



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

**Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921**

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# **JULY 2021 OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Jack Bowen** on the 1<sup>st</sup>, **Ray Dallaire** on the 16<sup>th</sup>, **Martin Marshall** on the 17<sup>th</sup> and **Leon Lubin** on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Ken and Arden Korchinski, 57** years on the 11<sup>th</sup>; **Barry and Valerie Walker, 51** years on the 11<sup>th</sup>; **Jack and Joyce Brown, 21** years on the 15<sup>th</sup> and **Taras and Pat Chmil, 37** years on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**John Boyd** played an opening tune on the xylophone, and **President Dunc Mills** welcomed 28 enthusiastic Gyros and one guest to the **July 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting** held at the University (Faculty) Club. **Leon Lubin** introduced his son **Michael**.

It was a pleasure to meet in person for the first time since September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020! We were treated to a hearty lunch of mushroom soup, a roast beef sandwich and dessert.

**Past Treasurer, Gary Campbell** presented the **Gyro Club of Edmonton Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Gary reviewed the Summary of Funds, The General Fund Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and the Statement of Financial Position.

**Gary Campbell** moved that the Financial Statements be approved, and **Bruce Foy** seconded the motion. The members responded unanimously in favour of the motion.

President Dunc confirmed that the **Gyro Club of Calgary** will be hosting the **District VIII Convention, September 23-26<sup>th</sup>** at the Deerfoot Inn. Members are encouraged to support and attend this convention and also help Calgary Gyros celebrate their **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Due to the timing of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at the Hotel Macdonald on July 29<sup>th</sup>, it was agreed to hold our **August meetings on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Gary Campbell** was the winner of the Free Lunch Draw.

**President Dunc Mills** welcomed 83 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the **Edmonton Gyro Club Centennial Gala Dinner** held at the **Fairmont Hotel Macdonald**.

We gathered in the **Wedgwood Room** for a joyful reception with Gyro friends for the first time since December 2019. The merry throng was treated with 1920's music played by **Jack Brown, Warren Garbutt and John Boyd**.

**Bruce Swanson** took formal portrait photos of many dapper Gyros and flapper Gyrettes.



**Jack Brown**

**Warren Garbutt**

**John Boyd**

We moved from the reception area to the **Empire Ball Room** with its spectacular high ceiling and artistic flourishes. After the singing of O Canada and Cheerio, we were welcomed by **Peter Carter, First Vice-President, Gyro International** and **Derm Jackman, Governor, District VIII**. Grace was given by our Club Padre, **Jim Lochhead**.

**Jean Warrack** spoke about the history of **Hershey's Kisses** which were placed at each table setting. **Milton Hershey** was born in 1857 of a Mennonite family in Pennsylvania. Following an incomplete rural school education at grade 4, Hershey was apprenticed at age 15. After two failed attempts, Hershey set up the Lancaster Caramel Co. In 1900 Hershey sold the company, focused on perfecting the formula for chocolate bars, and began building what would become the

world's largest chocolate-manufacturing plant in Hershey Pennsylvania. Quickly, the Hershey Chocolate Company's success far exceeded that of its founder's previous venture. His winning ideas included the **Hershey Kiss in 1907**, which the company's founder named himself. When first manufactured in 1907, Hershey's Kisses were wrapped by hand. In **1921**, a machine was used to wrap the Kisses automatically. The trademark foil wrapper was added in 1924. Today, there are more than 70 million kisses made every day!

**Milton Hershey would have been a wonderful Gyro!** He and his wife Catherine established the Hershey Industrial School for orphaned boys which now fosters the academic and social skills of 2000 boys and girls a year. Hershey also believed that employees who were treated fairly and lived in comfortable living environments would be better workers. He proceeded to build a community complete with housing, a bank, a hotel, public schools, churches, parks, a zoo and even a trolley system.



**Peter Carter**

**Marty Larson** presented his memories of the Founders and Achievers of the Edmonton Gyro Club. **Nelles Buchanan**, one of our charter members in 1921 was a key player in the development of the Gyro Playgrounds. **Russ Carter** was District Governor in 1943 and International President in 1952. He was also an accomplished banjo player who took every opportunity to play with other musicians at District Conventions and local Gyro events. **Stan Smith**, a veteran of the First World War and longest serving Edmonton Club member was a great storyteller. **Wes Van Dusen** sponsored Marty in 1964. Wes and his brother **Bryce** were key players in running the annual Carnivals which generated funds for the building, supervision, and maintenance of Gyro Playgrounds.

