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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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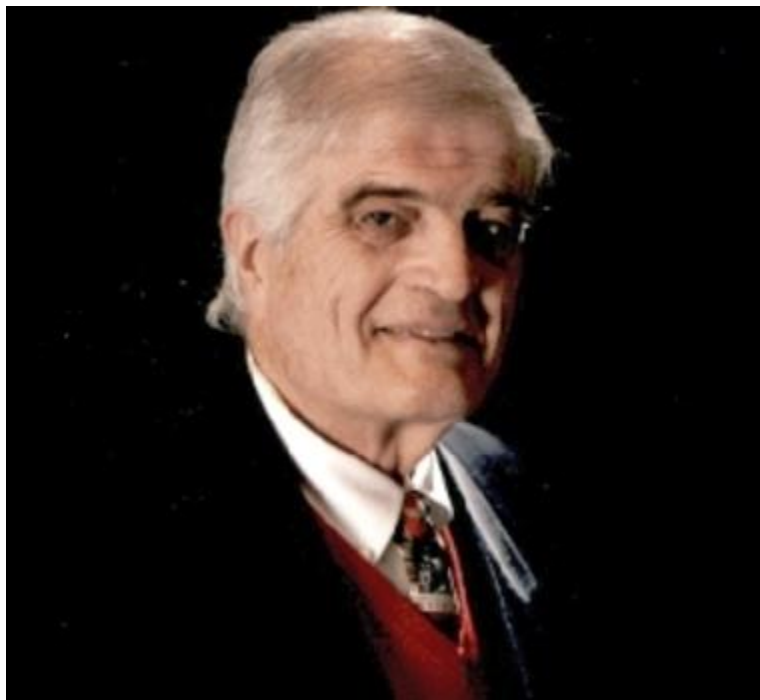
Those celebrating their birthdays are **Marty Larson, 88 years on the 14th** and **Trevor “ET” Mowbrey** on the 29th.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **John and Helen Ross, 57 years** on the 2nd; **Jack and Terrie Ellis, 54 years** on the 19th and **Jim and Gayl Lepp, 62 years** on the 22nd.

It is with sadness and regret that we acknowledge the sudden passing of **Clifford “Cliff” French** on October 29, 2020.

Cliff was sponsored by **Chuck Gerhart** and **Jack Slobodan** and joined our Club in September 2010. He enjoyed our luncheon meetings at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club and was famous for bringing his home baked chocolate chip cookies for dessert! He resigned in July 2010 due to health reasons.

He is survived by his loving family, wife of 57 years Sharon; son Shawn; grandsons David and Ethan; brother John (Sharyn); sisters-in-law Pat, Shirley and Rhonda; nephews Greg (Mimi), Ross, Steve (Nicole), Roger, and Michael; nieces Jenny and Susan (Aamon); as well as extended family Tobi (Michael) and Mike. He was recently predeceased by his brother Walter. In his long career as a pharmacist for Woodward and Safeway, he developed a relationship with many clients and was known for his compassionate dealings with people. He was also known in his journeys, for Safeway across Western Canada, for his home baked chocolate chip cookies which he shared along his way like Johnny Appleseed. Family gatherings always included cards, games, and puzzles which he loved. He found friends wherever he went. He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed. Given the situation with Covid-19, a funeral will not be held. A family celebration of life will be performed in his birthday month of April.



Cliff French

President Chuck Gerhart welcomed 36 plus Gyros and Gyrettes to our November 3rd Zoom Teleconference meeting.

Barry Walker introduced our guest speaker **Monica Robson, Executive Director, Pilgrims Hospice Society.**

Monica has a wide-ranging background in finance, marketing, Seniors & Supportive Living, and Hospice care. As Executive Director of *St. Joseph's Hospice* in Sarnia, Ontario, she was responsible for Community Hospice programs and a 10-bed residential facility. She was involved in the development of the residential program, including a Capital Campaign, building project, grand opening and the ongoing fund development required to operate community-based programs and services.

Monica is passionate about hospice palliative care and ensuring that those living with a life-limiting illness, their families and loved ones are well supported, both in living life well until the end, and through grief and bereavement.

When she is not focused on her work at Pilgrims Hospice, Monica enjoys spending time with her husband and two teenage boys and can be most often found cheering her boys on at a hockey arena or swimming pool. She also enjoys gardening and walking her dog and travelling with her family.

