



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

February 15, 2005

President

Dick Nichols
Res. 476-3221

President Dick welcomed 39 Gyros and guests to another wonderful day in paradise. **Bill Clark** led us in Cheerio and **Roger Russell** asked the blessing.

1st Vice-President

Walter Yakimets
Res. 438-1406

Barry Walker introduced guests Doug Baker from the Canadian Cancer Society and Earl Andrusiak from HSBC. **Allan Douglas** introduced his friends Dave Forbes and Dave Wright.

2nd Vice-President

Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925

Earl Andrusiak gave us some background on HSBC and presented a cheque for \$10,000 to sponsor the Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament.

Imm. Past President

Roy Bennett
Res. 987-2403

PIP Marty Larson, with the assistance of **Gord Rennie**, then installed four new members into our club. They are **Fred Dunn**, **Harry Kocil**, **Martin Sawdon** and **Eric Spink**.

Secretary

Barry Walker
Res. 475-0983

Gordon Robertson introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Bruce Miller who was the minister of Robertson Wesley church for 14 years before being elected as the MLA for Edmonton Glenora. He outlined some of the changes he experienced with this change of careers. He also pointed out some of the similarities in the two roles. **Roy Bennett** thanked him for his interesting and entertaining presentation. Dr. Miller then drew a card that saw new member **Eric Spink** win two Gyro license plate frames.

Treasurer

Mike Matei
Res. 930-1780

Out Treasurer, **Mike Matei**, reported that cheques in the amount of \$500 have been sent to groups that have spoken to us. They are the Salvation Army, Junior Achievement, Edmonton Science Outreach and Boysdale Camp.

Directors

Bruce Foy
Res.436-7142
Gordon Robertson
Res. 486-1240
John Stroppa
Res. 469-6133

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Editor-In -Chief

Gordon Rennie
Res. 488-2856

A notice in the Avery Journal stated "Invershiel Laundry and Dry Cleaners will be closed January 29th through January 24th for a family vacation. We will be open January 27th."

Editor

Allan Douglas
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From the instruction manual for an Ikea desk "It is advisable to be two people during assembly".

Mort Morter was in attendance and is recovering well from back surgery. He was not aware of any illness in the club.

President Dick informed us that with the new members installed today there have been 8 new members this year. He reminded us that you do not have to be a long time member to bring a friend. If you have a friend in mind you would like to share with our group bring him to a luncheon to see what we are all about.

More from the old Hollywood Squares. Q. According to Cosmo, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married? Rose Marie: No, wait until morning. Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older? Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

Dave Duchak reported on the last two hockey games. On February 5th the Utah Grizzlies were in Edmonton and they led the Road Runners 1:0 after the first period. The winners were Barbara Walker and Lucas Burnett. It was a 1:1 tie after two and Rebecca Warrack and Perry Baird each won \$15. With a final score of 4:1 for Edmonton \$25 went to H. McLachin and **Bob Lippe**.

On February 11th Edmonton was in Hamilton and the home team was ahead 4:1 after one with \$10 going to Heather Masseau and David Ross. After the second frame it was 6:1 and **Jean Morter** and **John Ross** were the winners. The final of 7:1 saw \$25 go to **Jack Ellis** and **Beth Siegel**.

Game 12 on February 19 saw Edmonton at the Manitoba Moose who led 1:0 after the first. **Eileen Kuhl** and Kendra Russell won \$10. With a 1:1 tie after two **Peter Butler** and **Mike Matei** won \$15. The final 2:1 for the Moose enriched **Peter Butler** and **Sharon Matei** by \$15.

President Dick announced that the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta has awarded the designation of Fellow of the Chartered Accountants to our **Barry Walker**. This designation is one of the most prestigious awards that can be given to a chartered accountant. It recognizes CAs who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in their career and contributions to the community and the accounting profession. The work **Barry** has done within Gyro has contributed to his election to Fellowship. Congratulations **Barry**!

Allan Warrack forwarded the following that he thought we should be alerted about. I have already taken action. Seems that car thieves have found yet another way to steal your car or truck without any effort at all. The car thieves peer through the windshield of your car or truck, write down the VIN # from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN #. I didn't believe this e-mail, so I called a friend at Chrysler Dodge and pretended I had lost my keys. They told me to just bring in the VIN #, and they would cut me one on the spot, and I could order the keyless device if I wanted. The Car Dealer's Parts Department will make a duplicate key from the VIN#, and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car. He doesn't have to

break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to him. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local Chop Shop with your vehicle. You don't believe it? It IS that easy. To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) across the VIN Metal Label located on the dashboard. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you can cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief. I urge you to forward this to your friends before some other car thief steals another car or truck.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our Annual Bocce night will be on March 7th 2005. **Victor Jagoldas** encourages as many people who can to come for 5:30 so that some of the games can be played before dinner. The meal will be served at 6:30 and afterwards the thrilling competition will continue. If enough games are completed before dinner the grueling pace will not have to continue into the wee hours of the morning. The cost is \$34 with wine and \$28 without.

