



THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

President

Jack Brown
Res. 434-0392

Meeting held on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2007
Royal Mayfair Golf Club

1st Vice-President

John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011

President **Jack Brown** welcomed 35 Gyro's and three guests to another fine day of construction in Edmonton. **Roger Russell** led Cheerio and **Marty Larson** asked the blessing.

2nd Vice-President

Leon Lubin
Res. 454-9712

Our President welcomed our guest speaker **Bryan Hall**, **Bryce Van Dusen** introduced his guest **Bruce Hogle** and **Andy Friderichsen** introduced his friend **Bill Brown**.

Imm.Past President

Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925

Bill Taylor presented some historical information on the early days of the Gyro Club of Edmonton and the club member's connections to his own family. **John Ross** presented information on the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Edmonton Crossroads Gyro Club held on Saturday September 22nd. The Crossroads Club was sponsored by the Edmonton Club in 1957 and there is one charter member, **Harf Watson**, who is still an active member of the club.

Secretary

Barry Walker
Res. 475-0983

Fred Schulte advised that Ernie Siegel is recovering from surgery of the esophagus and hopes to attend luncheon meetings in the near future.

Treasurer

Mike Matei
Res. 930-1780

Those celebrating birthdays in October are **Gordon Robertson** on the 2nd, **Roger Russell** on the 5th, **Greg Scherf** on the 12th and **Mike Matei** on the 28th.

Directors

Eric Spink
Res. 436-5242
Bill Taylor
Res. 430-0330
Bill Clarke
Res. 461-2228

The October anniversaries are **Larry** and **Elinor Mix**, 44 years on the 1st; **Marty** and **Shirley Larson**, 47 years on the 8th and **Gerry** and **Alice Glassford**, 50 years on the 12th.

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John Stroppa introduced **Bryan Hall** with a detailed description of Bryan's radio career starting in Edmonton in 1953. "**Hallsy**" as he is affectionately known has been the radio voice of the Edmonton Flyers, the Oil Kings, the WHA Oilers and the Edmonton Eskimo's. He was a sports announcer with CJCA from 1955 until the 1990's and is currently Sports Director with CHED.

Bryan Hall acknowledged his introduction and commented that John Stroppa knew more about him than he did himself. Bryan asked John "What did I eat for breakfast this morning?"

Mr. Hall indicated that originally he was thinking of going into medicine and the sports beat was not on his mind. However, he believes that if you listen to your heart, it leads you to the right place. In 1953 he was interviewed for a job at Radio CKUA and they liked his presentation and he has been doing radio ever since.

Edmonton in the early 1950's had a population of 170,000 and was a community of visionaries that included Bill Hunter, Leo LeClerc, Henry Singer and Maury Van Vliet. Today it is still a community of visionaries.

In 1954, the Eskimo's were champions and the players included Jackie Parker, Normie Kwong and Don Getty. Bryan started working at CHED broadcasting sports and worked with Al Slate who was familiar with some of the big advertising people including the man who purchased Radio CHUM in Toronto. During the 1961 Grey Cup in Toronto, Bryan was offered a job in Toronto by Al Slate who was now working for CHUM. Bryan Hall accepted the job offer and spent three years traveling with the Toronto Maple Leafs as a sports announcer. The Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup in 1962, 63 and 64. Bryan Hall was then offered a job in Minnesota as part of the expansion of the NHL, but opted to return to Edmonton.

Mr. Hall has met a lot of the big name owners and players in his career and has judged these people at their face value and not by their reputation. As things happen to a person, people do what they personally care about. We have to have the same view of our City of Edmonton. We need people of vision who care about Edmonton and protect what we have here.

Edmonton is a great city, not good but great!

Eric Spink thanked Bryan for his thought-provoking presentation and his passion for living in the City of Edmonton.

Free lunches were awarded to **Bob Berube** and **Gerry Glassford**.

Thanks to the team of **Leon Lubin**, **John Stroppa** and **Eric Spink** for organizing this luncheon speaking event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Founder's Night –Wednesday Evening October 17th

Joint Event with the Sherwood Park Gyro Club

Location: German Canadian Cultural Centre, 8310 Roper Road

Phone 466-4000

Hospitality: 6:00 pm, Smorgasbord Buffet at 7:00

Cost \$20.00, cash bar

Contact: Fred Schulte

There will be no luncheon meeting on Tuesday, October 16th!!

Curl-A-Rama-November 2-4th, Banff

Contact: **Mike Matei**

Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party-Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 pm

Riverview Room Shaw Convention Centre

Contact: **Walter Yakimets**

Advance Notice

Gyro/Gyrette Valentines Party, February 12th, 2008

Mayfield Dinner Theatre

Contact: **Larry Dobson**

Some New Bull
Fred Schulte