



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

January 6, 2004

President

Roy Bennett
Res. 987-2403

President Roy welcomed 32 Gyros and 4 guests to the first meeting of 2004.

1st Vice-President

Tony Sheppard
Res. 435-4325

Larry Dobson gave a stirring rendition of Cheerio. The **Rev John Dowds** asked the blessing.

2nd Vice-President

Wayne Tingley
Res. 488-5467

Dave Burnett introduced his guest, a previous member Gunnar Anderson - **Larry Dobson** introduced Mike Babichuk, and Bruce Swanson. The guest speaker - Doug McNally, was introduced by **Jim Brown**. In addition it was announced that both Val Pohl, and David McNaughton who were both present, were applying for membership in the club. A correction is that at the last meeting Rick Cloutier was actually the guest of **Del Sals**.

Imm. Past President

Victor Jagoldas
Res. 434-2438

Secretary

Barry Walker
Res. 475-0983

On the health of the Club, **Mort Morter** advised that **Bill Graham** is having a difficult time being in and out of the hospital over the Christmas period. **Marty Larson** mentioned that **Kay Yakimets** has been in the hospital for over a week now with a bad back problem.

Treasurer

Dick Nichols
Res. 476-3221

There are two birthdays in January -- the twin Johns - **John Ross** and **John Stroppa**. Incidentally please make a note of **John Stroppa's** new email address. It is jystropp@shaw.ca

Directors

Peter Fairbridge
Res. 435-5629

Peter Butler
Res. 987-4581

Bruce Foy
Res. 436-7142

Win Kirkwood
Res. 436-2300

Dave Duchak announced the latest hockey pool winners. On December 20 Vancouver was in Edmonton and with no score after the first period **Barry Walker** and Warren Douglas each won \$10. Vancouver led 2:0 after two and Corry Russell and Cheryl Helyrek received \$15. The final score of 3:0 rewarded Beverly Russell and Joyce Hidber with \$25.

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Editor-In -Chief

Gordon Rennie
Res. 488-2856

Game 7 was held on December 27 with Edmonton in Vancouver. Vancouver led 1:0 after one and winners **Margaret Foy**, Walt Pelletier and **Tony Sheppard**. Things looked better after two with the Oilers up 3:2 and the winners were **Janet Russell** and **Jim Brown**. With a final score of 6:2 the winners were **Mike Matei** and Lynn Howell.

Editor

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Edmonton started the new year off right in Game 8 on January 2nd. The Oilers led 1:0 after the first and Andrew Burnett, Jessica Presley, and **Victor Jagoldas** won. Minnesota tied it in the second and Sean McClure and **Mort Morter** collected cash. Gyros did well with the final score of 2:1 and the winners were **Marlene Burnett, Jack Ellis** and **Tony Sheppard**.

SECOND POSTING: John Read has applied for membership in the club. He and his wife Diane live at 230 Omand Dr. in Edmonton; the postal code is T6R 1L4. Their telephone number is 430-8669 and his email address is johnread@connect.ab.ca. John is a retired physician and health care administrator. His is being sponsored by **Bruce Foy** and his seconder is **Walter Yakimets**.

Valerie Walker reports that the Gyrettes reviewed the selections for golf shirt material for our Club at the Gyrette Christmas Dinner on December 9, 2003 and a colour selection was made. Thank you ladies for your assistance in leading the Gyros to the proper selection. The colour selected is "natural". The cost should be about \$30.00 to \$35.00 per golf shirt.

We now need to firm up our order and therefore need sizes. The material is preshrunk and your normal size should be chosen.

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| Men's sizes available | S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL |
| Lady's sizes available | S M L XL XXL |

Please e-mail (walkerb@petersonwalker.ab.ca) or call **Valerie** or **Barry Walker** with your size.

We want to have all the volunteers for our June 9, 2004 Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament decked out in our new Club shirt.

If additional information is required, please call **Valerie** or **Barry**.

Tony Sheppard advised us that he has been asked to participate in a committee of 8 to select the top 100 Edmontonians who have contributed the most to the growth of the City of Edmonton over the last 100 years. This is part of the city's Centennial celebrations. He asked us all to put on our thinking caps and come up with some names. His e mail address is tony@sheppardinsurance.com.

Jim Brown introduced our guest speaker, Doug McNally. Doug was the police chief for the City of Edmonton, and since 1995 has been the head of the Edmonton Community foundation, which is a registered charitable foundation. Doug gave us a lot of insight into the operations of the foundation, and the great impact it has on many aspects of life in the city. Doug likened the foundation to a "community savings account", as compared to the many wonderful charities in the city which are like "chequing accounts". The foundation began in 1971 with \$34000 in its coffers. Not much happened to this organization until the late 1980's when a combined donation of \$15 million from three Edmonton families, the Stollery family, and two Poole families, really gave the foundation the start it needed.

Since then the foundation has grown its assets to approximately \$140 million, and it has disbursed many millions of dollars over that time. In 2003 alone, nearly \$12 million were raised and \$9 million disbursed to nearly 300 recipients. The fund disburses 4.5% of its total asset value every year.

After some interesting questions, **Gerry Glassford** did a wonderful job of thanking the speaker on our behalf.

Doug drew a card and **Peter Carter** won a free lunch.

We all, and I in particular, owe **Larry Dobson** a great big thank you for taking the notes at the January 6th meeting. One of the pit falls of not being retired is that every now and again work gets in the way of fun and pleasure. That happened to me on January 6th and **Larry** willingly agreed to take notes so that you could be informed. Thanks **Larry!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our next meeting will be a luncheon meeting at the Mayfair on Tuesday January 20, 2004. **Alan Rusler** announced that the speaker will be Dr. Lorne Tyrell, Dean of Medicine, faculty of Dentistry at the University of Alberta. He will be speaking on the numerous research projects underway at the University.

Allan Warrack announced that the guest speaker at the February 3rd meeting will be Dr Lauren Strain, the new Director of the Center for Gerontology at the University of Alberta. She will be giving us an update on the activities of the Center, which has been the recipient of donations from the Edmonton Gyro Club.

The annual Mixed Valentines Day Party will be held Tuesday, February 10, at the La Boheme Restaurant, 6427 112 Avenue. Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7 pm. The format will be similar to last year's party at the Creperie, where there is a choice of menu. This time it will be a 4 course dinner, with the main course choice ranging from Roasted leg of lamb with garlic, rosemary and a red wine sauce, chicken breast stuffed with brie and dried apricots with a white wine sauce, or a filet of salmon with a tapenade crust and dill hollandaise sauce. Price is \$40 per person for Gyros, and \$45 for guests. This does not include alcoholic beverages. The restaurant has a very interesting and reasonable wine list. Make your plans now for this great event.

On March 1 there will be Bocci Night, and that will mean that there will be no meeting March 2.

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

THE GYRO PROSTATE CANCER TOURNAMENT sponsored by the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Canadian Cancer Society is scheduled for June 9, 2004 at the Links

Golf Course in Spruce Grove. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 am with 144 golfers able to participate.

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.

After the resounding success of the Christmas Party, **Walter Yakimets** has booked the same venue for Tuesday December 7, 2004.

Same Old Bull

Allan

