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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Cliff Revell and John Ross, 75 years** on the 2nd, **Arv Hardin** on the 8th, **Fred Otto, 85 years** on the 12th, **Daryl Dyck** on the 18th, **Dunc Mills** on the 24th, **John Boyd, 80 years** on the 26th, **Jim Lochhead** the 26th and **Jack Brown** on the 31st.

Daryl and Anita Dyck celebrated their **17th** wedding anniversary on the 18th.

36 Gyros and Gyrettes attended the **January 5th Edmonton Oil Kings vs Saskatoon Blades** afternoon hockey game at Rogers Place in Edmonton. The final score was 4-3 in favour of the Oil Kings. Past International President and former television sports commentator, **Marty Larson** was given a tour of the press box which is roughly 135 feet above ice level. Thanks to **Dunc Mills** for organizing this event!

The 2020 Curling Alberta Men's Junior Champions are Ryan Jacques (skip), Desmond Young (third), Andrew Gittis (second), Gabriel Dyck (lead) and coach Skip Wilson making up Team Jacques.

Team Jacques will represent Alberta at the New Holland **Canadian Junior Men's Curling Championships**, January 18-26, 2020 in Langley, BC. Fourteen men's teams will play in two pools leading to the championship game. The winning team will compete in the World's Men's Junior championships in Krasnoyarsk, Russia.

Ryan Jacques is **Gary Campbell's** grandson.

Well done Ryan!



Skip Wilson

Gabriel Dyck Andrew Gittis Desmond Young Ryan Jacques

President David Winfield welcomed 27 Gyros and four guests to the January 7th luncheon meeting held at the University (Faculty) Club. **Marty Larson** led the singing of Cheerio and **Larry Dobson** presented the Grace.

Dunc Mills introduced his guest **Dick Fluker** and **Daryl Dyck** introduced his guest **Matt Hewson**.

President David introduced our speaker **Allan Bolstad** who recently retired from his job as Executive Director with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL). He is best known for the 12 years he spent representing the citizens of Ward 2 on Edmonton city council (1992-2004).

While on council, Allan received awards from the province and Alberta Lung Association for his work in promoting a smoke-free environment as well as an award from the Alberta Soccer Association for helping to launch three indoor soccer centres in the city. He also spearheaded the development of the Alberta Capital Region Alliance (the predecessor to the Capital Region Board), the Inglewood Business Association, plans to preserve natural park space in Edmonton and a charitable fundraising program called Donate-A-Ride that provides free bus tickets to needy Edmontonians.

In 2006, he helped found the Edmonton and Area Land Trust, a group dedicated to preserving key environmental sites in and around Edmonton.

During his ten years at the helm of the EFCL, Allan helped launch several key projects and programs, such as the federation's \$4.5 million 100th Anniversary Project in Hawrelak Park.

Allan Bolstad and **Project Manager, Nora Begoray** presented information on **The EFCL 100th Anniversary Project**.

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The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL), which represents 160 Community leagues in Edmonton, will be 100 years old in 2021. To celebrate this milestone, the EFCL is working with the City of Edmonton on a significant upgrade to Hawrelak Park; one that will celebrate and recognize the amazing contributions community leagues and their volunteers have made to the very fabric and quality of life in Edmonton while adding park features that everyone can enjoy.

The project consists of two plaza spaces that anchor a **man-made stream complete with pathways, interpretive nodes, seating opportunities, and interactive play elements**. The project is located in Edmonton's Hawrelak Park and its design intent consists of two main components: (1) create vibrant and integrated public gathering spaces and (2) use the various design components of the project to tell the story of the EFCL's history and celebrate the many contributions that this organization and its members have made to communities in the Edmonton area.

The primary plaza is intended to be the focal point and predominant gathering space for the 100th Anniversary project. It is designed to bring people together and to offer opportunities for interaction – something the community leagues and the EFCL have done for so many years. The design will celebrate Edmonton's community leagues, its history, its people and their contributions to building communities.

