



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

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## **NOVEMBER 2022**

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Marty Larson, 90 years on the 14<sup>th</sup>**  
and **Trevor Mowbrey** on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim and Gayl Lepp, celebrate** their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Dunc Mills** played an interesting introductory tune on the xylophone and **President Ron Trant** welcomed 22 Gyros and our guest speaker to the November 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club.

**Roger Russell** led the singing of Cheerio and **Jack Little** provided an update on our annual **Christmas Party** at the Edmonton Convention Centre on **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. This year we will not have individual turkey carving at each table, instead, each table will receive a large platter of sliced turkey along with all of the trimmings. There will also be cash bar for all wine and other drinks.

**President Ron** presented a summary of the proposed amendments made to our **Constitution and By-Laws** which were circulated to all members on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Written notice of six weeks has been given in previous editions of the Gyrolog in accordance with Article XIV Amendments. The members were asked if there were any comments or concerns, and none were received.

A motion to approve the amended Constitution and By-Laws was made by **Fred Schulte** and seconded by **Larry Dobson**. The Members unanimously approved the motion.

Our guest speaker **Aaron Cranton** presented the Grace.

**Warren Garbutt** introduced our guest speaker, **Aaron Cranton** of the **Old Strathcona Outreach Mission**.

**Aaron** was born in London, Ontario, raised as an atheist and worked in sales before moving to Edmonton 10 years ago. He lived in Old Strathcona for six months waiting for his wife and son to arrive. Aaron spent those six winter months walking all over Old Strathcona. It was an incredibly lonely time and he began a process to identify his spirituality. Aaron worked part time in sales and started working one day a week with the homeless. He also decided to try attending McKernan Baptist Church for an 18 month period.

He then quit his sales job and started working with Mustard Seed in Central Edmonton and felt more and more connected with the homeless and God. Aaron then put his boots to the ground and spent mornings as a school bus monitor where he was dealing with many disturbed and unruly kids. In the afternoons he connected with people who had a missionary focus. Aaron then started the Outreach Mission which operates as a “para-church”. There are two of them who spend eight hours a day twice a week providing a ministry of relationships and friendships. We let the spirit lead us and we seek out those who may want help.

**“Homelessness means loneliness to me”** We also work with Boyle Street downtown and work with women who have been impacted by human trafficking.

As a society, we need to provide help when the individual say’s yes, I want help. We don’t try to help everyone. Your Gyro fellowship and friendship has similar approaches.

What do these homeless people need? They need hope, freedom from guilt and shame. Human relationships are essential! Instead of giving someone \$10, suggest you go for coffee or lunch at Tim’s.

There are more and more homeless encampments throughout Edmonton, but **hopelessness is the issue** not a shortage of housing.

**Doug Armstrong** thanked Aaron for his important presentation.

**Fred Schulte** was the Free Lunch winner.

## **Marty Larson celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 14<sup>th</sup>! He is also celebrating his 58<sup>th</sup> year in Gyro.**

Marty was born in Lacombe, Alberta on November 14th, 1932, and lived in Alix from 1933-1939. He was the oldest of four brothers and one sister and attended high school in Red Deer and Sylvan Lake.

After high school Marty worked for the Royal Bank for six years starting in the Village of Standard and moving to Blairmore, Fairview and South Edmonton. He then worked in Northern Canada on the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line in 1956-1957. In 1957, Marty started working for CFCW Radio in Camrose as an announcer. In 1958 he moved to CKRD in Red Deer and did the play by play for hockey and curling. Marty also did some sales work and announcing for the Central Alberta Hockey League. In 1959, **Shirley Dean** and four of her nursing graduate friends moved from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon to Red Deer. They liked to watch hockey and curling and before long Shirley noticed Marty announcing at the rinks. Marty and Shirley were married on October 8th, 1960.

