

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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OUR LAST MEETING was held on February 16th under the chairmanship of President John Ross, who is still struggling to get attention without the use of his gavel! It would be nice if the culprit who took it would return same, so that John can restore some semblance of order, when required to do so.

We can't imagine who would resort to taking the gavel - we have even asked the other three area Gyro clubs about the missing item, but they very vehemently deny any knowledge of it's whereabouts.

We understand that our club budget does not include a new gavel, so John may have to obtain the use of John Stroppa's referee's whistle to use as an enforcer.

We wish to thank Tony Sheppard for bringing his guest Mr. Dave Starko, to our meeting and to Jack Ellis for bringing John Plunkett to be with us again. (see membership).

Our speaker today was a member of our own club Gerry Glassford, who was introduced by John Ross. We now know that Gerry describes himself as a misplaced British Columbian. He was born and married in B.C. His four children were also born there, but by choice the Glassford's have made Edmonton their home since 1965.

Gerry's formal education includes degrees from the U.B.C., U of A, and the University of Illinois. He completed his last degree in 1970.

He worked for 5 years in the lumber industry in B.C., 4 years as a high school teacher and has been with the University of Alberta for 28 years. Twenty of those years in administration, chairman of a department, as Dean, acting Vice President of Development & Community affairs.

He is a consultant with ParticipACTION on Canada's 125 birthday celebrations. A member of the Minister of National Defence Advisory Committee on the Canadian Military Universities. Chairman of a National Review Group for Fitness and Amateur Sport, and is closely involved in the creation of Canada's Northern Games.

Gerry has visited Japan and his talk today was on the subject of Nagasaki - the atomic bomb that was dropped on 9 August 1945.

In the morning of August 9, 1945 the B29 bomber "Bockscar" loaded with an atomic bomb, lifted off the runway at Tinian Air Base in the Mariana Islands and flew towards Kokura, an industrial centre on Kyushu Island, the primary target for the world's second atomic bombing.

When reaching Kokura, cloud cover prevented visual sighting, so the plane changed course for the second target - Nagasaki.

Flying over this city they saw the Mitsubishi Nagasaki Arms Factory and released their fatal cargo from 30,000 feet.

About one third of Nagasaki City was destroyed with 150,000 people killed or injured. It was said at the time that this area would be devoid of vegetation for 75 years. Now the hypocenter remains an international peace park and a symbol of the aspiration for world harmony.

Gerry spoke about the ethical issues involved and made reference to the Japanese ethics of alternatives. How they changed their ways after defeat, accepted a constitution and outlawed war. They then dedicated themselves to western ways to gain their place in the world hierarchy of nations.

One must realize how deeply ingrained the Japanese are in their cultural background, beliefs and way of life which has endured for many, many generations; to begin to understand how they adapted to the alternatives to war - so successfully.

Gerry's talk and slide presentation was very informative and most interesting. Our thanks and appreciation were nicely expressed by Ed Edlund.

BIRTHDAYS - birthday greetings were given to Bill Agnew for 22 February and to Jack Ellis for February 25th. There is one other birthday which occurs on February 24th, for the most senior member of our club - Stanley Noel Smith will be celebrating his 94th birthday on that date. It was unfortunate that Stan was unable to be with us to receive our good wishes, but he was fighting a cold. However everyone at our meeting signed a birthday card for him, which is to be delivered to him by the trio of Bill Graham, Marty Larson & Gord Rennie. Have a great day Stan, best wished from us all.

HEALTH & WELFARE - we learned that Mr. Mel Snihorowych, father of Gyro Mel (Jr) had recently suffered a minor stroke and was hospitalized. He is home now and recovering slowly. We hope he will soon enjoy good health once again.

CASH DRAW - the winner at our last meeting was one of our newer members, a good hard working member, Owen Cornish.

MEMBERSHIP - SECOND POSTING - John Plunkett, 4831 - 143 Street, Edmonton, AB. Phone 435-7011 wife's name Georgina. Sponsored by Jack Ellis, seconded by Bill Agnew.

VALENTINE'S PARTY, held at the Celebrations Theatre on February 12th, was reported to be an enjoyable evening; with good entertainment including the fun of audience participation with the performers. Our thanks to Ed Edlund & Jack Ellis for arranging this special social evening. The roses for the ladies were a touch of class, as well as the "sweet impressions", courtesy of Bill and Wendy Agnew, which are always much appreciated.