Construction on the Community League Plaza commenced in the fall of 2019 and will be completed by May 2020. Donations will be recognized on donor walls by categories such as trails and benches.

A question was raised about **security** and **vandalism**: Enhanced lighting and material design has been incorporated to minimize these issues. A maintenance fund has been established to ensure the facilities are kept in good condition.

Fred Schulte thanked the speakers for their informative presentation. **David Winfield** was the **Free Lunch winner**.

Bruce Foy and **Peter Carter** presented short biographies:

Bruce Foy was raised on a farm southwest of the small village of **Meyronne**, Saskatchewan. Bruce was one of only three in his class at the two-room public school. He completed high School and the first year of engineering at Regina College. Bruce then graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon with a civil engineering degree.

Upon graduation, he began working for Canada Mines and Technical Surveys establishing mapping control for the first order **Geodetic Surveys** in Northern Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, the NWT and the Arctic Islands.

In 1965, Bruce took on the position of resident engineer with **Transport Canada** at the Vancouver Airport. Between 1965 and 1987, he was responsible for airport construction and warranty work in Winnipeg, Calgary, Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Inuvik and Fort McMurray. In 1988, Bruce moved to **Public Works Canada** and was responsible for construction of many federal buildings such as RCMP detachments, Agriculture laboratories, federal penitentiaries and the Virology Lab in Winnipeg.

He retired in 1995 after 39 years with federal agencies.

Peter Carter was born in London, England and moved to Toronto and then Ottawa with his mother at the age of five. He left home before completing high school but excelled in mathematics and accounting.

He has had **three careers**:

He joined **North American Van Lines** as junior controller and was given increased responsibilities in Ontario and then worked for the company in Alberta for 10 years.

He then joined the **Edmonton Art Gallery** as Administrative Director.

His third career was in travel; he established **Carter's Travel and Cruises** and after 16 years he merged with a Calgary company which then grew into a large travel organization in Western Canada. Peter retired six years ago. Since then he has been actively involved as a volunteer board

member of the **Pilgrims Hospice Society**. Edmonton's first free-standing residential community hospice is to be known as the **Roozen Family Hospice Centre** and is expected to be open at the end of 2020. Peter also teaches financial management for the Arts at Grant McEwan University.



