

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Our last meeting was held at the Mayfair Club on Tuesday August 18, 1992 with 32 Gyro's a guest and our guest speakers in attendance.

Harry Mills led us in singing Cheerio and Bert Boren asked the blessing. President John Ross then thanked Vice President John Stroppa for ably chairing meetings when he was away.

On behalf of the Club, President John also thanked Ernie Siegel for his leadership in making the Gyroette Golf Tournament a success. Ernie reported that there were 57 golfers in attendance and that there were 72 at the BBQ. He thanked those who had donated prizes and suggested we start to plan our prize donations for next year.

GUEST: David Burnett introduced his guest, Pat Millard whom he has known for many years. Pat is now retired but for many years was in sales for Nelson Lumber and covered a lot of the North. Pat was warmly welcomed by the Gyros.

NOTORIETY: President John took the opportunity to inform members about news coverage of the Ezio Farone Park and which included an acknowledgement of the contribution of the Gyro Club. For those who have not had an opportunity it was suggested that the park is worth a visit.

Next our president quoted from the Edmonton Journal's articles on the history of Edmonton. One of the major quotes was from our own esteemed Stan Smith who recalled some experiences from an earlier era in our great city. Ever humorous, Stan recalled his friends trying to convince him to go to one of the blind pigs (illegal bars) when he was too nervous to go. Said Stan, "People told me I didn't have to worry - I would probably find the Chief of Police and the Mayor there". When his mother-in-law was ill, the Doctor gave him a prescription for brandy saying "Its not for your mother-in-law, it's because you have to look after her".

The headlines in yet another paper declared "McClure Wins Big Buys GYROS Breakfast: Betty Retires": We are not sure what this is all about but it is recommended that if there are any GYROS out there that AL missed you should call him and arrange for your breakfast.

Finally, there was a picture of the Van Dusens unloading a carload of jukeboxes. From the look of the Van Dusen boys in the picture, some of us deduced that the photograph was not taken last week!

BIRTHDAYS: There was only one birthday in this part of the month, Dave Duchak celebrated his birthday on the day of our meeting.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Bert Boren reported that John Boychuk is now a resident in the Grandview Hospital and that future correspondence should be sent to him there. Also, we were all pleased to hear that Verne Sadd is feeling well now.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT: There was a reminder to those who have not completed the survey that was enclosed in the Gyroscope that your input is needed by the Club and by International. The information will be used to chart the course for **GYRO** as we move towards the year 2000. If you have not already done so, please fill them out and return them to the President so that they can be compiled and returned to Painesville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The next meeting of the Executive will occur on Monday evening August 31, 1992 at the home of **President John Ross** at 312 Burley Drive at 7:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: For those **GYROS** in attendance there were sheets distributed which identified the Program Teams and the meetings for which they are responsible. For others, those sheets are enclosed with this issue of the **GYROLOG**. If, for some reason, you were missed by both efforts, contact **John Ross** for a copy.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 1, 1992 at the Mayfair Club. The highlight will be the installation of two new **GYROS**, **Larry Wang** who is sponsored by **Al Warrack** and **Bob Lippe** who is sponsored by **Bryce Van Dusen** and seconded by **Ken McKenzie**. Let us all try to attend this important meeting to welcome two new members to our club.

On September 15, 1992, **Roy Bennett** has arranged for Helen Paul from the ~~Edmonton Airport Authority to attend and inform us of the recent developments in that area.~~

A night at the races has been arranged by **Vice President John Stroppa** for Tuesday October 20, 1992. This will be a mixed event at Northlands and guests are welcome. The cost is \$16.00 per each and this includes instructions on how to handle the betting as well as entrance and dinner. **John** reports that the dinner has a greater variety than it did in earlier years. Come out and enjoy a fun evening. Prepayment is required by September 22, cheques made out to the Edmonton Gyro Club.

1996 CONVENTION: On Sunday August 30, 1992 a workshop will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the home of **President John Ross** at 912 Burley Drive. Those who attended the International Convention in Lake Tahoe are invited to discuss the elements of Tahoe that they liked and the improvements which could be made for our convention in 96.

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Roger Russell introduced three guests from the Red Cross Blood Centre. The public relations coordinator, Barb Jones explained that the Red Cross supplies 900 hospitals in Canada with 106 being supplied by the Edmonton Centre. The Red Cross is the sole provider of blood and blood products. Last year 70,000 units were produced. One donation which takes about 45 minutes, can save up to 5 lives. Many people are reluctant to give blood but it is a very simple procedure and can save lives and donors are really needed. If you can donate, please do.

Bea Boymeyer then discussed her program to recruit unrelated bone marrow donors. In the last 2 years there have been 2,500 recruited in Alberta, 35,000 in Canada and 850,000 internationally. Bone marrow is required by people with leukaemia and other bone marrow disorders. Bone marrow disorders occur in anyone of any age and the only cure is to replace the bone marrow. Normally the likelihood of a good match comes from a family member but when there is not a possible match unrelated donors are necessary. To harvest bone marrow takes 1.5 hours and 2% to 5% of the bone marrow is taken, an amount which replenishes itself in 3 to 6 weeks. When a person is on the registry they are contacted if they will match the needs of a patient. The chances of a match a 30,000:1 so many people are never called. If you wish to be a potential donor call the Red Cross.

Sylvia Dyzerk described the process for taking whole blood, separating the plasma and returning the blood to the donor. This method is used for collecting platelettes and can be repeated more frequently than donating whole blood.

At the end of the meeting **Roger Russell** was presented with a card for having donated blood 100 times.