Monica advised that the Pilgrims Hospice Society is 26 years old and was co-founded by **Marion Boyd** and **Dr. Helen Hays**. The society has offered compassionate care for individuals living with a terminal illness, enhancing dignity and quality of life, until the end of life. With a whole-family approach, our programs also support caregivers and those grieving the death of a loved one. We offer in-home care, counselling, relief support and other programs to help you live to the fullest.

Our ***No One Dies Alone Program*** is offered in home or institution from 4 pm to midnight and includes adults, teens, and children. Adult caregiver support is offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Volunteers make up a large part of our workforce! "Quality of Life should include death"

We are currently completing the **Roozen Family Hospice Centre** at 98th Avenue and 148th Street.

The Centre will be a warm and family-friendly, end-of-life residence with 12 comfortable suites for individuals in the final stages of life who do not require acute medical care. The Centre will also provide programming that helps support both the ill person and their loved ones, from diagnosis through to loss and bereavement.

Each residential suite will contain a hospital bed designed for a hospice. The bed can be expanded sideways to accommodate family and the length can be extended for taller guests. There will an overhead lift system to move guests and there is a pull-out couch bed. Each suite has a private washroom and an electric fireplace. The outer building doors are big enough to move a hospice bed outside. The facility also contains two therapeutic bathtubs.

Staff will include recreation and massage therapists along with many volunteers. The building contains an Expressive Arts Studio that can be used by children, teens, and other family. The Education Room is big and bright and will be used to train volunteers as well provide professional education courses. It can also be used for celebration of life services and community meetings.

There has been no construction financing and no government funding. The \$15 million capital cost is within \$1.2 million of the total fundraising goal. The facility will open on December 14, 2020.



President Chuck thanked Monica for an exceptional presentation and advised her that the Edmonton Gyro Club will donating \$5000 from our Benevolence Fund to the Society.

President Chuck Gerhart welcomed 33 Gyros to the November 17th Zoom Video Teleconference.

Ron Trant introduced our guest speaker, **Martin Marshall** who he sponsored in November 2019. Ron met Martin in 2007 when a new Masonic Lodge was started in Lac La Biche. Martin and Ron continued their friendship as golfers in Edmonton.

Martin began his power point presentation with:

All you want to know about Martin Marshall 1956- Present. And maybe more than you want to know.

I was born on July 17, 1956 in **Castor, Alberta** in the hospital run by the Nuns. This was the day of the worst hailstorm of the decade, with broken windows and water running down the main stairs about 4 pm. This is where I started!

Eighteen years later I enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, then known as CAF and went to **Royal Roads Military College** in Hatley Park, Colwood, B.C. near Victoria. For four years, I was on the wrestling team, tug-a-war team and in the all-male Christmas Choir. I also consumed some amount of beer and my class made great friends with the servers at the local Colwood Inn.

I was Editor of our yearbook "The Log" during 1975-76. **In 1978** I graduated with a BSc. Physics and Physical Oceanography and the rank of **Air Navigator**. I also met my future wife and was posted to **CFB Greenwood in Nova Scotia**.

The VP405 squadron was my initial posting at Greenwood and I first flew on the **CP107 Argus**. *The Canadian-built, Canadair Argus was a unique hybrid that employed the wings, tail surfaces and undercarriage of the British designed Britannia transport, married to a completely new unpressurized fuselage of Canadian design and equipped with different American-designed engines. One of the most effective anti-submarine warfare aircraft of it's day, the Argus was a mainstay for the RCAF in the maritime role.*



CP107 Argus



CP140 Aurora

I then flew on the **CP140 Aurora** when it was delivered in 1980. *This aircraft was based on the Lockheed P-3 Orion airframe, but mounted the electronics suite of the Lockheed S-3 Viking. The aircraft had cruising speed of 648 km and a range of 9,300 km.*

We patrolled the North Atlantic looking for and finding USSR submarines and aircraft. In my time in Greenwood, I had the privilege of riding and flying on many platforms including the destroyer Athabaskan, the Sea King helicopter, and the Tudor jet. The Airforce is definitely better than the Navy!

In 1982, we moved to **Winnipeg** for two years where I taught Air Navigation which included **Gyro Inertia Systems**. In **1984**, we moved back to **Royal Roads** where I was Squad Commander of the University Liaison Office (ULO). We looked after all military students in Alberta and Manitoba going back to civilian universities. I was probably as physically fit as I ever was in my life. After four years, we moved back to Greenwood N.S. where I continued work in submarine analysis.

