



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

September 2, 2003

President

Roy Bennett
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On a beautiful, sunny and warm Tuesday 25 Gyros arrived at the Mayfair Club for a terrific lunch. **President Roy** provided a warm welcome and the golden pipes of **Mike Matei** led us in Cheerio. **Rev. Bill Graham** followed with a custom blessing enjoyed by all.

1st Vice-President

Tony Sheppard
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Peter Fairbridge asked all Gyros to note that his new telephone number is **435-5629**. It has been published previously in the Gyrolog but some calls continue to come in on **Marjory's** cell phone. Please make a note of the correct number.

2nd Vice-President

Wayne Tingley
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Imm. Past President

Victor Jagoldas
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On August 10, 2003 **Fran** and **Vern Sadd** celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary as was noted in the Edmonton Journal. Congratulations from all your Gyro and Gyrette friends.

Secretary

Barry Walker
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Al McClure presented the history of the Hockey Pool and a number of Gyros wanted as much information as I could capture included here. Prior to 1980, the Gyros raised funds through casinos and bingos. In 1980 **Harry** and **Ruby Mills** started the hockey pool to raise money to make the lives of three individuals easier. For the following 12 years **Harry** and **Ruby** produced and sold approximately 200 tickets a year and over the period raised \$26,000 which the Gyros put to a variety of good causes.

Treasurer

Dick Nichols
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From 1993 to the present **Dave Duchak** and **Bob Lippe** have been running the Hockey Pool, with major sales support from **PIP Marty Larson**. In that period an additional \$22,000 has been raised. At the end of the current season the Edmonton Gyro Club will have raised \$50,000 through the annual hockey pool.

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The only year there was no hockey pool was 1994/95, the year of the hockey players strike. The money has also been used for Gyro Park #10 at Fort Edmonton Park, the plaque at the Fort, the Christmas Bureau, Rick Hansen's Man in Motion Tour, the cancer society, gerontology at the University of Alberta, the Salvation Army, Ezio Farone memorial park, the Food Bank, The ALS Society (Lou Gerhig's disease), and the police helicopter.

Editor

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The funds from the Gyro Hockey Pool are clearly making a difference and in honour of **Harry and Ruby** we must ensure it thrives. If each Gyro purchased or sold five tickets the Hockey Pool would be a success and **Marty's** job would be a lot easier.

David Burnett suggested that the Executive consider using the money currently used to subsidize attendance at the International and District VIII conventions to pay for the registrations of 2 couples at the District VIII interim convention in Fairmont. The money would be for two couples who have never attended and it would promote interest in conventions.

THE GYRO PROSTRATE CANCER TOURNAMENT sponsored by the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Canadian Cancer Society is scheduled for June 9, 2004 and the Links Golf Course in Spruce Grove. Our club is responsible for organizing the event, arranging for sponsors, publicity and volunteers. The Canadian Cancer Society will take of the mailing and the money. If you have a potential sponsor we should approach, contact **David Burnett** or **Marty Larson**. If you want to volunteer contact **Bruce Foy**. A Gyro in Lethbridge and one in Nelson who are prostrate cancer survivors have indicated that they are interested in participating. Any other Gyros in District VIII or District IV who would like to participate are most welcome.

After a successful Quad Club Golf Tournament organized by **Barry and Valerie Walker** and **Roger and Janet Russell**, here is the golf news. "Carry" is the distance a ball needs to travel to cross a hazard either in the air or in the pocket or the palm of a hand. A "Do-over" is a first shot that a player inadvertently hit second.

President Roy announced that the Gyros celebrating birthdays in September are **Gerry Glassford, Owen Cornish** and **Peter Carter**.

Congratulations go better late than never to our former Treasurer, **John Stroppa** who was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal at a presentation at Government House on April 17 for his volunteer work in the Italian Community since 1996 as a member of celebrating Italian Families of Edmonton Society (CIFES). He was also recognized for his volunteer work in Amateur Football Officiating the previous 11 years while he was supervisor with the Canadian Football League. Good on you **John**, you bring credit to our club.

Barry Walker informed us that **Larry and Carol Dobson** are house sitting for friends in Kelowna. They have had to be packed for a one hour evacuation on occasions but at this point they have been safe.

Allan Warrack suggested that the Club send a donation to the Kelowna Club to be used in the way they deem most appropriate to assist with the destruction resulting from the fire. After some discussion, a motion was passes to send \$1,000 to the Kelowna Club and if necessary also \$1,000 to the Cranbrook Club for a similar purpose.

The lucky winner of a free lunch was **Barry Walker**.

Something new to explore is the Gyro District VIII website with news from clubs in the district. Check it out at www.gyrodistrict8.com/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 16, 2003. **Wayne Tingley** reported that the guest speaker will be David Roh from the electrical engineering area of the University of Alberta. He will be talking about the electricity supply and the black out, brown out possibilities. This is a timely and interesting topic. Bring a friend.

An afternoon of **Thoroughbred Racing** is planned for **Sunday October 5, 2003** with post time at 1:00 PM. It will be at the Northlands Spectrum Upper Sky Suite with its balcony access. The package includes an exquisite buffet, private bar or cocktail service, exclusive pari-mutual windows for our own use, and a group of hostesses to answer any questions. The cost to the Edmonton gyro Club members and Gyrettes will be \$22 per person. Guests are \$27. For further information and to register call **John Stroppa** at 469-6133.

The St. Albert Club has already booked the Faculty Club for **Founders Night** on October 22, 2003.

The Christmas Party for next year is booked for December 2, 2003.

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The District VIII Interim Convention will be held in Fairmont Hot Springs and Resort March 26 to 28, 2004.

Lethbridge's 2004 District VIII Convention will be at Waterton Lakes National Park August 5 – 8 and includes a boat trip and breakfast at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Same Old Bull

Allan

