

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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15 December 1988

Our last meeting, held on 6 December, was called to order at 12.00 noon by President Dave, who, by 12.15 had told two bad jokes. On the plus side, Larry Dobson introduced his guest Gordon Talbot, and Bryce Van Dusen's guest was Jim Wilson. It was nice to have Don Millar in attendance.

Our guest speaker, introduced by Ron Ewoniak, was Mr. Darrell M. Toma, who spoke about free trade. Darrell, a manager with Deloitte Haskins and Sells, has written and spoken about free trade since 1985. His message - the Free Trade Agreement Is Not Over Yet! Mr. Toma was thanked by Marty Larson.

Birthdays - greetings were extended to Merrill Morstad for 7 December and to Larry Dobson for December 16th. Happy birthday - and remember - it's great to grow old, if you stay young at heart. (Retread)

Crossroads Poker Night - Al McClure reported that we had been invited to join with Crossroads in this annual affair; which will be held on Monday 12 December, at 6.30 p.m. at the Regency Hotel. Cost \$10.00 plus dinner. Anyone interested call Gord Rennie by 9 December.

Club meeting dates for January 1989 - President Dave suggested that our luncheon meetings for January 1989 be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (10th and 24th January). Reason - because the first Tuesday is the first working day after the holidays, which will likely cause problems for some people. No objections were raised. So for January 1989 we meet at 12.00 noon at the Mayfair on the 10th and 24th.

1990 Gyro International Cruise - the matter of timing of payments for this cruise was discussed. The second payment is definitely due and should be paid now. Talk to Roger Russell.

Gyro Life Membership - it was noted that 31 December 1988 is the last day for purchase of a Gyro International Life Membership at the bargain rate of \$375.00. After that date, the cost will be \$450.00 Cdn. (Gyrettes, there is a lifetime Christmas gift for your Gyro)

Hockey Pool - Harry Mills reported that the hockey pool is expected to net approximately \$2000.00. He also announced the following recent winners:-

Game No.2, 19 November - \$10.00 Mark Agnew: John Stroppa: \$15.00 Neil Ursulak: Jack McKenzie
\$25.00 J. Rentke: Stewart Graham.

Game No.3, 26 November - \$10.00 Harvey Millar: D. Reynolds: \$15.00 Harvey Gerbrandt:
\$25.00 Andy Juchli: Beth Siegel. Taylor Agnew

Game no.4, 3 December - \$10.00 Don Millar: Mary Letawsky: \$15.00 J.J. Tremblay: Ernie Siegel:
\$25.00 Janet Russell: George Osborne. Vern Sadd.

Curl-a-rama - as Head Coach and Manager, Harry Mills reported on this annual event, which was another success; thanks to Bob Rowan and his helpers from the Stampede City Club. Some 83 curlers, managers, etc., took part, with the following taking home the spoils:-

A Event - Ron Henschel with Lethbridge Rink No.1

" " - runner-up Jim Fields with Grand Forks No.2

B " - Allan Palmer with Nelson Rink No.2, over Don McRory with Nelson Rink No.1.

C " - Mike Matei with Edmonton Rink No.2 (very ably assisted by Stampede City's (Ian Greig) over Gerry Mitchelmore's Saskatoon Rink

D " - Trail Rink No.2 - Norm Hinton - edged out Cranbrook Rink - Jim Jackson

Christmas Bureau - President Dave brought up the question of a donation from our club, which resulted in a motion by Al McClure, seconded by John Ross, that we give the sum of \$250.00. Motion carried.

Christmas Party - John Ross is Team Leader for this gathering on 10 December, at the Faculty Club. Cocktails at 6.30 dinner at 7.30 and dancing at 9.00 p.m. All Past Presidents' are reminded to bring a bottle of wine for draw prizes.

Membership - Ken Burnett was presented with a 25 year Gyro membership certificate by President Dave. Ken joined Gyro in Winnipeg in 1963 and transferred to our club when he moved here. He was our club President in 1983. Our congratulations Ken, may you enjoy many more years in Gyro.

Cash Draw - which was held-over from our last meeting, was won by our most senior and highly respected friend, Past International President, Russell A. Carter.

Editor's Note!- all of the foregoing in this 'log was obtained and given to me by "volunteer" Dick Ogilvie, who was "appointed" by President Dave in my absence on 6 December. Your help is most appreciated - many thanks Dick. Wouldn't you know I missed a "good" closing story by President Dave - the one about the Christmas office party!

