



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921

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JUNE 2011

Warren Garbutt celebrated his birthday on June 9th.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries in June are **Ken and Barbara Willan**, 45 years on the 4th; **Walter and Kay Yakimets**, 52 years on the 6th; **Roger and Janet Russell**, 51 years on the 11th; **Larry and Carol Dobson**, 44 years on the 17th; **Cliff and Kathryn Revell**, 41 years on the 18th; **Ron and Marlene Ramsey**, 51 years on the 24th and **Jack and Sylvia Little**, 42 years on the 28th.

On Tuesday, June 7th, 24 Gyro's and one guest gathered at Hole's **THE ENJOY CENTRE** in St. Albert. **Jack Little** introduced his guest, **Ray Dallaire**.

Nearly thirty years ago, Holes Greenhouses and Gardens relocated from the original old red barn to the 2.43 hectare site located on Bellerose Drive. Throughout those years, it was Ted and Lois Hole's philosophy of ethical and responsible business that helped make their venture a success. In October 2007, the family reconfirmed its commitment and announced they would be embarking on a new adventure in a new location. The new site is 4.5 hectares in size and located adjacent to Ray Gibbon Drive which provides a direct connection to Anthony Henday Drive. The site of the ENJOY CENTRE is directly east of the future site of an interpretive centre in the Lois Hole Provincial Park near Big Lake.

We were welcomed by **Jim Hole** who remarked that "we were the best dressed tour group to date". The Hole family heard from many of their clients that they

wanted more from their garden centre. A coffee shop and restaurant were two of the many suggestions. The vision and mandate that the Hole family developed is:

- To create a destination that is about living and life, not just gardening
- To create a community of businesses that share not only a vision but also an accountability to the environment and to future generations-a model where businesses share resources, technology and customers
- To engage and delight customers with architecture that's both interactive and thoughtful
- To construct an icon of sustainable design.

The Enjoy Centre contains leasable space of approximately 2500 square metres, 1300 square metres of seasonably available conference space and dedicated green space of 4000 square metres. The seasonably available space is located in the centre of the main building and contains all of the retail spring flowers and plants between April and June. Once this area is cleared out, it can accommodate weddings and banquets for up to 600 guests. The Centre is also planning to host an opera event on September 1st for 1000 people

Jim Hole mentioned that they have implemented a beer, burger and bouquet event for men only on the day before Valentines. The staff will assist the men with an appropriate flower arrangement and will even look after delivery if needed.

The Enjoy Centre has been designed with the latest energy saving equipment. A cogeneration power facility has been constructed on site, waste heat from the warehouse is used to heat the greenhouse, a 500,000 litre storage tank captures all rain water and snowmelt from the roofing system and this year will supply 90% of their water needs. The main building has been designed with an extra high glass ceiling which provides a more stable temperature environment with a minimal increase in heat loss.

Our two tour guides, Terry and Sandra gave us an inside view of the working components of the Centre including the boiler room, the green house areas and the future rooftop gardening areas. All nursery stock is watered from the bottom up. One of the buildings uses large metal tables which are flooded with water and then drained away. Another large greenhouse area is designed with concrete floor areas that can be flooded section by section; all water is collected and reused.

One of the unique features is the hanging basket greenhouse area. It contains 20,000 hanging baskets which are monitored by a computerized system that checks on dryness and automatically dispenses water to those baskets that are too light due to lack of moisture. There is also a public viewing area where

customers can view a mobile hanging basket system that contains 638 baskets which move by slowly in a loop that takes 70 minutes to return. Customers can choose and remove their basket as the conveyor moves along.

After the tour, our group stopped for lunch at the Prairie Bistro, an in-house restaurant that features locally grown products including vegan and gluten-free choices. Thanks to **Jack Ellis** and his team for organizing this event.

DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION, WALLACE, IDAHO JUNE 15-19

Over 144 Canadian and American Gyro's and Gyrettes travelled to Wallace, Idaho to join the 50 member Wallace Gyro Club in four days of fun and friendship. Eleven couples from the Edmonton Club were in attendance and included the **Burnett's, Dobson's, Foy's, Glassford's, Hoeksema's, Larson's, Nichols, J. Ross's, Schulte's, Taylor/Losier's and Warrack's.**

The Wallace Gyro Club purchased the rights to a day's broadcasting on radio station **KWAL 560 AM** on Wednesday June 15th. KWAL is located in the Town of Osborn, 4 miles west of Wallace. A number of Canadian Gyro's/Gyrettes including yours truly participated in an hour long session in the afternoon reading radio ads, promoting Gyro Days in Wallace and discussing the NHL hockey rivalry between The Vancouver Canucks and the Boston Bruins as well as the long-established battle between the Edmonton Oilers and the Calgary Flames.

On Thursday evening after having supper in a number of local eating establishments, the Gyro contingent met at the **Club 1313** to begin the traditional march from bar to bar accompanied by the Elks/Wallace Club band. The original Club 1313 was 13 feet wide, 13 feet high and had 13 chairs. The Elks/Wallace Gyro Club Band consists of some 20-25 men who play bugles, trumpets and drums and march from one bar to another accompanied by many Gyro's/Gyrettes wearing yellow miners hats complete with lights. The music was loud and long but the camaraderie was great!

On Friday evening, the Governor's Banquet and Ball was held at the Elks Club. The 2011-12 Executive is **Ken Baker**, Governor; **Dale Woodroffe**, 1st Lt. Governor; **Jim Malott**, 2nd Lt. Governor and **Don Boyle**, Immediate Past Governor.

On Saturday morning, a group of men and women travelled west to play in the golf tournament held at the Shoshone Course. The winners of the event were: Low net, **John Hodgson, Calgary**; Low gross, **Al Gordon, Sherwood Park**; Best scores, women, **Laura Young, Calgary** and **Betty Fenton, Calgary.**



A contingent of Edmonton Club Gyro's/Gyrettes outside of the fourth bar in the tour. Photo by Helen Ross

On the other end of the valley, the **70th Annual Lead Creek Derby** began at 12:00 noon with the ball drop from the Last Chance Bridge in the Town of Mullan 6 miles (10km) east of Wallace.

A group of Wallace Gyro club members follows the ball down Lead Creek (South fork of the Coeur d'Alene River) and from time to time the ball must be extricated from log jams or overhanging trees. Sometimes the ball gets lost for a period of time but eventually one of the general public or a Gyro find the ball and the race is back on. This year, the creek was high and extremely fast and the ball arrived in Wallace in 3 hours and five minutes. The Wallace Gyro Club sells tickets for this event and the first prize is \$1000 in silver and there are 13 other cash prizes. **Carol Dobson** was the fifth place winner in this draw. The money raised from this event and other events held throughout the year is given to Grade 12 graduates

from Mullan and Wallace each year. This year \$400,000 in scholarships were given to 35 graduates in the two towns.



The Ball leaving the Last Chance Bridge in Mullan, 12:00 noon, June 18th, 2011

Following the Derby, everyone met back in Wallace for the Annual Bocce tournament which was held on the grounds of the historic Northern Pacific Railway station. **Marty and Shirley Larson** were the winners of the tournament.

The winner of the **Man-Mile Award** went to the **Sherwood Park Club** who edged out the Edmonton Club by just a few hundred feet as both clubs had eleven couples in attendance.

The winner of the **Best Bulletin Award** went to the Sherwood Park Club.

Congratulations to the Wallace Gyro Club for hosting a first-class convention!

President Ari Hoeksema welcomed Gyro's and guests to the **July 21st luncheon** meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Val Pohl** led the group in the singing of **Cheerio** and **President Ari** gave the **Grace**. Allan Warrack introduced his guest and new member applicant, **Jamie Fleming** and **Walter Yakimets** introduced his guest, **Martin Callingham**.

Treasurer, Mike Matei presented the **Financial Statements** for the period ending **March 31, 2011**. On a motion by Mike and seconded by **Leon Lubin**, the Financial Statements were unanimously approved. Mike also presented the **General Fund Budget, Year Ending March 31, 2012**. On a motion by the Treasurer and seconded by David Burnett, the 2012 Budget was unanimously approved.

