



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

**Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921**

**President-John Boyd, Past President-Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema,  
Vice-President-Sam Gruden, Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-Gary  
Campbell, Directors-Cliff French, Jack Little, Jim Lochhead, John Mann  
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## **APRIL 2013**

Those celebrating their birthdays in April are **Jack Little** on the 1st, **Larry Wang** on the 5th, **Cliff French** on the 7th, **Fred Schulte** on the 13th, **Dick Moskalyk** on the 17th, **Mort Morter** on the 24th and **Larry George** on the 30th. **Val** and **Linda Pohl** celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on April 1st.

### **SECOND POSTING**

**David Winfield** has applied for membership in our club. **David** resides at **207, 11445 41st Avenue, NW**. His postal code is **T6J 0T9**. His telephone number is **780-430-7933** and email address is **[winnie63@telus.net](mailto:winnie63@telus.net)** **David** is the Executive Director of Inglewood Business Associates and is a member of Rotary and the Shriners. **David** is proposed by **Walter Yakimets** and **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema**.

## SECOND POSTING

**Cec Butt** has applied for membership in our club. **Cec** and his wife **Martina** reside at **12035 130th Street, NW**. Their postal code is **T5L 1K7**. Their telephone number is **780-454-5353** and email address is [bigmarti@telusplanet.net](mailto:bigmarti@telusplanet.net) **Cec** is an real estate appraiser with Jackson Real Estate Appraisals Ltd. and a member of the Appraisal Institute of Canada. **Cec** enjoys sailing and golf and is proposed by **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** and **David Dyck**.

**President John Boyd** welcomed 33 Gyro's and new member applicant **David Winfield** to the April 2nd luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **President John** also welcomed **Arv Hardin** as the newest member of our club. **Tony Mazzuca** led the group in the singing of **Cheerio** and **Jim Lochhead** presented the **Grace**.

**Past President Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** presented the proposed **Slate of Officers for 2013-2014**.

The members gave their unanimous approval of the new slate of Executive Officers who will be **formally installed on May 7th at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club**.

**President:** Sam Gruden

**Past President:** John Boyd

**Vice-President:** John Mann

**Secretary:** Barry Walker

**Treasurer:** Gary Campbell

**Directors:** Cliff French (2nd Year)

Ari Hoeksema (2nd Year)

David Dyck (1st Year)

Len Stevens (1st Year)

Thanks to **John Boyd, Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema, Sam Gruden, Barry Walker, Gary Campbell, Jack Little, Jim Lochhead, Cliff French** and **John Mann** for their service on the Executive in 2012-2013.

**Mike Matei** presented our proposed **Benevolence Vision** which states that we will "***Continue to financially support children/youth and seniors***". The Benevolence Vision was developed to assist the Executive in making disbursement decisions on an ongoing basis. **Mike** also provided recommendations on the disbursement of monies presently held in our Benevolence Fund. After a lively discussion, a motion was made by **Chuck Gerhart** and seconded by **Walter Yakimets** to approve the vision and recommendations. The membership unanimously approved the motion.

**David Dyck** then proceeded to present his biography. David was born in Swan River, Manitoba and was the second of five children. His father worked for Manitoba Power. David was an avid hockey player from an early age and played Junior B hockey with the St. Boniface Riel's. At the age of 12, he was playing nine games a week. David also excelled in competitive water-skiing and kite-flying on the Red River. David graduated from high school and at the age of 24 opened up a kitchen and commercial counter top business. He sold the business in 1995 but continued as a commercial agent for kitchen cabinets. David's first wife died of cancer in 2002.

He is now marketing new development projects in Nelson and the Okanagan Valley and is also developing new duplexes on older single family lots in Edmonton. He and Sherley Hearty were married in 2006.

**Bruce Swanson** was born and raised in Edmonton and his father owned a lumber company. Bruce graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.Comm. In 1970, at the age of 22, Bruce travelled to Auckland, New Zealand by ship and fell in love with the country and the people. He lost his natural shyness by travelling, talking to New Zealanders and visiting them in their homes. He met a young lady named **Bronwyn** in Christchurch, they were married and moved back to Edmonton. As Bruce said "it was time to get back to work". Bruce obtained his CMA credentials and went out to work on his own. One of his biggest projects was the development of a system for **Enbridge** that allowed the company to organize all of their spread sheets and project scheduling.

In the last six to seven years, Bruce has focused on photography as a full time business/hobby. In the last few years, he has developed a niche photography business that allows small companies to showcase their skills and people in a unique visual way for marketing purposes.