INTER-CLUB - as reported in the last 'log, our Vice President John Stroppa was a guest speaker at the St. Albert Gyro Club's meeting on February 15th. When asked how things went, John reported that the St Albert members were very lively & enthusiastic, who must have liked his presentation because they even booed him; which he said made him feel right at home being a former football player and later referee. John did give a fine talk about his playing days with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (he was rookie of the year in 1949) and about his experiences as a football referee and his present position as supervisor of football referees in Alberta. John also provided some great memorabilia in the form of pictures and newspaper write-ups about the CFL. Visiting Gyros at the meeting in addition to John, were Rick Little (actually an honorary member of St. Albert), also Al McClure & Gord Rennie from our club.

GYRO DISTRICT 8 INTERIM MEETING - at Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C. on 19-21 March 1993. By now no doubt you have sent in your registration form, etc., as outlined in our last bulletin. We need good club representation, so make arrangements and join the fun.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL - President Marty Larson is back from the International Interim meeting in Salt Lake City, which he reports as successful. The main topic of interest is the cost of Gyro operations. Fortunately our International Executive, as opposed to our Governments, are working at reducing the expenditures by International, rather than by simply raising the International dues. We certainly appreciate their efforts on our behalf. It is suggested that the best way to make the budget is by bringing in new members.

CONDOLENCE - we learned from Int'l President Marty with regret, that Stephanie Maynard had passed away, at age 42. Stephanie is the daughter of Past District 9 Governor Bob Torgerson and Sue, of Fresno, California. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bob & Sue & families.

We were also sorry to learn of the death of Past International President (1973-74) John L. Holtzbauer, of Des Moines, Iowa. Our (belated) sympathy to his wife Al and family.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS'S MEETING - President John Ross reported that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at his home, on Monday 1 March 1993, at 7.30 p.m. The attendance of all directors is requested at this important meeting.

HOCKEY POOL - the following winners were announced by hockey mogul Al McClure, as follows:-
13 February: 1st period \$10.00 Bernie Hiron: second period \$15.00 Jerry Tyberg: Dave Ross.
Final score \$25.00 Dan Warrack: Rita Davidson: Robert L. Jack.

20 February: 1st period: \$10.00 Laura Ogilvie: Allen Douglas: Al McClure(charity begins at
2nd period \$15.00 T. Holt: Wayne Knight(St. Albert Gyro Club) home)
Final score: \$25.00 Art Stavenjord(Grand Forks Gyro Club: Past Governor)

It seems to me that the rich get richer - and the poor keep hoping!

GYRETTES CORNER - Millie Shepherd, President of the Gyrettes Club, reports that the next meeting of the Gyrettes will be held on Tuesday 9 March at the Mayfair Golf Club. Cocktails at 6.00 and dinner at 6.30 p.m. Your guest speaker will be Gyro Gerry Glassford, who will tell you all about his recent trip to Japan. Sounds like a great evening, don't miss it.

THE GYROLOG - as your editor-in-chief, after reading this issue of the Gyrolog, I wondered if I am writing more than you care to read. Perhaps I am too verbose(who me?) and I am serious about this. We try to make the bulletin interesting, informative and complete - but are we reaching this goal?. Consequently we are going to invite "Letters to The Editor" so that you can voice your opinion about the bulletins and offer suggestions or criticisms - constructive or otherwise - for the good of the order. Please - no remarks about "typos" I've got lots of them. ~~It may be that someone has something of interest that we could publish for our members,~~ so don't hesitate to use the power of the pen - for the sake of Gyro.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE - Victor Borge is not only a fine musician and humorist, he would make a great diplomat. He was playing at the Waldorf Hotel, when a waiter handed him a note that read, "Lauritz Melchior and Jean Hersholt are in the audience.

"I seldom introduce big names from the stage" said Borge, "but in this case both visitors are old friends & fellow Danish-Americans, so I'll make an exception".

"I have the privilege of introducing two great Danish artists whose talents have given so much pleasure to millions of Americans. I honestly don't know in what order to introduce them, so I'm sure that Jean Hersholt won't mind if I mention Lauritz Melchior first".

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be held at the Mayfair Golf Club on Tuesday, 2 March 1993 at 12.00 noon. Program Team No.12 consisting of Bill Agnew, Larry Wang & Bryce Van Dusen are responsible for program arrangements. Now Bryce is in Yuma and "cold buster" Larry is unable to attend.

That leaves Bill Agnew to be a "one man show" which he advised he will be. Just that! Bill is going to tell us all about the business that he & Wendy operate, called "Riddle's Sweet Impressions". We appreciate you taking over Bill and look forward to your presentation. retread.

