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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Gerry Glassford** on the 5th, **Bruce Swanson** on the 8th, **Michael Mant** on the 18th and **Peter Carter** on the 25th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier**, 33 years on the 1st; **David and Marlene Burnett, 50 years on the 3rd**; **Warren and Vickie Garbutt**, 57 years on the 5th; **Mort and Jean Morter, 65 years on the 5th**; **Ron and Theresa Trant**, 28 years on the 9th; **John and Marion Boyd**, 48 years on the 21st and **Bruce and Margaret Foy**, 56 years on the 24th.

Your Editor wishes to address a grievous error in the reporting of the results of the golfing at the Legends Golf Course on August 16th. The golf team of Captain **Jack Bowen**, **Jackie Evenson** and **Ken Willan** recorded the lowest score and were the winners of the tourney. Congratulations Team!

President **Peter Carter** welcomed 75 Gyros and Gyrettes to the **Annual Corn Roast and Bocce Tourney** held at the Dayspring Presbyterian Church on September 6th.

The group was treated to a feast of roasted chicken, salads, corn on the cob, watermelon and carrot cake. Thanks to the organizers, **Roger Russell, Valerie and Barry Walker, Marlene and David Burnett, Marg and Bruce Foy, Care and Tony Mazzuca and Sandy McDonald** for another fabulous event!

A large number of teams were fielded for the Bocce tourney on unusually level grass. The **Third place team** was **Ron and Marlene Ramsey, Marie Losier and Dick Nichols**. The **Second place team** consisted of **Carol and Larry Dobson, Cathy Johnson and Brian Steilo**.

The **First Place team** was **Peter Carter, Bronwyn Swanson, Jack Bowen and Eileen Kuhl**.



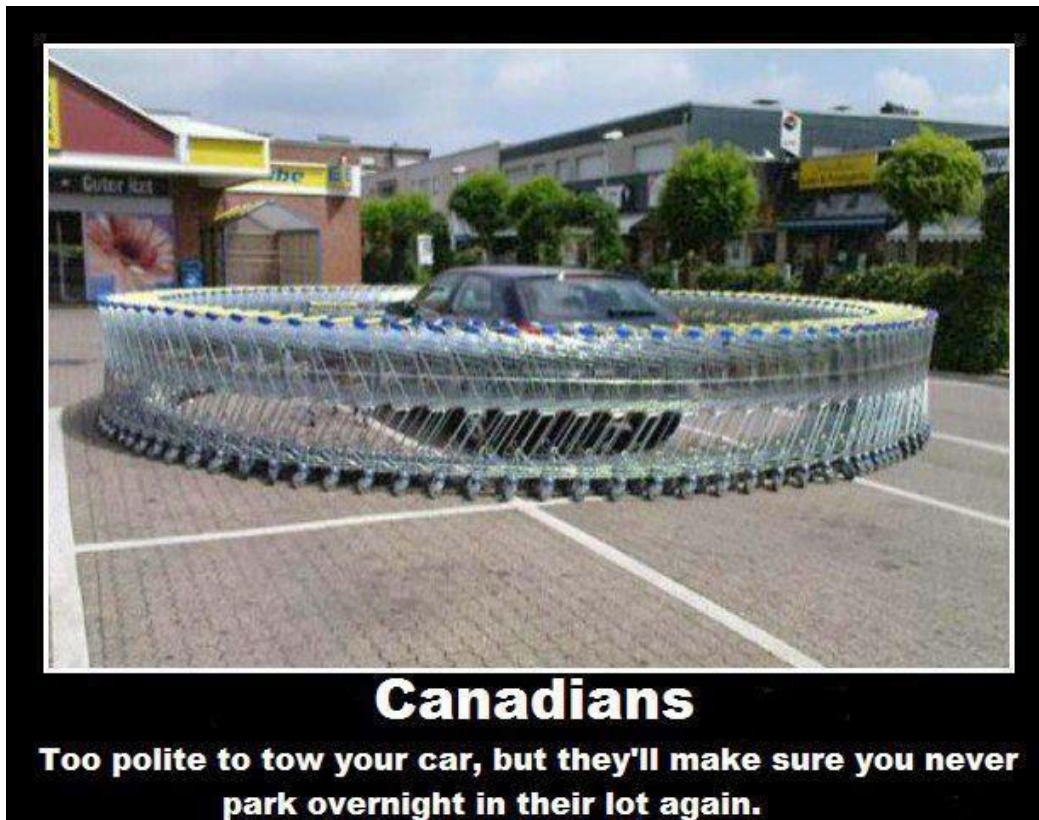
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Thanks to **Bill Taylor** and **Jack Ellis** for organizing the tourney.





Vice-President Ray Dallaire welcomed 36 Gyros and two guests to the **September 20th luncheon meeting** held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Course. **Jack Little** led the group in the singing of Cheerio and **David Burnett** gave the Grace. **Alan Rusler** introduced his guest, **Bill Page**.

