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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

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Leon Lubin
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NOVEMBER 2009

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Those celebrating their birthdays in November are **Carlyle Ross** on the 13th and **Marty Larson** on the 14th.

2ndVice-President

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The November wedding anniversaries are **John and Helen Ross**, 46 years on the 2nd; **Jack and Terrie Ellis**, 43 years on the 19th and **Dick and Marilyn Nichols**, 46 years on the 23rd.

Past President

John Plunkett
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President Leon Lubin welcomed 49 Gyro's/Gyrette's and seven guests to the November 3rd luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Cheerio was led by **Jack Ellis** and the Grace was presented by **Jack Brown**.

Secretary

Barry Walker
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Mike Matei introduced his guests who are associated with the organizing of the Canadian Men's and Women's Curling Trials to be held at Rexall Centre, December 6-13th. This event is known as the Tim Horton's "Roar of the Rings". **Ron McGowan** is the Facilities Manager for this event and his wife **Bonnie McGowan** is responsible for many of the administrative duties. **Dean Branting** is responsible for the construction side of the event and his wife **Aimee Branting** is looking after signage. Dean and Aimee are also one of the original founding families on Kandy Kane Lane in West Edmonton. **Trina Spence** is the Event Coordinator. **Jackie-Rae Greening**, our guest speaker is the Chair of the 2009 Tim Horton's Roar of the Rings.

Treasurer

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John Mann introduced his guest **Wilma Currah**.

Directors

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Mike Matei introduced our guest speaker, **Jackie-Rae Greening, Chair, 2009 Tim Horton's Roar of the Rings**. Jackie was born and raised in St Albert and has been a radio announcer for 25 years, the most recent a 10 year stint as Morning Show Co-Host with Wes Montgomery on 790 CFCW.

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She now serves as the Program Director for 790 CFCW, CAM FM and W 1440. Her interest in curling developed at an early stage and as a competitor she went to the Canadian Junior Curling Championships and then made three trips to the Scott Tournament of Hearts.

Jackie-Rae has pulled back from her competitive curling so that she can lead the 950 plus volunteers through the largest and most prestigious curling event ever to be held in Canada. In March 2009, the Canadian Curling Association announced that Edmonton had been chosen to host this event based on a \$900,000 financial commitment and a proven track record with the hosting of the 1987, 1999 and 2005 Briar Curling Championships and the Worlds Men's Championships in 2007.

The Roar of the Rings Event will determine which two teams will advance to the 2010 Winter Olympics from an elite field of eight men's and eight women's teams. The elite field consists of Kevin Martin, Kevin Koe, Glen Howard, Randy Ferbey, Jeff Stoughton, Jason Gunnlaugson, Pat Simmons, Wayne Middaugh, Jennifer Jones, Shannon Kleibrink, Stefanie Lawton, Cheryl Bernard, Crystal Webster, Kelly Scott, Krista McCarville and Amber Holland.

On December 4th there will be an opening banquet at the new Northlands Expo Centre, followed by a practice session for the 16 teams on December 5th. The Briar Patch will be opening on this day and there will be a volunteer's dinner. The Opening Ceremonies will commence on December 6th at 11:00 am followed by the opening draw at 1:00 pm. This will be Boston Pizza Day and single tickets will be available for \$15. The attendance goal for this nine day event is 200,000 fans.

Peter Fairbridge thanked Jackie-Rae for a vibrant and enthusiastic presentation.

The winner of the free lunch draw was **Roy Bennett**.

District VIII Governor's Report Summary

The passing of **Dorothy Wiegele**, Gyrette and grand lady of the Coeur d' Alene Gyro Club in Idaho is acknowledged with sadness and fond memories. Dorothy and her husband Ken attended most of the interim and District conventions and developed a special bond with members of the Sherwood Park Club.

Don Boyle, 1st Lt. Governor traveled to Calgary immediately following the Cranbrook Convention to install the new executive and recycled President.

Governor Kropp returned to Cranbrook on October 15th to install their new executive. **Ken Baker** will be traveling to Lethbridge later in November for their executive installation.

The District Executive has drafted a convention host list that will be used as a guide and will receive further consideration and discussion at the District Interim at Fairmont in March 2010. The list is not cast in stone and there will be plenty of opportunity to make whatever changes are necessary.

2010 Sherwood Park	2017 Edmonton
2011 Wallace	2018 Stampede City
2012 Calgary	2019 Cranbrook
2013 Crossroads/St Albert	2020 Sherwood Park
2014 Lethbridge	2021 Castlegar/Spokane
2015 Regina	2022 Wallace
2016 Nelson	

Discussions have been held with District IV Governor, Bob Kanngiesser on the idea of holding a combined district convention. If it were to go ahead it likely would be held in 2012-2013 and located in one of the Okanagan gyro club communities. A District VIII club would need to step forward to look after the coordination and detailed planning required.