In 1960 Marty started a **four-year career with CFRN Television** in Edmonton announcing the news and sports as well as football games and the pre-game show. In 1964, he took a three-month course in sales at First Investors which was owned by Don Cormie. Marty then went to work for Gairdner & Co., a national investment house. By 1967, he was manager of Gairdner's Edmonton Branch and in 1969 Marty and Shirley moved to Toronto when Marty became National Sales Manager for the company's 20 branches. They stayed for a year and a half and then moved back to Edmonton.

In 1971, Marty began a **17-year career with Pemberton Securities**; Future Gyro, **Larry Dobson** was one of the first three staff hired. Marty was on Pemberton's Board of Director's for 16 years and was also Chair of the Investment Dealers Association of Alberta. He became a familiar voice to us for 17 years on CHQT's morning radio show dealing with financial investment matters. During the period 1987-96 Marty also did some television work on "Alberta Business."



**Marty Larson, CFRN Television Circa 1962**

Marty was introduced to the Gyro Club of Edmonton members **by Wes Van Dusen and joined the club in 1964.** There were 81 members in 1964-65 and only six members were retired. The club was 43 years old and there were two charter members still listed in the Club Roster, **Nelles Buchanan** and **Stu Johnson**. The population of Edmonton was 364,000.

**Marty and Shirley** have been active participants and champions of the GYRO fraternity for the past 58 years. Marty was President of the Edmonton Club in 1974-75, District VIII Governor in 1986 and International President in 1992-93. He was also awarded the Award of Merit for Outstanding Service to Gyro in 1989, the Jimmie Hubbell Award for External Expansion of a new club (St. Albert) in 1992, the Honour Key Award (Gyro's Highest Recognition) in 1994 and the Life Time Achievement Award in 2005. Marty was very proud to receive the Ed Steinbacher Life Time Achievement Award from Mrs. Steinbacher in Milwaukee on July 23, 2005.





**Marty - 60<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary 1981**



**Shirley and Marty 1988**



**April 2010**

**PIP Marty Larson**

**PDG Gord Rennie**

**PDG Gerry Glassford**





Marty has also established a record that will be hard to beat!

Using the information available to us, Marty has sponsored more than 25 Gyros in our club since 1972!

Nine of these Gyros are still members: **David Burnett 1973, Roger Russell 1983, Larry Dobson 1985, Barry Walker 1986, Mike Matei 1988, Larry Wang 1992, Bruce Foy and Walter Yakimets 1997 and Cliff Revell 2006.**



**Marty - Past President's Dinner October 26, 2022**



The **Annual District VIII Curlarama** was held in Canmore November 4-6, with 8 teams and a half dozen non-curlers in attendance. The **Edmonton Club sent five members** and enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with many friends. This event was started in 1966 and has been held every year since except for 2020 and 2021.

The “A” Event cup was won by **Bob Urich, Lloyd Godfrey, John Hodgson, and Doug Campbell** of the Calgary Gyro Club Team 2.



**Dunc Mills, Chuck Gerhart, Christian Boule, Larry Dobson, Hugo Hess  
Roger Russell Mike Matei**

Thanks to the **Stampede City Gyro Club** for organizing a first-class event!

**Peter Carter** played a melodic introductory tune on the xylophone and **President Ron Trant** welcomed 23 Gyros and one guest to the November 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club.

**President Ron** led the singing of Cheerio and then related some family war history.

Ron's grandfather, **John Francis Trant** joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914 and fought in France at Vimy Ridge with a mortar squad. He suffered from shell shock and retired to a farm to recuperate. John Francis then worked as an auditor with Imperial Bank and later with Revenue Canada. He retired to a farm on the Niagara Peninsula.

His son, **John Francis Trant** was raised in Ontario and learned to march in the military square formations in the 1930-40's. He was part of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders that were sent to Antwerp, Belgium in the Second World War. Trant was in the Intelligence Corps and interrogated captured German soldiers. On the last day of the war, he was injured when a mortar struck. Ron's father lived a long life and passed in 2015 at the age of 90.