Re-Birthdays - I must add our congratulations and best wishes to our Honorary Member, Jack Jones on 24 January. Have a real great day Jack - and don't worry - people at our age can still swing - it just takes a little longer to find the playground! (Retread)

Some Past Events - our Christmas Party - held at the Faculty Club on 10 December, was a dandy, with 53 in attendance, including guests Vince and Debra Folk from Crossroads, and John and Barbara Simpson, guests of Marty and Shirley.

We were wined and dined in fine style, then danced the night away to good music. Debra Folk was the lucky winner of the early bird draw. There were 17 draw prizes for the wine, provided by the Past Presidents' and Dave Burnett, which resulted in a lot of happy Gyrettes. The Master of Ceremonies was that smoothie John Ross, who did a great job at the mike, including the following verse on friendship:- quote-"Now I, friend, drink to you, friend, as my friend drank to me, and I, friend, charge you, friend, as my friend charged me, that you, friend, drink to your friend as my friend drank to me, and the more we drink together the better friends we'll be" unquote.

Our thanks to leader John Ross and his team of Don Agnew and Barry Walker for arranging a good party.

Curl-a-rama - just a couple of notes to add to the report by Harry Mills. As stated Bob Rowan and his boys did a great job for us and Bob was really in his element as MC on the Saturday evening; which wound up with some good stories by Art Stavenjord, Marty Larson and the special tongue twisters by Bob Rowan.

The draw prize winners were Allan Palmer and Frank Koide. The wake-up committee from the Cranbrook Club, did their job well and are now known as the Bailey Boys. Our congratulations to the Gyros from the Saskatoon Club, who once again came dressed up, this time in old fashioned convict prison clothing and accompanied by an old time policeman. The rest of us should start following suit - if you'll pardon the pun.

Crossroads Poker Night - is now history. This popular event drew 5 card sharks from the Sherwood Park Club (Andicchiarico:Bradley:Kleebaum: Loughed and O'Brien) and three of similar category from the Edmonton Club (McClure:Slavik & Rennie). However despite the alleged moxie of the above, as the game progressed and players fell by the wayside; the two finalists were both from the Crossroads Club, with Bob Danbrook defeating Harf Watson, to win all the loot! It's the best \$10.00 game in town.

Gyro Merit Award - in a recent Gyrodeo Bulletin, we read where Past Governor D-8, Art Stavenjord was recently presented with a Gyro Merit Award, by his close friend and co-bulletin editor, Leo Mills. Our sincere congratulations Art on your award, a well deserved honor.

Erratum - in the 'log of 28 Nov I reported that the Gyro International Interim at Marco Island, Florida, would be held on 2 January 1989. This is incorrect - the dates, as recorded in the Gyroscope News Magazine are January 18-22 1989.

Gyro Profile (attached) this is about our good friend Bert Boren, as provided by our roving reported Allan Douglas, to whom we owe a vote of thanks.

Health & Welfare - we understand that Suzanne Mah has not been well of late and is undergoing some tests. We trust that she will be feeling better real soon.

We are glad to report that Helen Ross is home again and is recovering from a recent illness.

Obituary - Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Jean and Mort Morter and family, on the recent passing of Jean's brother, Gordon Crukshank.

Thought for the day

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life flows by like a song,
But the one worthwhile is the one who will smile
When everything goes dead wrong.
For the test of the heart is trouble
And it always comes with the years,
And the smile that is worth the praises of the earth
Is the one that shines through the tears.

Quotable Quotes

Harry (Poppa Bear) Mills: Few things are more delightful than grandchildren fighting over your lap!

Don Millar: It is easier to do a job when it should be done, than a few days later when it must!

Stewart Graham: If you think you haven't much to be thankful for, be thankful for what you don't have!

Smiles & Chuckles:Neil Sheidow - Some people ski for their health. Some people don't ski for the same reason!

Boyd Slavik - Mechanic to customer, "I'm afraid you have more of a problem than I anticipated - your battery needs a new car!"

Ron Holmes - A Texan visiting Australia was being shown around a huge ranch. "I could tuck this into a little corner of my ranch back home" he said. His host proudly pointed out a tremendous herd of cattle - "they look mighty fine" said the Texan, "but they'd get lost among my herd". Just then a kangaroo went bounding by - "what was that?" asked the Texan, "don't tell me" replied his Australian host. "that you don't have grasshoppers in Texas!"

Finale (or should I say finally)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date - Tuesday 20 December 1988

Place - Mayfair Golf Club

Time - 12.00 noon

Occasion - VERY SPECIAL - our own Padre Bill Graham's
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Retread.

Your privilege - to be there and wish your friends a Merry Christmas