



# **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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## **MAY 2012**

Those celebrating their birthdays in May are **Andy Friderichsen** on the 13th, **David Burnett** on the 18th and **Allan Warrack** on the 24th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries in May are **Gary and Jeanette Campbell**, 46 years on the 14th; **Dick and Vi Moskalyk**, 55 years on the 15th; **Sheldon and Judy Weatherby**, 41 years on the 15th; **Hugh and Paula Moncrieff**, 48 years on the 16th; **Fred and Paulette Schulte**, 44 years on the 18th; **Chuck and Myrna Gerhart**, 47 years on the 22nd and **Peter and Katherine Morrison**, 32 years on the 30th.

**President Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** welcomed 68 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the **2012-2013 Installation of Executive Officers** held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club on Tuesday evening, May 1st. **Past President Bill Taylor** led the group in the singing of Cheerio and **Ari Hoeksema** presented the Grace.

President Ari introduced Past District Governor (2010-11), **Bernie Kropp** and **Brenda**, District Governor, **Ken Baker** and **Anne**, **Sherryl Campbell** and her son **Ryan Jacques**. **Barry Walker** introduced his guests, **Rob and Beryl Madden**.

Bill Taylor introduced our guest pianist, **Ryan Jacques, age 11**, who is **Gary Campbell's** grandson. Ryan started taking piano lessons when he was four and has composed a number of tunes, including **Earth's Song**, all of which are included in the complimentary DVD's left at each table. Ryan proceeded to expertly play a considerable number of tunes including one that was played on the Titanic. The Titanic tune was played specially for **Jean Warrack**. Jean's father, **Gordon Rennie** lost his biological father with the sinking of the Titanic 100 years ago.

President Ari thanked Ryan for his excellent performance and stated that he too had begun his entertainment career at a young age and there was always the expectation that many of his performances would be played without monetary compensation. Ari presented Ryan with an envelope of cash.

Ryan's salute to Earth Day entitled "**Earth's Song**" can be viewed on YouTube at

<http://youtu.be/Em6uBomVBqU>



**Ryan Campbell Jacques**

**Ari Hoeksema** thanked the group for the support he had received as President over the last year from his colleagues. **Governor Ken Baker** then proceeded with the induction of **Sheldon Weatherby** and **Hugh Moncrieff**. Sheldon's sponsor's **John Ross** and **Dick Nichols** and Hugh's sponsor's, **Cliff Revell** and **David Burnett** committed to support these new members.

**Hugh Moncrieff** stated in his biography that he was a Winnipegger, attended the University of Manitoba and met his future wife, **Paula** in 1963. They were married in 1964 and raised two children, a boy and a girl. Hugh's hobbies include music and golf.

**Sheldon Weatherby** indicated that he was a Saskatchewan native, attended school, grades 2-12 in Prince Albert. At age 14, he started part time work at a Sherwin Williams paint store and ultimately became assistant manager. Sheldon then worked at the Prince Albert pulp mill, married **Judy** in 1971 and then moved to Edmonton as an Instrumentation Technologist at the Gulf Refinery. In 1996 he joined Spartan Controls where he remained until his retirement in 2010. Sheldon and Judy have three daughters and four grandchildren.



**Sheldon and Judy Weatherby Paula and Hugh Moncrieff**

President Ari recognized **Mort Morter** for his 40 years of membership in the Edmonton club and presented a gold pin for his service and contributions to GYRO. Mort joined the club in 1972 and was sponsored by **Marty Larson**.

Lloyd Emerson Morter was born in Lacombe, Alberta on April 24th, 1928 to Lloyd and Charlotte Morter. Lloyd was the middle child; he had an older brother and younger sister. Lloyd's father was also born in the Lacombe area in 1903 and ran a mixed farming operation, including pigs and cattle. The Morter clan traces their lineage back to Britain when they first emigrated to the United States in 1842 through New York City.

Lloyd took grades one to nine at a one room school in the community of Lincoln which was named after Lincoln, Nebraska where many of the area's original settlers came from. Lloyd attended high school in Lacombe where he received the nick name "Mort". Mort also had an uncle named "Mort" who lived to be almost 100 years old.

In 1947 Mort started working for the Royal Bank in Lacombe as a teller and clerk. In 1951 he moved to Edmonton with the bank and reconnected with Jean Cruikshank, Mort's friend from high school days in Lacombe. Jean had completed her three year nursing program in Calgary in 1950 and became an operating room nurse. Jean and Mort were married in Edmonton on September 5th, 1951. In Edmonton, Jean moved from shift work nursing in the operating room to looking after polio patients during the epidemic years of the early 1950's.

Mort continued to move and grow with the Royal Bank and spent time at various branches in Edmonton and in 1955 they moved to Regina with the banks Personnel Department. It was then back to Edmonton South as Assistant Manager and then to Calgary in 1959. In 1964, Mort's work took him to the Royal Bank Regional office and then back to Edmonton where he retired after 37 years in September 1983.

