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## The Passing of a Legend

On Monday, September 30, 1996 the Edmonton Gyro Club lost its most senior member, Gyros and Gyrettes lost a true friend and Edmonton lost a wonderful citizen. **Stanley N Smith** has left us. **Stanley**, who was 97 years old and a Gyro for 68 of those years, was constantly in contact with Gyro friends even during his final days. He wrote magnificent letters to his club and his friends, he contributed his ideas and his beliefs to the "letters to the editor" pages of our local newspaper and he shared his world view openly and joyfully.

**Stanley's** life was celebrated by his friends at a special memorial service held on Friday, October 4th at the Chapel of Chimes (Howard McBride, 108 Street and 102 Avenue). Two Gyros, **Marty Larson** and **Gordon Rennie**, who shared many, many events built on friendship with **Stanley** joined to help everyone remember this wonderful man. **Stan** may have left the Edmonton Gyro Club but he will always be remembered by his Gyro and Gyrette friends.

SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED BY  
Rev. Bill Graham. IT WAS TAPED BY BILL  
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President **Allan Douglas** called our October 1st noon meeting to order and in his words "bit the bullet" to lead us in "Cheerio." **Rev Wm Graham** said our blessing.

Birthday wishes were extended to **Tom Douglas** and **Gord Robertson** on October 2nd and **PYS (Roger Russell)** on October 5th.

**Al McClure** says that 200 hockey pool tickets are nearly gone. A replacement for **Ron Ewoniak** is still needed.

**Owen** gave a final report on the Golf Scramble/BBQ and reported a modest surplus for the general fund. **John Stroppa** had expected

another shortfall, so there was a twinkle in his eye when he declared that we had "buggered" up his budget.

**Andy Friderichsen** introduced **Steve Ramsanker**, originally from Trinidad, but principal of Alex Taylor Community School in Edmonton for the past 24 years. His was a humorous and heart warming story of he and his staff's efforts to develop school and extra-curricular programs for this inner core community. Seventy of some 129

students come from "disabled" family backgrounds with special needs. His program capitalizes on students and their parents' strengths and talents and endeavours to build love, trust, hope and self esteem.

**Gordon Robertson** thanked **Steve** and mentioned attending one of the numerous events which have earned **Steve** many awards.

**Stew Graham** won the draw and generously donated it to the Alex Taylor School.

Next meeting at Mayfair noon on Tuesday, October 15th. On October 15th the team of **David Burnett**, **Dick Mandlis** and **Dave Duchak** will have as our speaker **William Robert (Bob) McPhee**, Managing Director of the Edmonton Symphony Society and Edmonton Concert Hall Foundation. Scheduled to open next September, Edmonton's new Francis Winspear Centre for Music, will be **Bob's** topic. At a cost of \$40.0 million, this world-class concert hall will not only enhance Edmonton's cultural society but also free up the Jubilee Auditorium for long running musical theatre productions such as Showboat and Miss Saigon.

We can look forward to an interesting and informative program with a prominent speaker. Lets show our support with a full turnout of our members and don't forget to bring a guest!!

Gyrette **Jean Warrack** reminds that our Gyrettes next regular meeting is at the Mayfair at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 8th. The speaker will be from the Canadian Cancer Society and the cost will be \$14.00 per person.

#### A Great Gyro Decides to Quietly End his Club Membership.

After 28 years of Gyro membership our friend, **Howard Wilson**, has decided to leave the Edmonton Gyro Club. It was with deep regret that resident Allan received the oral and written resignation of **Howard Wilson**. **Howard** and his wife, **Amy**, have added a quality of integrity and concern for friends that has helped to make our Club one of the finest in Gyro. The rare qualities of this wonderful couple have added to the lives of everyone in our Club and we will all miss them.

**Howard** was introduced to Gyros by **Al Lee** in 1968 and he quickly assumed a leadership role. By 1972-73 he had become our Club president and he has continued to enhance the quality of Gyro friendship that has meant so much to each of us. We will truly miss you, **Howard and Amy**, and we hope that, from time to time you will come back to the Club functions to help us retain the bonds of friendship that you helped us to forge. Best wishes always!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15 (Tuesday)

Our guest speaker next Tuesday will be William Robert (Bob) McPhee, Managing Director Of the Edmonton Symphony Society and Edmonton Concert Hall Foundation.

October 18 (Friday)

Gyrette **Cathe Little** tells us that the Crossroads Gyrettes are holding a MIXED whist drive on Friday, October 18th at 7:30 pm at the Highlands Masonic Hall 5526 - 118 Avenue. It's a slumber party (well, sort of), whereby you will be expected to wear whatever you relax in around the house. Cost is \$6.00 per person and contact person **Sharon McMullen** (phone 450-1335) has a registration deadline of Friday, October 11th. Sounds like a Gyro fun time.

November 1, 2, 3

Banff Curlarama. Curlers \$135.00, Non-Curlers \$105.00. Deadline for confirmation is October 11th. Contact **Mike Matei** (Res. 458-9211; Fax 458-9211).

November 18 (Monday)

Our St Albert Gyro Club friends will host FOUNDER'S NIGHT at Eagles Club at 6:30 PM. A Poker Night will follow.

December 4 (Wednesday)

A traditional Christmas Party is being planned which will be held in the Clerks' Quarters in Fort Edmonton. More details will follow.

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Mark your calendars, Bocci lovers.



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