



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

**President-David Winfield, Past President-Bruce Swanson,
1st Vice-President- Chuck Gerhart, 2nd Vice-President-Dunc Mills
Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-Gary Campbell,
Directors- Bob Bahniuk, Ron Trant, Fred Schulte, Tony Mazzuca
Database Administrator-John Ross, Gyrolog Editor-Fred Schulte
Club Website: www.edmontongyroclub.com**

JUNE 2019

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Warren Garbutt, 80 years** on the **9th**, **Tony Mazzuca** on the **11th**, **Jim Lepp** on the **17th** and **Heinrich Grosskopf** on the **29th**.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Ray and Donna Dallaire, 40 years** on the **2nd**; **Ken and Barbara Willan, 53 years** on the **4th**; **Walter and Kay Yakimets, 60 years** on the **6th**; **Larry and Carol Dobson, 52 years** on the **17th**; **Cliff and Kathryn Revell, 49 years** on the **18th**; **Jim Lochhead** and **Sandy McDonald, 8 years** on the **18th**; **Ron and Marlene Ramsey, 59 years** on the **24th**; **Bob and Hanya Bahniuk, 38 years** on the **27th**; **Jack and Sylvia Little, 50 years** on the **28th** and **Heinrich and Carina Grosskopf, 34 years** on the **29th**.

Len and Barbara Stevens are now residing in Canterbury Court,
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President David Winfield welcomed 33 Gyros and three guests to the June 4th Luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club.

Past District Governor Peter Carter had the honour of inducting **Daryl Dyck** as the newest member of the Edmonton Club. Daryl committed to uphold the By-Laws and Constitutions of the Club, the District and Gyro international. As sponsors, **David Winfield** and **John Ross** commit to assisting Daryl in fulfilling his obligations as a member of the club.



PDG Peter Carter

Daryl Dyck

President David Winfield

Ari “Dutch” Hoeksema introduced our guest speaker **Barry Gogal, Broker/Owner Western Realty Group Inc.**

Barry has been in the real estate business since 1971. After owning his own firm “Gogal Real Estate Ltd.” he spent several years with Canada Trust as ICI Manager and Manager Business Development. He has been very active in all levels of organized real estate from the Canadian Real Estate Association to past president of the Alberta Real estate Association and the Edmonton Real Estate Board. Barry was elected to the Real Estate Council of Alberta very early in the formation of the board and chaired the Conduct Advisory Committee.

He now specializes in Commercial, Industrial, Investment, Leasing, Development, Commercial Condominiums and Asset & Property Management.

Barry spoke about investing in commercial real estate as opposed to other areas such as rental apartments. Ownership in a condominium commercial project allows the spreading of risk because the renter pays a large portion of the ongoing costs. As a long-time participant and observer in the City of Edmonton, he expressed some very strong opinions regarding the Ice District and the abandonment of the old Oilers Hockey Arena. Barry believes there will be long-term leasing challenges of older commercial buildings downtown because of the Ice District approach.

Ken Korchinski thanked our speaker for a very animated presentation.

The Free Lunch winner was **Dan Hasinoff**.

The GYRO International Convention, sponsored by District IX was held in Reno, Nevada June 3-7, 2019.

There was a total attendance of 115 Gyros and ladies and three guests. Delegates from 37 clubs out of a total of 77 were in attendance. The membership of Gyro as of April 30, 2019 was 2177, Canada 1118, USA 1030 and International Associates 29.

Marty and Shirley Larson and Fred and Paulette Schulte attended on behalf of the Edmonton Club.

During the Business meeting held on June 4th, the following **Expansion Awards** were announced:

Large Club: **Vancouver, WA-2%**

Medium Club: **San Jose, CA-24%**

Small Club: **McKenzie Island-19%**

Best Club Bulletins:

Large, **Colm Foy-Camosun**

Medium, **Derek Hay-Winnipeg**

Small, **Steven Revell-Kitimat**

Best Governor Bulletin: Larry Fenton, Calgary

Best Website: District III

Wednesday, June 5th was designated **“Western Day”** by District IX. A tour to **Virginia City** was arranged and two busloads of Gyros and ladies enjoyed touring the silver mining community and home of the Comstock Mine. Dozens of the original buildings such as the Washoe Club date back to 1864. The Ponderosa television series of the 1950’s was filmed in the area.