Jean and Mort raised four son's of which three have married. They are now the proud grandparents of three boys and three girls. Mort was President of the Edmonton Club in 1985-86 and also served as Secretary to Marty Larson during Marty's tenure as District Governor in 1986.

After retirement, he joined the Masonic Order and later became a charter member of the Al Shamal Shrine in July 1985. Mort served as Treasurer for two

years and then six years as Recorder/Secretary for the Shrine. He is still an active member of the organization today.

Mort celebrated his 84th Birthday on April 24, 2012 and Jean will be celebrating the same milestone in May 2012. Jean and Mort will be celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary on September 5th of 2012.



**Jean and Mort Morter**



**Governor Ken** then proceeded to install **Ari Hoeksema** as Past President, **Cliff French**, **Jim Lochhead**, **Jack Little** and **John Mann** as Director's, **Barry Walker** as Secretary, **Gary Campbell** as Treasurer and **Sam Gruden** as Vice-President.



**Katherine and Ari Hoeksema**

**Ken Baker**



**John Mann   Jim Lochhead   Ken Baker   Cliff French   Jack Little**



**Ken Baker**

**Barry Walker**



**Ken Baker**

**Gary Campbell**



**Ken Baker**

**Sam Gruden**



**President John Boyd** welcomed 33 Gyros and our guest speaker to the May 15th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Roger Russell** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **Jim Lochhead** presented the *Grace*.

**Cliff French** introduced our guest speaker, **Sgt. Beth Campbell**, a 27 year veteran of the RCMP and is currently the Manager of the Domestic Violence Program in "K" Division of the RCMP.

**Sgt. Campbell** indicated that as recently as 1982 domestic violence was not treated as a crime. Many of the now known warning signs of domestic violence were ignored or not treated seriously. A triple murder/suicide involving a husband, a wife and a three year child resulted in a lawsuit against the RCMP by two surviving family members. In this particular case over forty calls had been made or logged by the RCMP about problems experienced by the family. A Fatality Inquiry was also held and sweeping changes were recommended to improve the RCMP's training and approach to domestic violence.

Typically females are abused and males are also abused but rarely reported. Domestic or family violence knows no boundaries whether it be economic or cultural. There are usually no witnesses except children. "Domestic Violence" has a larger definition than just a family with a husband, wife and children. It includes many types of formal and informal relationships involving men and women. Violence is not restricted to physical abuse but also includes verbal, psychological and economic abuse. A breakup in a relationship can in many cases trigger violence. Seventy-five percent of child custody disputes have a history of domestic violence. Physical signs of violence may include unexplained bruises, marks, scars or sprains. Strangulation is a very common occurrence and can render a victim unconscious in 10 seconds. Any call for police service regarding conflict is a sign of trouble.

Other signs may include:

- Their partner orders them around or controls aspects of their life including: where they can go, what they can wear and how they spend their money.
- They have stopped seeing their friends and family, or cut their conversations short when their partner enters the room.
- Their partner criticizes or humiliates them in front of others or in private.
- They often talk about their partner's jealousy, bad temper or possessiveness.
- They have become anxious or depressed, lost self-confidence and/or are unusually quiet.
- Their children seem afraid of their partner, have behavioural problems or are withdrawn.
- They are reluctant to leave their children with their partner.

It is difficult in many instances to determine who is the dominant aggressor; landlords are a good source of background information. There were **13,000 "reported" domestic violence calls in Alberta** last year. The response to domestic violence calls is one of the most dangerous areas of police work and the standing rule is that a minimum of two officers will respond. The RCMP have developed a number of training and evaluation tools to assist their members in the response to domestic violence calls and incidents.

Thanks to the team of **Cliff Revell** and **Cliff French** for the organization of this speaking event.

**Ron Ramsey** was the winner of the free lunch draw.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Annual District VIII Golf Tournament, Friday, June 8th, Riverbend Golf Course, Red Deer.**

**Tee Times commencing at 10:00 am**

**Cost: \$130 per person and includes golf, power cart, meal and prizes.**

**Sponsoring Club; Sherwood Park**

**Type of Golf: Individual medal or team scramble.**

**Annual Gyro/Gyrette Golf Tourney, Tuesday, July 31st, Legends Golf Course**

**Tee Times: commencing around 1:00pm**

**Golf Format: Modified Texas Scramble, 9 holes**

**Cost: TBA**

**Prizes are needed!**

**Contacts: The Walker's and Russell's.**

**GYRO District VIII Convention, Canmore, Alberta, August 23-26.**

**Hosted by the Gyro Club of Calgary.**

**Registration Fee: \$430/couple, \$215 single**

**Convention Information: [www.gyroclubofcalgary.com](http://www.gyroclubofcalgary.com)**

**Gyro/Gyrette Corn Roast and Bocce Tournament, Malmo Community Hall, Tuesday Evening, August 28th**

**Location: 11525-48 Ave.**

**Time: Bocce 4:00 pm, Dinner 6:30**

**Corn, Chicken, Salad and Dessert, Beer and Wine.**

**Contacts: Roger Russell, David Burnett and friends.**

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