



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

October 5, 2004

President

Dick Nichols
Res. 476-3221

President Dick welcomed 27 Gyros to another beautiful day in paradise. **Peter Butler** led us in Cheerio and **Val Pohl** asked the blessing.

1st Vice-President

Walter Yakimets
Res. 438-1406

John Ross introduced his guest, Karl Maier, who works for Capital Health and is a great neighbour. **Alan Rusler** introduced Joe Richter, Bob Wilson as well as the guest speaker, Murray Hawkins. **Allan Warrack** again had his friend Bob Berube in attendance.

2nd Vice-President

Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925

Val Pohl reported that the Sunday at the races was very successful with 42 Gyros and Gyrettes and 11 guests in attendance. All those present enjoyed the event very much.

Imm. Past President

Roy Bennett
Res. 987-2403

Secretary

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Res. 475-0983

Alan Rusler introduced the guest speaker, Murray Hawkins who was an agricultural economist at the University of Alberta who spoke on the politics of food.

Treasurer

Mike Matei
Res. 930-1780

Murray stated that in the late 1950's and early 1960's there were 5 or 6 major packers in Alberta and the system was very efficient. Then the federal and Alberta governments became involved in the industry. The federal government launched initiatives of industrial development and provided loan guarantees in an effort to diversify the economy.

Directors

Bruce Foy
Res. 436-7142
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Res. 436-2300
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Res. 486-1240
John Stroppa
Res. 469-6133

The result is that there are now 2 and 1/3 meat packers in Alberta that are focused on the American market and the domestic market is a byproduct for them. He argues that governments have not fulfilled their role in regulating the health and safety aspects of the beef industry. They cut back staff that were responsible for those areas and turned the 'policing' over the members of the industry. He believes that there needs to be a national standard for meat grading and inspection if we are to have access to world markets. Alberta is one of the jurisdictions that will not sign on to a national standard.

Gyrolog

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Roger Russell, on our behalf, thanked Murray for his informative presentation.

Celebrating birthdays were **Roger Russell** on October 5, **Gord Robertson** on October 2, and **Mike Matei** whose actual date I missed so he can celebrate on all the rest of the days of the month.

John Ross noted the civic election season and shared the following bumper sticker. "Politicians and diapers need to be changed regularly – for the same reason".

With the federal minority government, that reminds me of another old gem. "People who like sausages and laws shouldn't watch either being made".

The popular winner of the free lunch was **Bob Lippe**.

Mort Morter, who usually reports on the health of the club, was not present because he recently had an angiogram and is currently receiving treatment.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The next Gyrettes meeting will be on October 12, 2004 with cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. The cost will be \$18 and the speaker will be registered dietician, Terri Russell.

The Prostate Cancer Supporters Appreciation Night is scheduled for Tuesday October 19, 2004. All the major sponsors (\$1,000 and up) will be invited. This will be a mixed event and guests are welcome (in particular potential new members). The cost is \$40 per person with the cash bar opening at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. There will be a choice of a roast beef or salmon dinner. The very interesting speaker will be Dr. Michael Hobart who is a specialist in a non intrusive method of prostate surgery. Let's have a great turnout for this event.

FOUNDERS NIGHT - Please mark your calendars for this mixed function on Wednesday October 20, 2004 at the German Canadian Club. Plans are for **Jim Roberts**, a Charter Member of the Sherwood Park club and 2nd Vice President of Gyro, and his wife **Jean** to be with us so that **Jim** can give the Founder's Day address. The evening will start at 6:00 pm for cocktails (no host bar) and at 7:00 pm a buffet dinner that will include carved roast beef, roast turkey and honey garlic chicken breast with all the trimmings. Cost for this will be \$20.00 per person. As is usual guests are welcome. This is an important event in Gyro to remember our history and the three founders of our fraternity. Please make an effort to be in attendance for this special evening.

On November 2, 2004 the speaker at our regular luncheon meeting will be Norah Keating from the Centre on Gerontology at the University of Alberta. She will be bringing the latest winners of the Gyro Scholarships for studies in gerontology.

The annual Curlorama held in Banff, AB starts on Friday November 5 and ends on Sunday November 7. The two Calgary clubs alternate in organizing the event and this year the honor falls to the Stampede City Club and their chief organizer Paul Stout. This year the cost per person is \$180.00 that includes curling, 2 nights accommodation

at the Voyager Hotel, 2 breakfasts, Friday night arrival party (sandwiches and hosted bar) and Saturday night dinner. If you are a non-curler and would like to attend the cost is \$125.00. If you are interested in this fun event (many people are not regular curlers) contact **Mike Matei** very shortly and he will need to get the numbers in to the Stampede City Club.

On November 16th Peter Butler will present a program of slides from his native New Zealand.

The Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday December 7, 2004.

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

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

Same Old Bull

Allan

