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We Say "Fare Thee Well" to a Long Time Gyro Friend.

On July 18, 1997 Bert Boren was called to carry on his outstanding services to others in a place beyond this earthly world. Bert's passage is deeply felt by numerous groups and thousands of friends but only a few more acutely than here in the Edmonton Gyro Club where, for twenty five years, Bert brought and shared compassion, unqualified friendship, and a *joie de vivre* which added zest to every function. At the special memorial service held in the Hosanna Lutheran Church on July 22, 1997 virtually every member of Bert's Gyro Club joined hundreds of others in paying tribute to this wonderful friend. Of the many celebratory farewell messages, the following, taken, in part, from the printed service, captures the many facets of this man.

Bert Boren was born Oct. 23, 1917 in Vancouver, B. C. to immigrant Swedish parents, Bror Herman and Ellen Boren. He was the younger brother of Elsie.

At the age of 16, Bert graduated from King Edward High School and soon afterwards began working at Woodward's. During WWII, he worked in the Aluminum Foundry. Following the war, on Nov. 23, 1946, Bert married Ellen Ekblom and in 1948 twin daughters, Barb and Bev, were born.

In 1950 Bert moved his young family to Edmonton as grocery manager of Woodward's downtown store. Bert and Ellen remained and remain citizens of our city from that time onward.

Bert's lifelong desire and personal credo was to make a difference in the lives of the people he knew. He always made time to help with tasks large and small. He had a unique servants heart. His special area of concern was the comfort and well-being of seniors, which he fulfilled for 30 years through the Good Samaritan Society as a committee member, Board member, and Chairman of the Board, and in his retirement, as Director and Chairman of the Tegler Foundation.

Bert was sponsored into the Gyro Club of Edmonton by Howard Wilson in 1972 and served as our club president in 1980-1981. He contributed to the building of friendship in a myriad of

ways and he served on the Club's Health and Welfare Committee for many, many years. A Club and a Club's membership could have been better served. Bert was a man who cared deeply. And for this we all give thanks,

In 1984, a fitting honour was awarded Bert. The Alberta Achievement Award for Service was presented in recognition of his years of volunteer service. Recently, Bert's dedicated service to the Good Samaritan Society was recognized by renaming the Innkeeper's Fund for Patient's Comforts, to the Bert Boren Endowment Fund for

Patient's Comfort. this act deeply moved Bert.

Like many great men, Bert never stopped learning. An avid reader, he kept up to date on local and world news events, and pondered business trends with keen interest. Bert spent his leisure hours golfing at the Edmonton Golf and Country Club with his long time and great friends Vern Sadd, Harry Mills, Boyd Slavik and Bob Keir. Many an hour of happiness was shared by this wonderful group of golfing buddies.

With his characteristic humility, this man of stature approached all of life responsibly, with dependability and order. His family was his first love. His love of service to others and his deep dedication to friends followed. The qualities of love and caring marked his life. All who knew him called him friend, including his wife Ellen and his family.

We thank God for the treasure of Bert in our lives. He touched all who knew him and because of that we have grown and been blessed.

The likes of him shall not soon come again.

FARE THEE WELL, BERT!

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Having foregone our usual Tuesday meeting on July 1st in order to celebrate Canada Day, the Gyro Club of Edmonton re-convened on July 15. Our president, Gerry Glassford, welcome the assembled group shared a "sharing" story and lead those assembled in a rousing rendition of Cherrio. Our inimitable Rev Bill Graham asked the blessing. Four guests were introduced by President Gerry: John Macnab (a senior secondary school teacher from Bonnie Doon), Craig Gamble (a senior secondary school teacher from Beaumont), Paul Glassford (maintenance staff at the U of A), and Scott Dalsin (accountant with Eric Green and Associates). He also, briefly, introduced our guest speaker, Dr Jim Hoover.

Birthday best wishes were extended to Ron Ewoniak (July 17), Steward Graham (July 28), and Bruce Foy (August 1). 'Tis on days like this when the reedy voices of the group assembled falter on the scales of "Happy Birthday" that the deep, rich and resonant tones of Harry Mills voice is badly missed.

Barry Walker and Roger Russell reminded the group of the forthcoming BBQ and Golf Tournament to be held on August 20th at Westridge. If you have not yet signed up please contact either Barry or Roger at once. Never one to miss an opportunity to glean gifts for the golf tournament, Roger made a fervent pitch for help. So appealing was he that even our guests were moved to offer help.