President Leon welcomed 28 Gyro's to the November 17th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Alan Rusler** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **John Plunkett** presented the *Grace*. John also thanked the Gyro's for their support through hospital visits and phone calls over the last two months.

President Leon introduced **Don Greig** of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club. Don is a 27 year member of the Gyro fraternity and has served as District Secretary as well as Governor in 2001.

A brief history of the formative years of the Edmonton Gyro Club was presented. The Edmonton club was chartered on July 29th 1921 and was the 18th to join Gyro International. Thirty-two charter members attended the inaugural meeting with Reg Henry as the first president and Henry Fuller as secretary.

Over the last 88 years, there have been 12 District Governors and two International Presidents, Russ Carter and Marty Larson from the Edmonton Club. In addition, there have been five members who have received the Honour Key Award, 12 members who have received the Award of Merit, two members receiving

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the Jimmie Hubbell Award for external expansion and two who have received the Bud Mitchell Award (International Gyro of the Year).

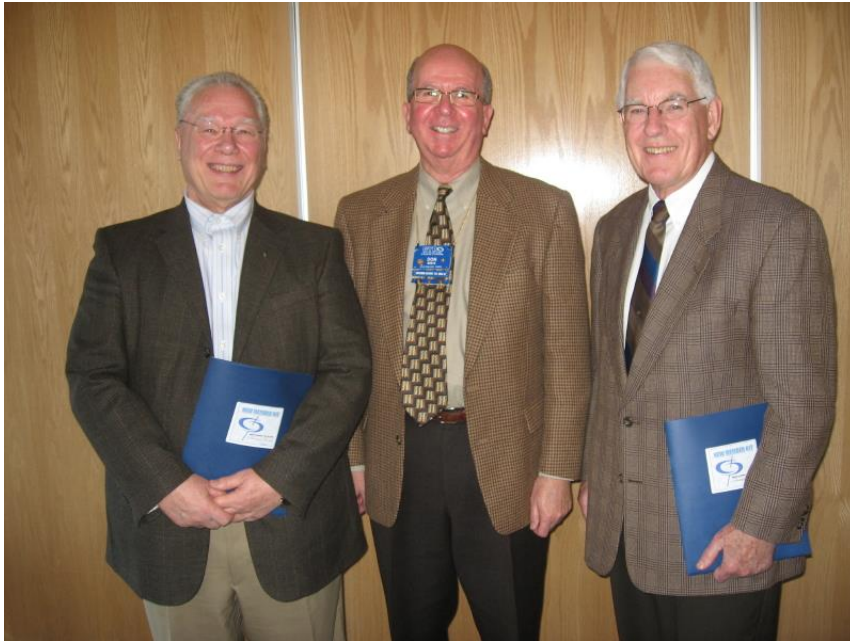
Given the illustrious history of the Gyro Club of Edmonton it is fitting to welcome two new members to this induction ceremony. PDG Greig called on **Bruce Foy**, sponsor for **Jack Slobodan** and **Walter Yakimets**, sponsor for **Len Stevens** to support their new members and oversee their commitment and contribution to Gyro. Don Greig then proceeded to issue the induction oath to Jack and Len and received their commitment to uphold the constitutions and values of Gyro International, District VIII and the Gyro Club of Edmonton. Jack and Len were then given their Gyro pins and received the congratulations and best wishes from all members present.

[Congratulations Jack and Len!](#)

The free lunch was won by **John Plunkett**.



Walter Yakimets Don Greig Bruce Foy
Jack Slobodan Len Stevens



Jack Slobodan

Don Greig

Len Stevens

Dick Nichols reported on the results of the Gyro Hockey Pool.

Game 1 November 10 Winners First Period Second Period Final

Oilers vs. Senators		Don Roskowich	Shirley Larson	Chuck Gerhart
First	2	1	Preston Russell	Danica Russell
Second	2	2		Bill Taylor
Final	3	4		

Game 2 November 20 Winners First Period Second Period Final

Oilers vs. Blackhawks		Dan Warrack	Alex Rennie	Darren Read
First	1	3	Perry Baird	Scarlett Burnett
Second	1	4		Mort Morter sale
Final	2	5		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party, River View Room, Shaw Conference Centre, Tuesday Evening, December 1st

6:00 pm: Champagne and socializing

6:30 pm: Carved Roast Turkey Dinner

Cost: \$50 per person without wine, \$60 with wine.

Contacts: Fred Schulte, Bruce Foy, Leon Lubin

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

Time; 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30

Cost: \$25

Speaker; Rev. John Dowds, Chaplain, City of Edmonton

Please bring toiletries for the Youth Emergency Shelter Society

Contact: Shirley Larson

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

District VIII Interim, Fairmont, B.C. March 12-14, 2010

International & District VII Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, St Paul, Minnesota, July 11-18, 2010

District VIII Convention 2010, "Come Play in the Park", Sherwood Park, AB, August 19-22, 2010