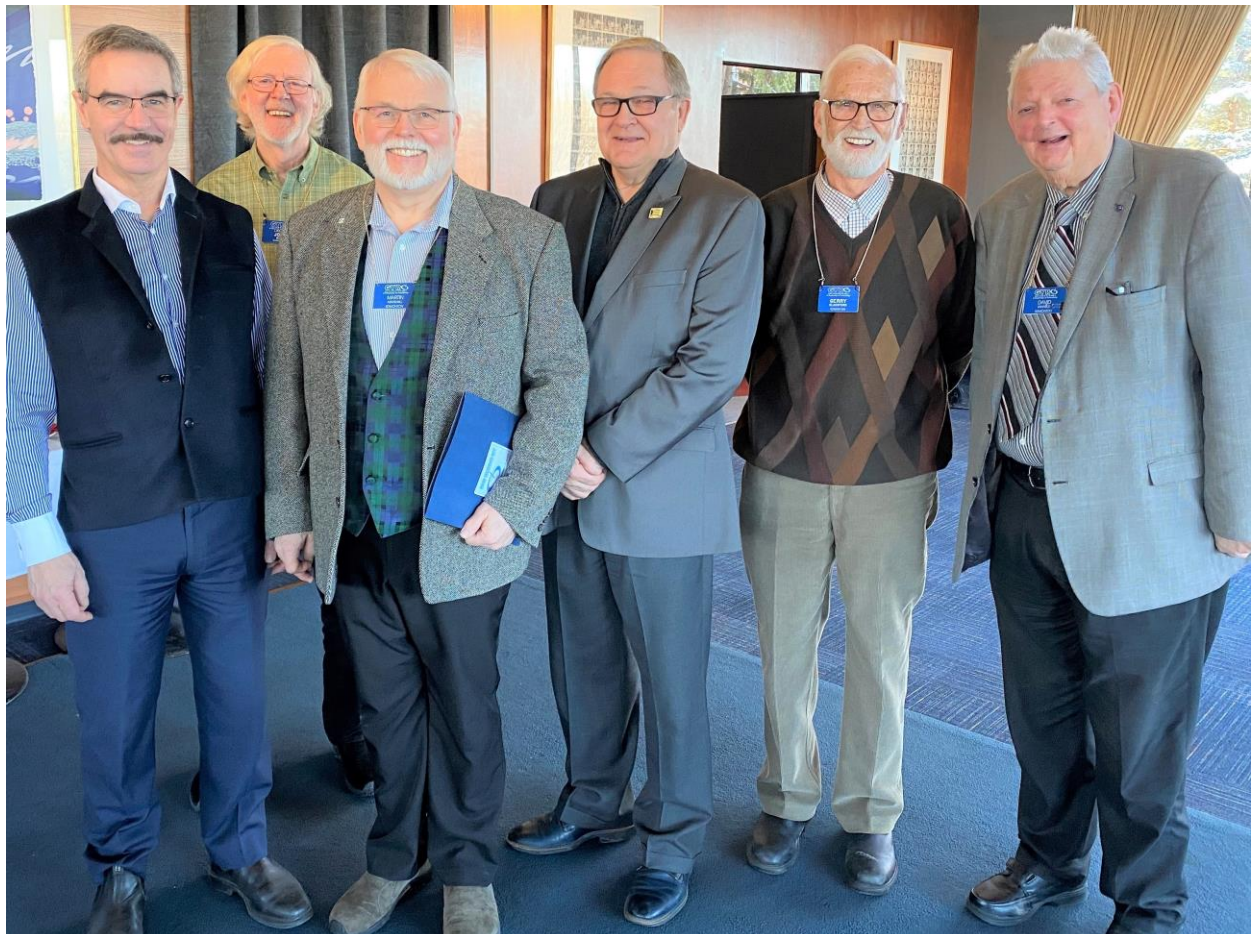
Some local humour in Paysan, Arizona, November 2019



The GYROLOG January 2020

President David Winfield welcomed 29 Gyros and one guest to the January 21st luncheon meeting held at the University (Faculty) Club. **Fred Schulte** led the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

Past District Governor Gerry Glassford inducted our newest member **Martin Marshall** in the company of his sponsors **Ron Trant** and **Ari Hoeksema**. Gerry asked Martin's sponsors to assist and support him to be an active Gyro. Gerry provided a short history of the 107-year-old Gyro International organization.



Ron Trant John Ross Martin Marshall Ari Hoeksema Gerry Glassford David Winfield

Photo by David Burnett

Fred Schulte introduced our guest speaker, **Staff Sergeant Tom Bechthold of the Edmonton Police Service.**

He is a **24-year veteran**, starting with six years on patrol, seven on the Canine Unit, five and a half as an Airborne Tactical Flight Officer, returning to the Canine Unit as a Sergeant and presently the **Staff Sergeant responsible for the Canine Unit and Flight Operations.**

You will recall that he spoke to our club on May 21st, 2019 regarding the **Canine Unit** and he brought **Zeus**, a young Belgian Malinois puppy.

The January 4th, 2020 Edmonton Journal also reported the capture of a man suspected of a catalytic converter theft by **Police Service Dog Bady.**

Our speaker will present information on the Edmonton Police Service Flight Operations and the use of Air One to track suspects.

Staff Sgt. Bechthold began his presentation with a five-minute video presentation of numerous airborne helicopter pursuits of suspects speeding in vehicles up to 150 km per hour and subsequent ground chases of drivers who ran from their vehicles.