Taras Chmil introduced our guest speaker, **Shami Sandhu, former Chairman of the Edmonton Police Commission**. After completing his post-secondary education, Shami began his career in aviation management. Upon leaving the aviation industry in 2002, he became a Realtor and in 2008 became the broker/owner of RE/MAX River City. He has helped grow his company from a single office with 60 associates to more than 130 in three locations. Shami was awarded the Canadian Broker/Owner of the Year Award in 2012 and the Community Care Award in 2010.

Shami's strong commitment to his community has been very strong. Since 2009, RE/MAX River City has been the top contributing office to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. RE/MAX River City is a Miracle Office that raises more than \$100,000 annually with every associate donating a portion of every transaction.

Shami's volunteer efforts have ranged from coaching his kids' soccer team, to serving on the boards for his community league and area council and most recently serving on the board of Edmonton's Food Bank. In December 2015, Shami completed his six-year term on the Edmonton Police Commission, where he served as chair for the last three years.

Mr. Sandhu advised that the Edmonton Police Commission is a **non-political body** that provides **civilian oversight** of the Edmonton Police Service. The Commission has four main functions: overseeing the police service, responding to citizens' concerns on policing matters, helping to develop the annual policing plan and budget, and building positive relationships with community partners. There are **nine appointed members with fixed terms** and two Edmonton City Councillor's who sit as advisors. Board members have a variety of backgrounds including medical, legal and business.

The Commission is responsible for the recruiting and selection of the Police Chief and submits their recommendation to City Council for approval. The City Council almost always approves the Commission's choice for Chief. There has been only one instance where the recommended candidate was not approved. The Chief brings his choice for Deputy Chief to the Commission. Regular surveys are undertaken every two years to gauge public opinion on policing and public safety concerns.

The budget cycle begins in April/May with strategic planning and the development of a vision which is presented to the Chief and Deputies. The plan with dollars is returned with a line by line review undertaken in August. The Plan is then submitted to City Council. City Council cannot pick and choose specific elements of the proposed plan but can set the total budget allocation.

More and more Edmonton citizens are reporting crime online which reduces the need for community police stations. Sometimes a police response is not appropriate and the Commission will suggest changes in legislation such as those speeders that exceed the speed limit by 50 km or more.

Police clientele are the bad, the mad and the sad.

The so called “frequent flyers” have been identified because they have issues with a large number of city agencies. Some offenders are involved in 150-200 police responses annually. In many cases these offenders have health issues and are homeless. City agencies are now working with the police service to find longer-term solutions for these individuals.

Edmonton is unique with an internal auditor that reports to the Commission. Munitions and weapons are subject to an annual audit along with crime evidence such as drugs, weapons and vehicles.

The Commission has had some successes with a more efficient budget process and a faster response time for public complaint investigations. The traditional 16-month response to public complaints has been reduced to 12 months.

There are now more unsworn civilians working in the Edmonton Police Service who can do many of the tasks such as information technology and budgeting. There are presently three Deputy Chiefs; the new deputy chief responsible for administration will be a civilian. Sworn police officers will concentrate on policing and unsworn civilians will assist in non-policing areas. The new hiring emphasis is on smarter recruits as opposed to brawn.

Ken Willan thanked our speaker for an informative and entertaining presentation.

The winner of the **Free Lunch** draw was **Gord Robertson**.

‘Fast Fred’

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2016 Annual Men's Bocce Night, Italian Cultural Centre, 14230-133 Ave. Tuesday October 4th.

Bocce: 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 and more Bocce
Menu: Festive Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings
Cost: \$50.00, wine is extra, available at the cash bar
Contact: Mike Matei

Gyrette Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, October 11th.

Time: Registration 11:30, Lunch 12:00 noon
Speaker: Judy Dupe
Topic: "The Gang", Grandma's helping Grandma's in Africa
Contact: Julie Ewoniak

Founders Night, Mixed Event, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday October 18th.

Time: Cocktails 6pm, Dinner 7
Price: \$40 per person- 3 Course Dinner, 'No Host Bar', wine at \$30 per bottle
Guest Speaker: TBA

All Gyros, Gyrettes and partners are welcome from the Sherwood Park, Edmonton Crossroads and Edmonton Clubs.

Deadline of noon October 12th to confirm attendance.
Contacts: Bill Taylor and Bruce Swanson

GYRO DISTRICT VIII 2016 CURL-A-RAMA, Banff Curling Centre, November 4-6th.

Host: Stampede City Gyro Club.
Cost: \$240 per curler, \$175 non-curler based on double occupancy
Accommodation: Voyager Inn, 555 Banff Inn
Price includes: Curling-minimum 3 games, 6 ends per game, 2-night hotel, 2 breakfast, GYRO hospitality Friday night including dinner and all you can drink, Saturday night banquet (no host bar).
Deadline for receiving entries: October 24th to Dale Green
Contacts: Dale Green, Paul Stout