Dave McNaughton, Dave Duchak and Jack Ellis have arranged for a speaker on the topic of Oil Sands Research for our regular luncheon meeting on March 1, 2005.

Valerie Walker advises that the next Gyrette meeting is on March 8-05. Cocktails at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM. We have an exciting program lined up, A fashion Show by Suzanne. Please come out and bring a friend and have a glimpse of what's new for spring.

At our March 15th meeting the guest speaker will be Bruce Saville. **Larry Dobson, Don Assehton-Smith and Alan Rusler** are arranging the program.

Our election night will be held once again at Kelly's Saloon on Tuesday April 5, 2005. It will be a dinner meeting, details to follow.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held March 18-20, 2005 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, in Fairmont, BC.

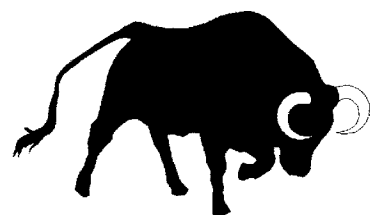
Our annual Prostate Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday June 17, 2005.

The District VIII Annual Convention will be held June 23-26, 2005 at the Regina Travelodge, in Regina, SK

Walter Yakimets has booked the same venue for our Christmas party on December 6, 2005.

Same Old Bull

Allan



No such thing as two left feet in this ballroom dancing class

This feels a bit like being back in junior high.

I'm sitting on a bench in the gym at Queen Alexandra school in Old Strathcona, alternately watching dancers moving across the hardwood floor and looking at my two left feet.

I've never been much of a dancer-my wife can attest to that. Like a lot of men, I don't often feel like dancing. I'm not in the mood unless I've had a couple of drinks.

Some of the people I'm watching in Victor and Valerie Jagoldas's Wednesday night ballroom dancing class used to be in shoes similar to my own, and if they're not all exactly gliding, no feet are being stepped on and their movements are coordinated enough to make it look like real dancing.

They're in good hands for learning to waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha and the rest.

There probably isn't a more experienced dance instructing couple in Edmonton, or anywhere for that matter, than the Jagoldases.

They've been teaching ballroom dancing for the continuing education unit of Edmonton Public Schools since 1958. That's 47 years, if you're counting.

All that experience makes them confident that anyone can learn to dance - even me - and they discount the gender differences.

"I think men are a little brainwashed that women are natural dancers and they are ones with two left feet," Valerie says. "That's so wrong. I've seen so many left feet on women."

They estimate they've taught more than 15,000 people how to dance. And they keep running into them everywhere they go, from the stranger who sidled up to them in a restaurant booth in Bellingham, Wash., and whispered: "Cha cha cha," to Rev. Bruce Miller, the newly elected Edmonton Liberal MLA who

Mike Sadava



**SADAVA
ON SATURDAY**

spotted Victor at a Gyro Club function and said he had taken lessons from him 15 years earlier.

Much of their lives has been centred on the dance floor. Victor and Valerie met through dance - she was his instructor at the long-defunct Delmar Studios.

He was such a good dancer from the beginning that he swept her off her feet. Not that he wasn't impressed by the gorgeous brunette he was paying to be in his arms. They soon married and taught for Arthur Murray, but they decided the professional dance instructor's life, with its long hours, wasn't a great lifestyle.

They both started working in accounting departments - Victor for Canadian National Railways and Valerie for the Alberta Motor Association - but dancing was still in their blood.

They got the continuing education gig when Victor went to say hello to Clair Hollingsworth, his former principal at Victoria school. Lessons were being offered at night, but Arthur Murray was running them and using them as an avenue to get people into their own classes.

Hollingsworth offered, Victor accepted, and the Jagoldases have taught continuously all those years, even after both of them suffered heart problems. "I never stopped teaching through my recovery- I just kept on going," Valerie says.

At Queen Alexandra school they belt out instructions with the help of a cordless microphone and go around to each of the 15 couples, giving them advice about the steps, the dips, the sway and even the way a man should hold his partner. The official ballroom dancing handbook, which dwarfs the complexity of a football playbook, outlines all the moves, alignments, feet positions and rise and fall to the most minute detail.

There are people of all ages, mostly dressed comfortably in jeans, T-shirts and sneakers. With movies like *Shall We Dance* on the big screens, the growing popularity of Latin music and dance, and more than 1,000 people in a ballroom dancing club at the University of Alberta, dancing is again mainstream.

Victor says he wishes there were nightclubs like the old Trocadero where the dance floor was big enough that you could do a proper foxtrot without bumping into the next couple.

Jeff Kittmer, 29, and his wife Stephanie, 26, are relatively new to ballroom dancing, but their efforts are starting to pay off.

"I just got tired of the slow dances like we did back in high school - back and forth, back and forth," Jeff says. "It's not exciting anymore."

People sign up for their courses for numerous reasons, whether it's in preparation for a wedding, because their partner likes it or just to get a little exercise.

Victor mentions the best reason-wisdom that I and my two left feet could have used when I was single.

"There's no doubt that the guys who could dance always got the girls," he says.