program Team No.16, with Bert Boren & Coy. Our guest speaker will be our own Club Padre Rev. Bill Graham, who will present his annual Christmas Message, so let's all join in the Christmas spirit with Bill.

See you all there, Robert.

