

THE GYROLOG



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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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OUR LAST MEETING was held on 3 April at the Mayfair Club with President John in the chair. In the rare absence of our song leader Harry Mills, President John quite unexpectedly called on Gord Rennie to lead in Cheerio. The off-key result can best be described as not good - but loud. Fortunately, Padre Bill Graham quickly followed with the blessing.

Our guest speaker, was Mr. Al Parsons, General Manager of the Klondike Days Association, whose introduction was made by Ivan Ivankovich, in a very humorous, positive and professional manner.

Mr. Parsons reviewed some of the past Edmonton Klondike Days, which have now been promoted for 29 years. He dealt with the aims and objectives of the Klondike Association in a very enthusiastic and positive way, referring to it's unique theme and just how the City could benefit with greater participation throughout.

The Klondike theme is great for out of town conventions, many of whom hold a Klondike evening as part of their convention program, with much success.

Continuation of Klondike clothing and costumes is needed although it could be lighter and easier to wear, thus more acceptable. Mr. Parsons feels there will be a resurgence of Klondike days this year, which through his enthusiasm and our support, should succeed.

At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Parsons held a "Klondike Prize Draw" which turned out to be some very snazzy suspenders. The lucky winners were:- Andy Carabott: Merrill Morstad: Mike Matei and Stan Smith. Our thanks to Mr. Parsons for his visit were nicely expressed by Mike Matei.

CONVENTION CONTRIBUTION - at this meeting on 3 April the following motion was proposed.

"Moved by Allan Warrack, seconded by Roger Russell, that the Gyro Club of Edmonton contribute the sum of \$1000.00 from our Convention and Fellowship Fund, to the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, to aid in the financing of the District 8 Convention in Edmonton in August 1990".

This motion was unanimously passed by the club membership in attendance.

BIRTHDAYS - Ken Burnett, whose birthday was on April 1st, probably celebrated down in Yuma, Az. Mel Snihowych one of our new members, reached the ripe old age of 31 years on April 2nd; while Wes Van Dusen who lives in Vancouver, but is an Honorary member of our club, will add another number on May 12th. Good health to all!

HEALTH & WELFARE - a NIL report - let's hope that no news is good news!

SKI WEEK-END - Merrill Morstad reported that the recent ski week-end at Jasper was very good, with 18 Gyros & Gyrettes, together with 19 Gyrunts plus 6 Gyrunts friends, enjoyed the slopes, good weather, good food, et al.

DATES TO REMEMBER - ANNUAL BRIDGE WIND-UP on Thursday 19 April at the Victoria (Municipal) Golf Club House. Please call Merrill at 469-2168 regarding your attendance.

EXECUTIVE MEETING - this important meeting of all the Officers and Directors will be held at the home of President Roger at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 16 April.

LETHBRIDGE TIN PLATE DINNER - Saturday 21 April. This is one you don't want to miss. A great mixer at the right price! \$34.99 per couple and drinks at \$1.00.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - GYRO CRUISE - May 5 - 12 - nuff said!!

DAWSON CREEK GYRO CLUB'S 50th ANNIVERSARY - June 1, 2 & 3rd.

RED DEER GOLF will be held on 7 June at the Riverbend Golf Course. More information later.

STAMPEDE CITY GYRO INSTALLATION - Saturday 9 June. Details in next 'log.

DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION - August 9 to 12 - Sherwood Park Host Club

OUR ANNUAL GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - Ernie Siegel reported this popular event will be held on Tuesday 14 AUGUST at the Devon Golf Course. Cost will be \$66.00 per couple which will include golf & dinner. Guests are welcome. Crossroads & Sherwood Park Clubs please mark the date. The golf club need to know how many will be attending and they require the money "up front". Consequently the figure we give them is the number we must pay for in advance. To prevent the problem of "no shows" and to assist Ernie in making arrangements on our behalf, if you plan on attending, please mail Ernie a POST DATED cheque by 4 August. His address is 14, 500 Lessard Drive, Edmonton AB. T6M 1G1. Telephone 487-9092.

Ernie further advised that this will be his last Golf Scramble, because he and Beth will be moving to the west coast. We will be sorry to see them go. Let's have a real good turnout for 14th August and show our appreciation to Ernie & his committee for their efforts over the years. Remember you don't have to play golf, you can just come for dinner if you wish. Whatever your choice get a POST dated cheque to Ernie now.