The **District IX Installation of Officers and Governors Ball** was held that evening in Reno. The Incoming Executive for 2019-20 follows: **Milke Eisner, Governor; Lt. Governor, Larry Duba** and **Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Vaughn.**

At the **Annual General Meeting** held on June 6th, a majority of delegates approved a \$10 per member dues increase effective May 1, 2020. This is required for investment in technology and the upgrading of the Data Base and Website. This will be partly offset by the anonymous donation of 25% of the first year’s dues increase by one of the members.

The **Installation of Officers and President’s Ball** was held Thursday evening at the Silver Legacy Resort. Immediate Past International President, **Dale Woodroffe** undertook the installations.

Your International Officers for 2019-20 are:

President: **Ted Shewchuk (Annwyl)**-McKenzie Island
First Vice-President, **Alan Pentney (Tara)**-Stampede City
Second Vice-President, **Bryan Flanigan**-Painesville
Immediate Past President, **Matt Johnson (Lisa Kay)**-Olympia-Tacoma
Secretary-Treasurer, **Mike McNally (Cynthia)**-Buffalo

Larry Duba (Alice) of the Fresno Club was honoured with the **Gyro Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Thanks to District IX for organizing a first-class International Convention in Reno, Nevada!

President David Winfield welcomed 32 Gyros and three guests to the June 18th luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club.

Bob Bahniuk led the singing of Cheerio and **Heinrich Grosskopf** presented the Grace. **Taras Chmil** introduced his guest, **Tony Horobec** and **Heinrich Grosskopf** introduced his guest **Gabriel Snyman**.

Fred Otto introduced our guest speaker, **John R. McDougall**, a fifth generation Edmontonian and great-great-grandson of John Alexander McDougall who settled to Edmonton in 1879.

John is a graduate of the University of Alberta in Civil Engineering and began his career as a petroleum engineer with Imperial Oil. He is currently President of Dalcov Innovations, a consulting company he founded in 1976. John was the inaugural Poole Chair in Management for Engineers in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta from 1991-1997. He then served as President and CEO of the Alberta Research Council from 1997 to 2009 and then as President of the National Research Council from 2010-2016. John is a fellow of Engineers Canada, the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers.

John McDougall advised that **John Alexander McDougall** opened a fur trading and retail business on Jasper Avenue and what is now 101 Street when he arrived from Ontario via Fort Gary (Winnipeg) in 1879.

*Richard Secord worked as a clerk in McDougall's store for a time and the two formed the **McDougall and Secord** company in 1897. In 1905 they built the four-story **Empire Block**. The top floors contained offices while the Bank of Nova Scotia and subsequent drug stores, barber shops, hat cleaners, jeweller, tobacconists, and opticians were located on the main floor. The newly formed Alberta Government had its first offices in the Empire Block in 1905. Liggett's Owl Drug Store, which was taken over by Tamblyn Drug's, was the longest main floor tenant of the building, residing there for about fifty years beginning in 1920. A four-storey addition was built on the north side in 1920. In 1942 a fire gutted the top two floors and resulted in extensive water damage on the lower levels. Completely renovated with a new roof, new woodwork, ceilings, and floors, the block reopened in 1943. Edmonton's oldest privately-owned business, McDougall & Secord, Ltd., still own this corner of Edmonton by way of the **Empire Building**, an eleven-storey office tower built in 1963. (Information obtained by the Editor from various website locations.)*

John advised that he became more interested in his great-grandfather after reading "**The Edmonton Trader**" by James G. MacGregor.