**Jack Bowen** spoke about the "**No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation**" which is dedicated to honouring and remembering Canada's veterans. Their unique ceremony provides students and youth with an authentic experience that creates knowledge, understanding and appreciation of those who serve and of the sacrifice of Canada's fallen.

Jack also spoke about the **Last Post Fund** which is a Canadian non-profit organization and registered charity which was founded in 1909. The Last Post Fund's mission is to ensure that "no Veteran is denied a dignified funeral and burial, as well as a military gravestone, due to insufficient funds at time of death." Its primary mandate is to deliver the Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral & Burial Program which provides funeral, burial, and grave marking benefits for eligible Canadian and Allied Veterans. The fund also delivers an Unmarked Grave Program which places military-

style gravestones for Veterans buried without commemoration. In addition to delivering these Programs, the Last Post Fund supports other initiatives designed to honour the memory of Canadian and Allied Veterans.

**President Ron** introduced our guest speaker **Ian Crawford** and daughter **Tara**. Ian has been in the real estate business for 32 years.

Mr. Crawford advised that he had witnessed the active real estate market in the 1990's and then the crash during the cutback years of the Klein government. Calgary's market recovered faster than Edmonton's and continues to bounce back sooner.

There is a trend to downsizing when couples near retirement and they move to developments that provide a comfortable setting with much of the yard work and other maintenance looked after.

Currently there are virtually no new bungalows offered by the development industry. The trend is for two and three storey homes with small lots.

The Blatchford development area at the old municipal airport has no bungalows and the minimum price currently is \$500,000.

The demand for new housing on the outskirts of Edmonton appears to be driven by people moving in from other parts of Canada.

A question was asked about the rental of homes vs. buying. There was a trend earlier in 2022 when Ontario investors bought hundreds of houses in Edmonton and turned them into rental properties. This trend has slowed down due to higher interest rates. Century Park's original focus was on ownership but now there is a much bigger supply of rental housing. The higher demand for rental housing is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Another question was the movement of big stores and strip malls from some of the 50 year and older neighbourhoods in north Edmonton. There is no obvious reason for the movement other than the increase in online shopping.

**President Ron** thanked our speaker for his informative presentation.

**Tony Mazzuca** was the Free Lunch winner.

**Dick Nichols** reports on the **Hockey Pool Winners**.

Game 2 October 27      Winners      First Period      Second      Final

**Oilers vs Blackhawks**

<b>First Period</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Jean Warrack</b>	<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>	Warren Douglas
<b>Second</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Warren Garbutt</b>	<b>Leon Lubin</b>	Allan Bleiken
<b>Final</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Jim Lepp</b>	Rebecca Warrack	Unsold

Game 3 November 2      Winners      First Period      Second      Final

**Oilers vs Devils**

<b>First Period</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Gary Campbell</b>	<b>Carol Dobson</b>	<b>Val Pohl</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Myrna Gerhart</b>	Leanne Dobson	Mia Scornaienchi
<b>Final</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Andrea Larson	Darren Reed	Janice Nichols Molofy

Game 4 November 12      Winners      First Period      Second      Final

**Oilers vs Panthers**

<b>First Period</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sheldon Weatherby</b>	Barb Zerbin	Gabriel Lippiatt-Long
<b>Second</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Sarra Dobson	Katie Germain	<b>Michael Mant</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	Dean Larson	<b>Jack Brown</b>	<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>

**“Fast Fred”**



## Upcoming Events:

**Annual Christmas Party, Edmonton Convention Centre, Riverview Room, Tuesday Evening, December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Four-course turkey dinner and a surprise dessert.**

**Time: 5:30 Champagne reception and Cash Bar**

**Complementary Caricatures**

**Cost: \$90 per person inclusive of all gratuities and taxes.**

**Team Leaders: Jack Little and Alan Rusler**

**Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Mixed Event, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Speaker: Marjorie Bencz, Executive Director, Edmonton Food Bank.**

**Team Leader: Jack Little**

**Cost: \$45 per person**