In **1995, I retired** and our family of two adults, three girls and two dogs travelled in our 19-foot trailer for 6 weeks to **Alix, Alberta**. I worked part-time for the Village for four years as the Director of Family Support Services and Recreation. I also joined the Fire Department and got introduced to EMS. I then worked for Lacombe Municipal Ambulance, Stettler District Ambulance, Bonnyville District Ambulance, Associated Ambulance (Lac La Biche) and Alberta Central Air Ambulance (Lac La Biche).

In 2007, I graduated from the **Portage College Prehospital Care Program** in Lac La Biche and then continued as an instructor. I supervised this program for eight years, teaching EMR, EMT and Paramedics. This was fascinating work, and we received a \$1.5 million donation which allowed us to set up a high definition **nursing training program**. We lived in Lac La Biche for 10 years and walked in the park, golfed, and curled. While teaching and managing the paramedic programs, I also spent 2.5 years earning my **Masters of Education** (in Distance Education) from the Athabasca University, graduating in 2014.

In 2007, I joined the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the new Lac La Biche Lodge. On January 2020, I was inducted into the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

And now with belonging to GYRO we are up to date!



Dan Hasinoff thanked Martin for his presentation and said that **Nelson Mandela** stated that *“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”*. Martin through his teaching and Armed Forces career has saved lives, reduced morbidity, and made the City and Province better.

Thank you, Martin for your service and your presentation. As a token of our appreciation you will receive Bob Layton's book *“ My Life in Radio Broadcasting”*.

President Chuck introduced **Daryl Dyck** who joined our club on June 14, 2019.

Daryl advised that his mother had worked at the Briercrest Bible College in Caronport, Saskatchewan and later moved to the Yukon where he was born in Whitehorse on January 18, 1981. They lived at milepost 1064 on the Alaska Highway near Lake Kluane for two years. His mother died and Daryl was adopted by an uncle and gained two sisters overnight. His uncle operated a flooring business in Fort McMurray and in the mid-80's when oil prices crashed, the family moved to Collingwood, Ontario on Georgian Bay of Lake Huron.

I attended grades 4 and 5 at Wasaga Beach near Collingwood and later my uncle moved to Winnipeg and I attended High School. I enjoyed track and field, running, and played rugby in grade eleven. The senior's men's rugby team was a highlight.

Next, I attended The Nipawin Bible College in Northeastern Saskatchewan and took Pastoral Studies. I met my future wife Anita there and we moved to Lac La Biche for one year. Then we moved to Red Deer for a year, got married and then went back to Nipawin for more college.

I obtained my Class 1 drivers licence and tried farming for two years, then moved into the trucking industry, did landscaping, and used bobcats. The next venture was cementing, acidizing, and fracking in the oil industry.

The next step was studying for my **Third-Class Power Engineering Certificate** which came in handy with oilfield boilers. I then managed a boiler company in Virden, Manitoba for two years but by 2015, oil prices were low, and we had a very warm winter!

Then we moved back to Red Deer and Lacombe. In Leduc, I worked at a prototype plant where we electroplated entire strings of drill pipe.

I presently work for **West Fraser**, an integrated Forest Company four weeks on and four weeks off. This arrangement allows me to also work connecting business with business. **BarterPay** offers a platform for businesses to exchange goods and services — trading their “spare capacity” — without cash changing hands. *Matt Hewson is the new BarterPay franchise owner in Edmonton as of April 1, 2016.*

I enjoy helping people and spent some time volunteering in Lesbos, Greece in 2017. We have four children, the oldest is 15 and the youngest 9. My wife has home schooled all our children and plays the lead role in our family. I look forward to continuing membership in Gyro and that David Winfield recommended that I join.

John Ross thanked Daryl for sharing his life history and his serving heart.

The Virtual Free Lunch was won by **Heinrich Grosskopf**.



Peter Carter

Daryl Dyck

David Winfield

“Fast Fred”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zoom Video Teleconference, Tuesday, December 1st, 4 pm

Speaker: Raymond Swonek, CEO, GEF Seniors Housing

Topic: Impact of Covid-19 on seniors and future of Seniors Housing

Team Leader: Jack Little

Zoom Video Teleconference, Mixed Event,

Tuesday, December 15th, 4 pm

Speaker: Jim Lochhead

Topic: Christmas Message