John Alexander McDougall moved from Ontario to Fort Garry in 1873 where he worked as a fur trader and completed his education at Manitoba College. His work brought him to Edmonton in 1877 where he decided to settle, but not before returning to Ontario in 1878 to marry his high school sweetheart, **Lovisa Jane Amey**. The pair settled in Edmonton in 1879 and raised three sons and the three daughters.

In 1899, John Alexander and Lovisa travelled to Europe and left their 16-year-old son to run the business.

In May 1906, the McDougall's embarked with three of their children aged 21, 17 and 15 on an around the world adventure. Travelling by train to Vancouver, the family sailed to Japan. They stayed at the **Grand Hotel in Tokyo** and used a letter of credit of 3000 pounds issued by Lloyds of London. This was equivalent to \$300,000 Can. in today's funds. Japan's population was 44 million compared to the current 128 million. Their travels included Nikko, Mount Fuji, Kyoto, Kobe and Nagoya. There were no foreigners in Nagoya, today it is a major centre for the export market.

The family then sailed on to Shanghai, China, Hong Kong and Singapore. Singapore was much smaller than it is today. Their sailing adventure carried them on to Aden, the Red Sea and the River Nile. The next stops were in Naples and Rome. John Alexander noted the absence of people in Rome. Their final travelling included Geneva, Switzerland and Southeast France. The McDougall family returned home in early October 1906.

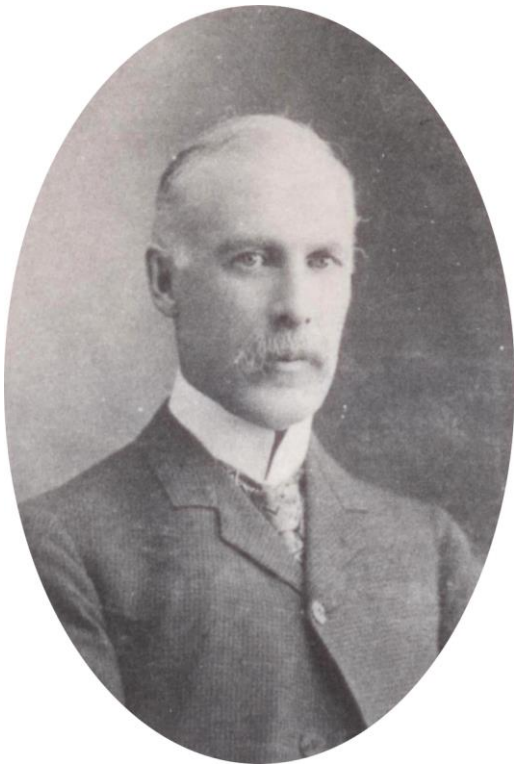
In **December 1907** John Alexander McDougall was elected **Mayor of Edmonton** for a one-year term. He had also served as Mayor from December 1896 to December 1897.

Michael Mant thanked our speaker for a very informative presentation.

The Free Lunch winner was **Peter Gommerud**.

As you may remember from **Staff Sargent Tom Bechthold's** luncheon presentation on May 21st, equipment for the dogs and some of the actual acquisition of animals is funded through donations. Donations to the E.P.S. Canine unit can be made through the Edmonton Police Association, 10151 – 97 Avenue N. W. T5K 2T4., indicating on the cheque that the money is in support of the Canine unit.

The Police association is a registered charity and tax receipts will be issued.



**John Alexander McDougall
1854-1928**



“Fast Fred”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Faculty Club, July 2nd

Speaker: **Tanner King**, Territory Manager, Spartan Controls Ltd.

Topic: Automation and Data Exchange Trends

Team leaders: Taras Chmil and Bob Bahniuk

CORN ROAST and BOCCE, Mixed Event, Kinsmen Club House, Sept 3rd

Catered by Darlene, owner of **Buttercup Bistro**

Cost: Approx. \$35/person

Location: West of Kinsmen Field House, near the High Level Bridge.

Team Leaders: **Peter Carter** and **Val Pohl**