**Sam Gruden** was the winner of the Free Lunch draw.

A few more friendship quotes from [Bartlett's Words to Live By](#) follow:

***A faithful friend is the medicine of life.***

The Bible, The Apocrypha, The Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus

***Flowers are lovely; love is flower-like;***

***Friendship is a sheltering tree***

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Youth and Age

***People, people who need people***

***Are the luckiest people in the world.***

Bob Merrill, People

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**Dick Nichols** reports on the results of the **Hockey Pool**.

Game 17 March 30 Winners First Period Second Period Final

**Oilers vs. Canucks**

<b>First</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Dick Nichols</b>	<b>Dick Nichols</b>	<b>Dick Nichols</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>John Boyd</b>	<b>John Boyd</b>	<b>John Boyd</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Gyro</b>	<b>Gyro</b>	<b>Gyro</b>

Game 18 April 6 Winners First Period Second Period Final

**Oilers vs. Kings**

<b>First</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Emma Hastings</b>	<b>Darcy Burnett</b>	<b>Kennedy Brown</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Morgan Power</b>	<b>Chris Sellar</b>	<b>Sharon Matei</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Gyro</b>	<b>Gary Campbell</b>	<b>Bill Taylor</b>

Game 19	April 19	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Avalanche</b>					
First	2	1	<b>Shirley Larson</b>	Morgan Burnett	Morgan Burnett
Second	4	1	Andrew Russell	Malcolm Ross	Malcolm Ross
Third	4	1	Gyro	Gyro	Gyro

**President John Boyd** welcomed 41 Gyros and two guests to the April 16th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Our new member applicant, **David Winfield** was in attendance along with our guest speaker **David Ealey**. President John led our merry group in the singing of *Cheerio* and also presented a Scottish grace.

**Bruce Houston** advised that former Edmonton Gyro Club member **Bruce McNaughton** has had an outstanding recovery from a recent heart attack that resulted in vision loss and brain damage. He is currently recuperating at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

**Ron Ramsey** introduced **Dave Ealey**, a biologist who has recently retired as a communications manager with the provincial government. He has also been a wildlife consultant conducting work in the Western Arctic and the Hudson's Bay area over the last 20 years.

Dave spoke about his September 2011 cruise on the **Clipper Adventurer** operated by Adventure Canada. The ship carried 100 passengers and 20 wildlife, geology and arctic experts on a 12 day cruise from Kugluktuk (Coppermine) on the Coronation Gulf to Kangerlussuaq in Greenland.

Stops and shore excursions using zodiac style boats were made at Iqaluktuutiaq (Cambridge Bay) on Victoria Island, Cunningham Inlet on Prince of Wales Island, Fort Ross and Creswell Bay on Somerset Island and Radstock Bay and Beechey Island. Three of the crew from the **Sir John Franklin Expedition of 1845** are buried on **Beechey Island**. The cruise continued east along the south shore of Devon Island with stops at Powell Inlet, Dundas Harbour and Croker Bay and then north to Craig Harbour on Ellesmere Island. The ship then travelled northeasterly to Qaanaaq (Thule) on Greenland and then north to Rensselaer Bay and beyond to a most northerly latitude of 79 degrees, 3 minutes, 76 minutes N.

The Clipper Adventurer then travelled south in Baffin Bay and the Davis Strait along the west coast of Greenland with stops at Kap York, Upernavik, Karrat Fjord, Ilulissat, Assaqtug and Kangerlussuaq. Sixty percent of all of the ice bergs that move south along the Davis Strait originate in Ilulissat.

September of 2011 was an ideal time to cruise in the Arctic, as most of the passages were ice free. There was increased maritime traffic with Danish and Canadian monitoring ships observed along with a Canadian frigate and icebreaker. Wildlife observations were abundant including 23 polar bears along the Victoria Island Coast, a large number of arctic hares and many species of migrating birds.

**Val Pohl** thanked our speaker for an interesting presentation and enchanting views of the north.

The free lunch draw was won by **Val Pohl**.



**Clipper Adventurer**

**David Burnett** and his twin sister, Katherine were born in Toronto on May 18, 1939 to Edith May and John Booth Burnett. His father had emigrated from Scotland in 1927 and his mother was shipped to Quebec City from Liverpool, England in 1920 at twelve years of age as one of the "Home Children".