In the absence of Marty and David, Gunnar Anderson reminded us of the very special trip planned for September - a visit to the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin. a full set of details regarding bus transportation to and from Wetaskiwin, the museum itself, and the evening meal will be included in a later Gyrolog.

CLUB BUSINESS

The attached copy of proposed amendments to the constitution form the entire motion (moved by John Stroppa and seconded by Dick Ogilvie) for changes in our Club's constitution. These were circulated among club members some eight weeks ago (six weeks lead time is required by constitution) and the president indicated that a two-thirds (2/3) majority supportive vote of the members present was required to carry

the motion. The motion was called, put and carried unanimously. The secretary will now see that our constitution is duly amended. Special thanks to John Stroppa for compiling these changes and for setting out the justification for them.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

President Gerry introduced Dr Jim Hoover of the Department of Computing Sciences at the University of Alberta. Dr Hoover and a group of colleagues are working on a number of projects designed to overcome the shortfalls in many of the software packages that were created for our very early computer hardware systems. This worldwide problem, i.e., the inability of various software, hardware, and application programs to successfully move from 1999 to 2000 A. D., is caused by the use of a two-digit date field instead of a full four-digit representation for years (e.g., 99 instead of 1999). Year 2000 non-compliant computer systems will cause calculation, sorting, and display errors. Dr Hoover tells us that the problem is ubiquitous in that it can effect all types of systems that depend upon date - even your computers in your VCR, your automobile, your camcorder, etc. Some systems based on four or five year time cycles are beginning to fail and most Year 2000 non-compliant business systems will fail before fiscal year 1998. Fortunately, our banking institutions have largely converted their systems to a four-field representation. Still Jim suggests that we have significant cash on hand by December 31, 1999 in case many fiscal-based systems are not yet converted.

This problem is not going to go away by itself, nor is there going to be a "silver bullet" solution that will magically fix everything with a little work. Talk with the groups with whom you work about their move to correct the Calendar 2000 problem. And check your automobile's computer systems. It could be a mite frustrating to go out to your car on January 1, 2000 and find that it refuses to start because of a faulty date field.

Allan Warrack did a superb job of thanking our guest. Some people have the skills necessary to draw the threads of a presentation together into a unifying whole and Allan did this for us well in thanking Jim for his presentation.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL - CLEVELAND OHIO, JULY 17 - 20, 1997

Marty and Shirley Larson together with Alice and Gerry Glassford represented our Club at the International Convention held, where it all began, in Cleveland, Ohio. stand up and take a bow, all Club members (as well as the other three Edmonton and dsitric club members0 who worked to make the 1996 International a great success. Everywhere we went Gyros and Gyrettes who participated in the Edmonton convention sang praises for the organization, the friendliness, and the wide range of activities provided. It was a neice reminder that the work invested by each member was well woth while. This year's convention was equally friendly and it was very satisfying to speak with Gyro members who actually knew the founding fathers of our movement. Bud Abell was extended sincere thanks for the fine job that he did for all of our membership during 1996-1997 and on Saturday night, July 19th, Gyros and Gyrettes welcomed Ian Grieg as our new president. We also saw installed Len Cary (also of Calgary) as our new secretary-treasurer. Jim Parker has stepped down from this position and a great loss he will be to our organization. Len Cary, however, is very enthusiastic about his new role and we can look forward to continuing outstanding

support from central office.

At our annual general meeting it was announced that the fee structure vis-a-vis Gyro International will change this year. Our fees will be increased by \$5.00 per year. Apparently, this is the first such fee increase since 1988 and the senior executive committee stated that the increase was necessary to offset increasing costs of operation. No vote was required since an earlier vote had granted the executive the right to increase these fee to a maximum of \$45.00 per year. We are still below that level.

We would like to extend an accolade to Marty and Shirley Larson. They are outstanding ambassadors for Gyro and for the Gyro Club of Edmonton. They spend all of their time at these conventions sharing Gyro ideas and building Gyro enthusiasm while all of the time helping to maintain a high level of awareness of what is happening in our Gyro and Gyrette clubs. They are superb ambassadors for us.
DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION, NELSON, B. C. - AUGUST 7, 1997

Many members of our club are booked to participate in the District VIII convention and several couples are planning a convoy to Nelson. this will include a stop over at Pincher Creek, Alberta and possible side trips to Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre as well as the Interpretive Centre at the Frank Slide in the Crowsnest Pass. If anyone is still interested in joining this intrepid group of travelers, called Gerry Glassford at 430-7108.