Flight Operations Unit

The Flight Operations Unit is **one of only six full-time police helicopter programs in operation within Canada** and the only municipal program that uses sworn members as pilots. This not only gives officers an opportunity to work in a unique position within policing, but also ensures that our pilots and flight crew are as committed to catching offenders as our members on the street.

On February 28, 2001, the proposal to acquire a police helicopter was brought before the Edmonton Police Commission. Benefits for both the community and Edmonton Police Service were described in detail.

The Police Commission approved the recommendation, conditional upon capital costs being met by community donations and that a third

party evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of this public safety tool over the next year.

The **Launch of Air One** made its public debut at Heritage Days on Sunday **August 5, 2001**. The **Eurocopter EC 120B Colibri** was leased for a year before it was fully purchased with public funds. The turbine powered aircraft was the quietest model of helicopter in the world and could stay aloft for 2-2.5 hours at a tactical speed of 200km/hr.

A pilot works with a tactical flight officer (also sworn police member) as part of a team onboard the helicopter. The Flight Operations Unit flies approximately 1,000 hours per year, arriving quickly on-scene to support patrol operations including:

- criminal flights-locating suspects
- assisting patrol in safe arrests
- managing vehicle pursuits safely
- providing officer safety at traffic stops
- monitoring erratic or dangerous drivers
- assisting with containment on canine calls
- assisting ground staff in managing large volumes of people
- suspicious activity
- arsons or assisting EFD hotspots

A new **Airbus H-125 Helicopter** was unveiled at Villeneuve Airport on **February 23, 2018**. The new chopper replaces the original Air 1 and can stay in the air longer for up to 3-3.5 hours. It flies at 250 km/hr. The Airbus is noisier but can be flown at 800 to 1200 feet above ground level to reduce ground noise.

Features include **Forward Looking Infra Red (FLIR)**, see in the dark thermal energy, an **MX10 Camera with GPS** and a **Night Sun Spotlight**. The Tactical Flight Officer operates the FLIR and quarterbacks the police response on the ground. Flight Operations responds to 2800 calls per year. There are limitations when there is severe cold weather, and when visibility is less than 3 miles and 1200 feet of cloud cover. The

helicopter technology can't read licence plates or see through windows or walls. Heavy bush and treed areas are very challenging to maintain surveillance of fleeing suspects.

There is presently an epidemic of property crime because of the economy and drugs.

Staff Sgt. Bechthold advised that he is presently **Acting Inspector responsible for all police operations.**

David Burnett thanked our speaker for an informative and engaging presentation to a likely naive audience.

Fred Otto was the **Free Lunch** winner.



The new Air One



Photo by David Burnett

President David Winfield congratulating **Allan Warrack on his 40th Year in Gyro**. Allan was sponsored by **Past District Governor Gord Rennie**.

Dick Nichols reports on the Hockey Pool Winners.

Game 7	December 20	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Penguins					
First	0 2	Warren Douglas		Teresa Ellis	Teresa Ellis
Second	2 3	Shirley Larson		Bea McKenzie	Dan Larson
Final	2 5	Gary Campbell		Mike Matei	Glen Baird

Game 8	December 23	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Canucks					
First	1 1	Gary Campbell		Dan Hasinoff	Warren Douglas
Second	2 1	Mike Matei		Scarlett Burnett	Shirley Larson
Final	2 4	Unsold		Dick Nichols	Gary Campbell

Game 9	December 31	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Rangers					
First	3 0	Marcia Kashani	Jean Warrack		David Winfield
Second	6 1	Mike Matei	Chuck Gerhart		Bea McKenzie
Final	7 4	Malcom Ross	Don Greig		Mike Matei

Game 10	January 6	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Maple Leafs					
First	1 0	Michael Mant	Ray Dallaire		Darcy Burnett
Second	4 3	Jill Hastings	Don Seiben		Taras Chmil
Final	6 4	Janice Nichols Molofy	Janice Nichols Molofy		Unsold