**President's Chuck Gerhart** and **Dunc Mills** were Achievers in their leadership during these extraordinary Covid-19 times.

**Marty** and **Shirley** attended their first District Convention at Trail B.C. in 1972 and were introduced to the world of bocce tourneys. Conventions are a great opportunity to meet people and develop long-term friendships.

**Marion and John Boyd** presented their "**Ode to the Green Bin**". They also sang "**Blue Canadian Rockies**" which was first sung by Gene Autry in 1952.

**John Ross** indicated that the **first Past President's Dinner was held here in 1945** and the last time Edmonton Gyros met here was at the Past Presidents Dinner in **1995**. John spoke about the Club Charter night on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1921. The July 3<sup>rd</sup> Edmonton Journal published a half page article on our Charter Night. **Harry Fuller**, one of our two founders was the Circulation Manager at the Journal. John provided a summary of the Gyro Playground development from 1923 until the 1940's when the nine playgrounds were taken over by the City of Edmonton. The tenth Gyro Playground was subsequently built at Fort Edmonton with support from the other Gyro clubs in the Edmonton region.

The Gyro Carnivals held annually included a **draw to win a new automobile**, but the Police Chief who was a member of our club quickly put an end to this event because of its gambling nature. The Gyros altered the draw by putting the new car up on blocks and running the engine until the gasoline was used up. The winner of the draw had to guess when the engine would stop running. The winning individual just happened to receive a new automobile as a prize!

**John Boyd, Peter Carter, and Larry Dobson** then sang "*We Know Where the Flies Go in the Wintertime*"



**District VIII Governor Derm Jackman** presented **President Dunc Mills** with a plaque from Gyro International to commemorate the Gyro Club of Edmonton's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Governor Derm** then presented **Peter Carter** with the **Award of Merit** for his outstanding contributions to Gyro on the Website, Zooming and Technology Chair areas.



**Derm and Peter**

**Musical Director Larry Dobson** introduced the **Sing a Long Performers** consisting of **Lorraine Assheton-Smith, John Boyd, Peter Carter,** and **Helen Ross** who sang the following songs:

**I Want a Girl Like the Girl That Married Dear Old Dad**

Composed in 1911, Music and Lyrics by Harry von Tilzer and William Dillon

**You've Got a Friend in Me**

Music and Lyrics by Randy Newman. First sung in 1995 Disney/Pixar animated film Toy Story

Gyro Version, Ukulele intro by John Boyd

You've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me  
You got troubles, I got 'em too  
There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you  
Let's stick together we can see it through,  
Cause you've got a friend in me  
Yeah, you've got a friend in me

You've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me  
It's a treat when we meet  
And a 100 years later we've just begun  
So, let's remember all our GYRO fun  
Cause you've got a friend in me

And as the years go by  
Our friendship will never die  
You're gonna see it's our destiny  
Cause you've got a friend in me  
Yeah, you've got a friend in me  
Yeah, you've got a friend in me

## Till We Meet Again

Written in 1918, Music and Lyrics by Richard Whiting and Robert Egan

### Gyro Version

Smile the while and say how do you do  
Shake the hand of friends so good and true  
Then the skies will seem more blue  
    It will be boon to you  
The Gyro club goes on so merrily  
    Organized as one big family  
So work and play and plan each day  
    Till we meet again  
    Till we meet again



### The Sing a Long Performers

Helen

Lorraine

John(hidden)

Larry

Peter





**Larry and Carol Dobson**



**John and Helen Ross**



**Cathy Johnson and Gary Campbell**

## **Gyro Hockey Pool Tickets 2021-2022 Season**

Due to the increase in demand for the 2020-2021 hockey pool tickets, we will be offering 400 hockey pool tickets for the 2021-2022 season, an increase of 100 tickets. Payouts will remain the same, as will the cost per ticket, \$20 per ticket. Tickets sales will begin October 15, 2021.

Thank you,

Jan Molofy & Dick Nichols

**Fast Fred”**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 11:30, lunch at noon, cost \$25**

**Gyro District 8 Convention, Deerfoot Inn and Casino, Gyro Club of Calgary September 23-26<sup>th</sup>**