HEALTH OF THE CLUB

Dick Ogilvie reported on the health of the club and we were pleased to learn that Blanche Friderichsen is in much better health following a period of difficulty with her pacemaker. Boyd Slavik continues to work at improving his health and we are hopeful that he will be back with us for our regular luncheon meetings soon. Dick had told us of Bert's failing health and we now realize how tenuous Bert's hold on life was on that Tuesday. Dick and his wife Margaret are both working with medical experts to find ways to restore their cardiac and circulatory health. We wish them well in this rebuilding process. Our good friend, Dick Mandlis, is now undergoing regular dialysis treatments at the University of Alberta Hospital every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. We miss you at our Tuesday meetings, Dick, and we wish you great success with your treatment program.

Ron Ewoniak was the winner of our regular draw.

EDMONTON AREA GYRO CLUBS SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

The following scheduled of responsibilities was agree to by Club Executives.

YEAR	QUADCLUB	RED DEER GOLF	FOUNDERS' NIGHT	JOINT EXEC
1997	Edmonton	Edmonton	Crossroads	Crossroads
1998	Sherwood P.	St Albert	Edmonton	Edmonton
1999	Crossroads	Sherwood Park	St Albert	St Albert
2000	Edmonton	Crossroads	Sherwood Park	Sherwood P
2001	St Albert	Edmonton	Crossroads	Crossroads
2002	Sherwood Park	St Albert	Edmonton	Edmonton
2003	Crossroads	Sherwood Park	St Albert	St Albert



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

JULY 14, 1997

ARTICLE X – PENALTIES AND EXPULSION (cont. p. 2)

2. Reads:

Any member who shall be absent from four consecutive meetings, or who shall attend less than three-fourths of all Club meetings in any quarter, without adequate reason duly given to the Chairman of the Membership Committee may be suspended by the Board, but may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Board on receipt of written application for reinstatement within thirty days of suspension.

Proposed change:

Delete. Not being enforced.

Moved by: John Stroppa

Seconded by: Dick Ogilvie

3. Reads:

Notice of suspension pursuant to sub-paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof, shall be posted in the Club Bulletin and the period of thirty days for reinstatement shall run from the time of mailing such Bulletin.

Proposed change:

Written notice of suspension pursuant to sub-paragraph 1 shall be sent to the member and the period of thirty days for reinstatement shall run from the time of mailing of such notice.

Moved by: John Stroppa

Seconded by: Dick Ogilvie

4. Reads:

Failure to apply for reinstatement within thirty days of suspension, in accordance with sub-paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof, shall be deemed termination of membership.

Proposed change:

Failure to apply for reinstatement within thirty days of suspension, in accordance with sub-paragraph 1 hereof, shall be deemed termination of membership.

Moved by: John Stroppa

Seconded by: Dick Ogilvie

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JULY 14, 1997

The following motions have been reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Gyro Club of Edmonton and have been duly posted in the Gyrolog for a period of six (6) weeks as required by our constitution. They are brought forward at this time in order that our Club membership can review the motions for constitutional change and vote on them. For purposes of changes to our constitution a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present is required.

The following six (6) amendments to the Constitution are proposed:

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ARTICLE 111 - MEMBERSHIP

4. Reads:

No more than two representatives of any firm, partnership or corporation shall at any time be active members of the Club.

Proposed change:

Delete as being too restrictive.

Moved by: John Stroppa

Seconded by: Dick Ogilvie

13. Reads:

When membership of the Club reaches 60 active members no new members shall be accepted except on transfer from other Gyro Clubs and a waiting list of persons who have been proposed shall be established pending a vacancy.

Proposed change:

Delete as being too restrictive.

Moved by: John Stroppa

Seconded by: Dick Ogilvie

ARTICLE X - PENALTIES AND EXPULSIONS

1. Reads:

Any member being seven months in arrears in payment of dues shall have his name published in the Club Bulletin and after dues have been in arrears for ten months, the member may be suspended by the Board but may in the discretion of the Board, on written application to the Board for reinstatement within thirty days of suspension, be reinstated on payment of arrears of dues.

Proposed change:

Any member being six months in arrears in payment of dues shall be sent a final notice of amount due, and after dues have been in arrears for nine months, the member shall be suspended by the Board but may in the discretion of the Board, on written application to the Board for reinstatement within thirty days of suspension, be reinstated on payment of all dues outstanding at that time.

Moved by: John Stroppa

Seconded by: Dick Ogilvie