Game 11	January 14	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Predators					
First	2 2	Chuck Gerhart	Ray Dallaire		Dean Larson
Second	3 2	Allan Warrack	Lauren Warrack		Gary Campbell
Final	4 2	Lisa Barton	Morgan Lochhead		Unsold

**ONE WAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU
ARE OLD IS TO FALL DOWN IN
FRONT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE. IF
THEY LAUGH, YOU'RE STILL
YOUNG. IF THEY PANIC AND
START RUNNING TO YOU,
YOU'RE OLD.**

WHEN YOU'RE DEAD,
YOU DON'T KNOW
YOU'RE DEAD. THE PAIN
IS ONLY FELT BY
OTHERS.

THE SAME THING
HAPPENS WHEN
YOU'RE STUPID.

Gyro Club of Edmonton-Gerontology Scholarships 2020

In the mid-1980's to mid-1990's, funds were contributed by the Gyro Club of Edmonton, and individual members with matching funds from the province to establish the **Centre for Gerontology Fund** at the University of Alberta. This endowment fund currently provides yearly; one undergraduate scholarship of \$1,000 and a Masters of \$1700 and a PhD scholarship of \$1800.

The winners of this year's scholarships are:

- **Linzy Gohn** (Doctoral) - Faculty of Science/Department of Psychology - research focus is on 'frailty'. Master's thesis looked at 'social motivation in dementia'.
- **George Han** (Masters) - Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry/Department of Biochemistry - research focus is on Alzheimer's Disease/age-related neurological disorders.
- **Autumn Beemer** (Undergraduate) - Faculty of Nursing - frailty research assistant. Pursuing geriatric critical care nursing.

“Fast Fred”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Valentines Mixed Evening Event, Mayfield Dinner Theatre, 16615-109 Ave. adjacent to the Hilton Doubletree Hotel.

Tuesday, February 4th

Buffet Dinner 6-8pm, Show starts at 8pm

Noises Off treats the audience to a hilarious behind-the-scenes peek at a play-within-a-play!

Cost: \$79.25 per person

Team Leaders: David Winfield and Bruce Swanson

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, February 18th

Speaker: Trevor Mowbray -Willowglen

Topic: Control Systems

Team Leaders: Bob Bahniuk and Dick Nichols

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, March 3rd

Speaker: Nathan Goldberg

Topic: The E-Commerce Industry

Team Leaders: Daryl Dyck and Bob Bahniuk

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, March 17th

Speaker: Proposed 2021 Budget and Speaker

Team Leaders: Gary Campbell, Doug Armstrong and Jack Brown

District VIII Convention, Medicine Hat, Alberta, May 28-31

Host: Stampede City Gyro Club

Gyro International Convention, Victoria, British Columbia, June 9-13

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- ***Ask for Gyro Convention***
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 - ✓ ***1King Bed & Pullout Couch.***
- ***Cancellation Policy:***
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District VIII Convention May 28-31, 2020
Medicine Hat, AB



Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____
Gyro Club: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Code/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Accommodations in Medicine Hat: _____ Arr. Date: _____ Dep. Date: _____
Any dietary restrictions or requests? _____
REGISTRATION FEE – COUPLE: \$480 SINGLE: \$240 Total amount: \$ _____

Registration Fee Includes:

- ✓ Thursday - welcome dinner, hospitality and refreshments
- ✓ Friday - bocce tournament, complimentary bar, dinner and entertainment (transportation provided)
- ✓ Saturday - mixed lunch & tour at Medalta in the Historic Clay District (transportation provided)
- ✓ Saturday - Governor's Ball - dinner, wine and entertainment

Golf Tournament: Friday AM at Cottonwood Coulee. Cost \$55 per golfer (includes Power Cart).

Gyro: _____ Handicap: _____
Gyrette/Guest: _____ Handicap: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Bocce Tournament: Friday Afternoon - no charge. If you would like to play, please fill in names.

Gyro: _____ Gyrette/Guest: _____

Pay by Interac® e-Transfer to: garrypcpa@gmail.com

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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