Over 150,000 of these children were shipped to Canada, Australia and other Commonwealth countries to work as domestic servants and

labourers. The British government deemed these children to be "orphans" and were placed in "work houses" which were little better than prisons. They did receive however basic medical care and as such were better off than many others of the working poor. As a result, the government decided to clear the work houses and ship the children abroad.

David's mother, Edith May was assigned to work on a number of farms in Canada until age 18 when her "indentured service" ended and she was sent to Toronto where she gained her freedom and was employed as a domestic servant. She met her future husband, John, a labourer in Toronto in 1929. Notwithstanding experiencing an extremely difficult childhood, Edith May and two of her indentured lady friends thrived in Canada and lived well into their nineties.

David received his education in Toronto and graduated from Vaughan Road Collegiate Institute with his Grade 13 Honours Diploma in 1959. He attended Queen's University and graduated with a business degree. After five years of articling, David received his CA Designation in 1964. In 1963 David met Marlene Howard who was visiting relatives in Toronto and a special relationship began. Marlene was born in Prince Albert to Gordon and Ruby Morrison Howard. She received her training as a Registered Nurse in Prince Albert at Victoria Hospital and completed her post-graduate teaching credentials in Saskatoon. David and Marlene moved to Edmonton in 1966 and were married on September 3rd. A housing boom in 1966 meant that the Burnett's had to wait a number of months to rent an apartment.

David began his career in Edmonton with Byers Transport Limited as their Controller. Pacific Western Airlines later acquired Byers which allowed the shipment of goods to Yellowknife by truck and then transport with Hercules aircraft to most Arctic communities. In 1973, Northern Transportation Company Limited (NTCL) approached David and he joined the company. In 1975 he was appointed Vice-President of Finance, Executive Vice-President in 1979 and became President and

Chief Operating Officer in 1986. NTCL was a Crown Corporation but operated like a private company with a fleet of tugs and barges that serviced vast areas of Northern Canada. The company's origins date back to the Second World War when uranium yellow cake was mined on Lake Athabasca and shipped by barge south for use in the Manhattan Project which developed the first atomic bombs in the U.S.A.

The Conservative government under Prime Minister Brian Mulroney privatized NTCL and it was purchased by two northern aboriginal companies in 1987. The beneficial shareholders were the Inuit of Nunavut and the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic. David was President of the new company, NorTerra Inc. from its inception to his retirement in 1999.

In 2000, David was appointed to the Athabasca University Governing Council and served as Vice-Chair from 2002-2004 and Chair from 2004-2006.

In 1973, David Burnett was invited by **Marty Larson** to attend a meeting of the Edmonton Gyro Club. David liked the club and the members he met and was officially inducted into the club on June 11, 1973. He served as a Director, then as President in 1988-89. He has always been active in the club and was Co-Chair of the 1996 International Convention held in Edmonton, served as District VIII Secretary in 2002 and was Co-Chair of the Sponsorship Fund Raising Committee of the Edmonton Gyro Club Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament held in 2004, 2005 and 2006. David received the **Award of Merit** for outstanding service to Gyro in 2001. David and Marlene have attended many international conventions and included their two sons in a good number of these events when they were young.

David and Marlene have raised two sons, Rob and Andrew and are the proud grandparents of Lucas, Morgan, Kelly, Scarlett, Rebecca, and Grace. They have been active in the Gyro community for **40 years**, **CONGRATULATIONS David and Marlene!**





**David and Marlene Burnett**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Gyro/Gyrette Club Executive Installation, Derrick Golf and Winter Club,  
Tuesday, Evening, May 7th**

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$50 per person for a five course plated dinner, a no host bar will be available.

1st. Lt Governor Jim Malott will preside in the installation of our new club Executive officers. A number of our new members will be inducted into the club and two of our members will receive long service awards.

Contacts; John Mann, Ron Ramsey and John Boyd

**Gyro International Convention, 7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, May 11-19**

Ship: The Oasis of the Seas

Cruise Itinerary: Fort Lauderdale, FL.; Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; Cozumel, Mexico.

More details at [www.Gyro.ws](http://www.Gyro.ws)

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**GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday Evening, May 14th**

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, May 21st**

Speaker: Wendy Mah, Alberta Motor Association

Topic: Identity theft and fraud

Contacts: Len Stevens and Jack Ellis

**District VIII Convention, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, May 23-26**

Rooms: Standard Room Rate: \$119 plus taxes, A block of rooms was reserved up to April 15th. Phone 1-800-663-4979

Registration Fee: \$395 per couple, \$200 single

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