HOCKEY POOL - "Poppa Bear" Mills reports the following:- for the game on Saturday 31 March. \$10.00 Don Popowich: Merrill Morstad: \$15.00 Rod Dempster: H. Sheidow (wpg) \$25.00 Tom Wilkinson(Thorhild) Dave Ursulak.

Saturday 7 April - final hockey pool game for this season:- 1st period winners \$10.00 were Craig Russell & S.W.Hill. \$15.00 same winners - same score! \$25.00 Jean Warrack & Evelyn Hanley. Our thanks to Harry and Ruby Mills for running the hockey pool again this year. Your hard work is appreciated.

TRI-CLUB INSTALLATION - a very successful Installation Party was held on Saturday 7 April at the Santa Marie Goretti Community Centre, with 137 members and guests in attendance. Our visitors from Calgary included:- 2nd Lt-Governor D-8 Norm & Irene Billington: Ted and Teddy Fraser: Bill & Irma Warrack: Jack & Joyce Jones: Jack Greig: Jack Williamson and Helen Francis.

It was a special treat to have Jack & Joyce Jones with us. Jack is a very dedicated Gyro and proof that you can't keep a good man down - despite health problems. Thanks for coming.

Our special guests from Regina, were 1st Lt-Governor Jack & Eleanor McNeil, while Gyro International was well represented by Marty & Shirley Larson, whose guests were Dick and Marion Mandlis.

The installation ceremonies were under the capable direction of Lt-Governor Jack McNeil, who administered the Oath of Office to the following club executives:-

CROSSROADS - President Bob Danbrook (2nd term) V/President Bob Pringle: Secretary Red Laychuk: Treasurer Ron Cockerill: Directors Don Birmingham: Rick Little: Bulletin Editor Bryan McMullen.

SHERWOOD PARK - President Bill Carter: V/President Glenn Butters: Secretary John Williams: Treasurer Dieter Lindner: Directors Morgan Partridge and Maurice Pombert.

EDMONTON - President Roger Russell: 1st V/President Merrill Morstad: 2nd V/President Rev. Bill Graham: Secretary Dick Ogilvie: Treasurer Barry Walker(2nd term)Directors:- Allan Douglas: Allan Ursulak: Ed Edlund: Mike Matei.

During the evening, equal time was given to the incoming and outgoing Presidents" of each club, for some words of wisdom and for the presentation of President's Pins.

A fine dinner was enjoyed and a lively dance followed. Happy birthday greetings were given to Bev Partridge (Sherwood Park) and to Helen Ross (Edmonton Club).

On Sunday morning a traditional breakfast was provided by the Sherwood Park Gyros, who once again did a fine job.

The Edmonton Club was host club for this year's party. Everything was well organized and arranged by Al McClure, who also did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies. In addition Al produced(through his company, Ringbinder & Vinyl Products) an excellent program & menu, which included a promotion for the D-8 Convention being hosted by Sherwood Park Club. Your hard work was much appreciated, Al.

CONGRATULATIONS - The Canadian Red Cross Blood Doner Clinic, refer to the blood donations they receive as "the gift of life". Recently, Gyros Marty Larson, Roger Russell and his son Cory, were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the Red Cross for being blood doners; Marty & Roger for their 75th time and Cory for his 35th. Our thanks and congratulations to these good people.

SMILES & CHUCKLES - an executive entered hospital for surgery and a few days later a note was delivered to him from his company. It said "our directors wish you a speedy recovery, by a vote of five to four".

How come a kid can endure cold for three hours while ski-ing, but only for three minutes while shovelling snow.

VOX POP - Live in such a way that you wouldn't be afraid to sell your parrot to the town gossip. (Ernie Siegel)

It seldom occurs to teen agers that someday they will know as little as their parents. (Allan)
(Ursulak)

A closet is a place for hanging things, after you run out of doorknobs. (Bryce Van Dusen)

A TOAST

Here's health to the future, a sigh for the past,
We can love and remember and hope to the last;
And, for all the base lies that the almanacs hold,
While there's love in the heart - we can never grow old.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. (rwe)

OUR NEXT MEETING - will be held at 12.00 noon on Tuesday
April 17, 1990 at the Mayfair Golf Club.

Our new President Roger RUSSELL will be presiding and will review the planned activities for our club for the next 12 months. So let's all come out to learn what this struggling young man has to offer us. There is no truth in the rumour that Mr. ROGERS will be in the wings - if required!

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