Bruce Foy introduced our guests, **Dr. Bonnie Dobbs**, Director of the University of Alberta's **Medically At-Risk Driver Centre** and **Rhianne McKay**, Research Coordinator at the University of Alberta. Dr. Dobbs acknowledged the support of our Club to the Alberta Centre on Aging through the **Centre for Gerontology Endowment Fund**. Dr. Dobbs was the first recipient of a graduate scholarship from our fund.

Dr. Dobbs stated "For the majority of us, we plan for our retirement from work, but rarely do we plan for the retirement from driving". "We as a society need to work together to put transportation solutions in place that can keep us mobile when we make that transition from the driver's seat."

Have you planned for the day you can no longer drive? Canada is designed for drivers and our population is aging. In 1921, 5% of the population was over 65, in 2020 the proportion will be 25%. Unsafe drivers consist of younger, distracted, speeders and impaired types. Younger drivers tend to be more reckless and impaired with alcohol or drugs. Older drivers are more involved in multi-vehicle mishaps and are more likely to be injured and take longer to heal. Those drivers suffering from dementia are six to eight times more likely to be in an accident. Medications also play a major part; as you age, you take more meds and there is more impairment.

Most people will outlive their driving careers. Become engaged with family and friends to help seniors make the transition to no driving. Alternate transportation is available in Alberta. See the website for **The Medically At-Risk Driver Centre (MARD)** at the U.ofA. www.mard.ualberta.ca

Family physicians are not the best to judge if you are age impaired. The U. of A. exam (see website) is a good test for determining whether or not you are impaired. **Gerry Glassford** thanked Dr. Dobbs and Ms. McKay for their thought-provoking presentation.

Thanks to the team of **Jack Slobodan, Bruce Foy, Gerry Glassford** and **John Stroppa** for organizing this event. Thanks also to **Dick Nichols** for taking notes at this meeting for the Gyrolog.

FIRST POSTING

James (Jamie) Fleming has applied for membership in our club; **Jamie** and his wife **Nancy** reside at **11710-100 Avenue, Apt. 1002** and their postal code is **T5K 2G3**. Their telephone number is **780-488-4302** and their email address is **fleming2020@gmail.com** **Jamie** is a former Director of Investments and Real Estate and Associate Vice-President Facilities at the University of Alberta and is now retired. He is proposed by **Allan Warrack** and **Gerry Glassford**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, July 5th
Speaker: Corinne Schalm, Vice-President, Sheppard's Care Foundation, a leading aging-in-place non-profit organization with six facilities in the Edmonton Region. Ms. Schalm has a Masters degree in Gerontology and a Masters in Public Administration.

Contact: John Mann

GYRO International Convention, Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 4-10

Registration Fee: \$500 couple or \$250 single

Printable Registration Form available at www.gyro.ws

Hotel Rooms: Marriott Harbour Front, Gyro rate \$179 until June 13th

Lobster Dinner, Casino Nova Scotia, Celtic Entertainment, Art Gallery Tours, City Harbour Tours, Ocean Sailing, International Tattoo, Fine Dining, Golf, Golf, Golf, Maritime Shopping, Pubs Galore, Historic Sites.

Questions: contact Jim Sweet, Convention Chairman 902-752-3453 or email jim.inez88@gmail.com

Annual Gyro/Gyrette Golf Tournament, Legends Golf Course, Tuesday, August 2nd.

Prizes are needed!

Contacts: Barry Walker and Roger Russell

**Gyro/Gyrette Corn Roast and Bocce Tournament, Malmo Community Hall,
Tuesday Evening, August 30th**

Location: 11525-48 Ave.

Time: Bocce 4:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm

Corn, Chicken, Salad and Dessert, Beer and Wine

Contacts: Roger Russell, Dave Burnett and friends

**2011 Gyro Day at the Races, Northlands Spectrum, 4th Floor Chairman's
Suite, Sunday September 25th**

Time: 12:00 noon- Doors open, lunch buffet, 1:00 pm Post Time

Contact: Val Pohl