



the GYRO CLUB of Edmonton



So, what is “Gyro” all about?..... A question often asked by many people when they first become aware of the club with the “unusual name”. You may recall the Gyro Playgrounds that were built in earlier years throughout Edmonton... well, that’s us.

So, what is Gyro all about, today? You ask a very good question, and we will attempt to provide you the answer with this letter.

Gyro is an international (Canada & USA) organization that promotes fellowship and friendship. It was started in 1912 by three college chums who wanted to perpetuate the friendship of their college days. Since that time, their ideas and endeavors have fostered many Gyro Clubs throughout North America.

The Gyro Club of Edmonton was formed in 1921 and is the oldest of the three Gyro Clubs in the Edmonton area.

Our Club normally meets each 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, for a luncheon meeting at the Uof A Faculty Club. Meetings start at 12:00 noon and are finished by 1:30 p.m. Club members arrange for guest speakers who address a variety of relevant and interesting topics. Monthly, our editor writes and publishes the “Gyrolog” newsletter, our “Hansard”, capturing the essence of our meetings.

Annual membership fees are two hundred and thirty-five dollars. Luncheon meetings are an additional thirty-five dollars each.

We have many other events, in addition to our regular luncheon meetings. Golf tournaments, a curling bonspiel and a bocci competition are the highlights of our athletic endeavors.....and we might add, that you don’t have to be an expert in any of them!

*Our spouses/partners are included in many extra events we enjoy throughout the year. Typically this includes Christmas and Valentine parties, an autumn ‘corn roast’ and Bocci evening.
(The cost to participate in these extra events varies with each event.)*



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An active bridge club of twenty or more couples plays every month from September through March, concluding the season with a wind-up banquet.

Gyro is a men's club, however, there is also a Gyrette ladies club that many of our spouses/partners belong to. The Gyrettes meet for monthly luncheon meetings September through June. Like the Gyros, their purpose is to foster friendship.

So, what are we not?..... *an equally good question.*

We are not a service or philanthropic based organization.

Gyro International believes that it is up to each individual club to decide whether or not they want to undertake philanthropic projects. Generally, our club has opted not to do so, but this does not mean that we do not support worthwhile causes. We typically contribute two thousand dollars annually to local charities, money that is generated from a hockey pool.

We hope that this overview helps to explain what Gyro fellowship is all about and that after reading it through, that you might be interested in joining our club.

Should you have any doubts or questions about whether Gyro Club membership is suitable for you, we encourage you to query the friend who introduced you "our merry throng".

Alternately, all Gyro club members are a great source of information. We encourage you to ask them what they enjoy, and the benefits they attain, from their Gyro Club participation.

*In friendship,
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