



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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Those celebrating their birthdays in March are **Alan Rusler** on the 3rd, **Sheldon Weatherby** on the 11th, **Roy Bennett** on the 17th, **Jack Slobodan** on the 19th, **Len Stevens** on the 27th, **Barry Walker** on the 29th and **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** on the 30th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Mike** and **Sharon Matei**, 24 years on the 18th and **David Dyck** and **Sherley Hearty**, 7 years on the 26th.

SECOND POSTING

Arvid (Arv) Hardin has applied for membership in our club. **Arvid** and his wife **Bernie** reside at **#1, 14816 45 Avenue NW**. Their postal code is **T6H 5M5**. Their telephone number is **780-244-0848** and email address is arvid@hatm.ca **Arvid** is a retired consultant and is proposed by **Marty Larson** and **Chuck Gerhart**.

FIRST POSTING

David Winfield has applied for membership in our club. **David** resides at **207, 11445 41st Avenue, NW**. His postal code is **T6J 0T9**. His telephone number is **780-430-7933** and email address is winnie63@telus.net **David** is the Executive Director of Inglewood Business Associates and is a member of Rotary and the Shriners. **David** is proposed by **Walter Yakimets** and **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema**.

FIRST POSTING

Cec Butt has applied for membership in our club. **Cec** and his wife **Martina** reside at **12035 130th Street, NW**. Their postal code is **T5L 1K7**. Their telephone number is **780-454-5353** and email address is bigmarti@telusplanet.net **Cec** is an real estate appraiser with Jackson Real Estate Appraisals Ltd. and a member of the Appraisal Institute of Canada. **Cec** enjoys sailing and golf and is proposed by **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** and **David Dyck**.

President John Boyd welcomed 28 Gyros and four guests to our **March 5th** luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Bill Taylor** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **Jim Lochhead** presented the *Grace*.

President John advised that with the completion of the Second Posting in our Gyrolog, **Ken Korchinski** is now officially our newest member. **Welcome Ken!** Our guest speaker, **Marc Barylo** was also acknowledged. **Walter Yakimets** introduced his guest and new member applicant, **David Winfield**. **Ari Hoeksema** introduced his guest and new member applicant, **Cec Butt**. **Marty Larson** introduced his guest and new member applicant, **Arv Hardin**.

Tony Mazzuca introduced our guest speaker, Marc Barylo, Chief Development and Community Relations Officer, **Catholic Charities, Catholic Social Services and Sign of Hope**. Tony described Marc as the ultimate volunteer who works and works and works and is also humble.

Marc indicated that he grew up with very little money and possessions and was given his first job by an aboriginal person who saw some potential in him. He was a cab driver and a painter before he received some formal religious training at a number of institutions including Newman College. He joined Catholic Social Services in 1984. Marc enjoys working with the downtrodden, the outstanding staff and volunteers who deliver the services and programs.

In 1961, the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton recognized several needs in the community that were not been met. Under the leadership of **Monsignor William (Bill) Irwin** (1928-2004), Catholic Social Services commenced operation, providing services to people of all faiths and cultures with an initial budget of \$5000. It is now the largest Catholic charity in Canada with an annual budget of \$74 million, 1600 staff and 2100 volunteers.

The parent society, **Catholic Charities** provides financial, human resources, administrative support, information technology, consultation, program planning, communications and property management services to its subsidiaries. Catholic Charities comprises: **Catholic Social Services (CSS)**(the direct service provider) and **Sign of Hope Society** (operates the annual Sign of Hope fundraising campaign.)

The organization serves people in need regardless of religion, race, gender, ethnic origin, colour or creed. More than 60,000 children, women and men are served each year. Services are provided in communities throughout Northeast and Central Alberta. Catholic Social Services has offices in Edmonton, Bonnyville, Lloydminster, Red Deer, Wainwright and Wetaskiwin.

CSS has contracted with the federal government to assist with the settlement of the 14,000 new immigrants that are directed to the Edmonton Region and Northern Alberta each year. Eighteen programs have been developed by CSS to address settlement and immigration issues. At the present time the majority of new immigrants are from the Middle East and Africa. **The Rotary Centre for New Canadians** was established through the collaboration of Catholic Social Services, the Rotary club of Edmonton and Homeward Trust Edmonton. The Rotary Centre hosts several programs, including Reception house which provides temporary accommodation for up to 48 government assisted refugees for up to two weeks.

The Centre also provides affordable accommodation, health and social support services for immigrants with special needs for up to six months. The Sign of Hope campaign helps to support the 175 staff who deal with immigrants and refugees. About 30% of these staff are former refugees.

In 1965, The Catholic Archdiocese identified sexual abuse of children as a critical need to be addressed. The Marydale facility with a 12 bed capacity was established initially to assist children under 12. By 1986, **Safe House, Edmonton** was established with the support of the Knight of Columbus. The Safe House is a voluntary residential shelter for youth who are at risk of sexual exploitation or are sexually exploited through their involvement in prostitution. This program offers a safe refuge for a maximum of eight individuals where they can access residential support and services to facilitate their transition to healthy community living. Notwithstanding the obvious need to address sexual abuse of children, CSS received a huge backlash from the public when the Safe House initiative was announced.

Larry Dobson responded with a wow! to our speaker, Marc Barylo's incredible presentation. Marc has an amazing drive to address and deal with those individuals less fortunate than us.

The Free Lunch draw was won by **Sheldon Weatherby**.

A few friendship quotes from **Bartlett's Words to Live By** follow:

We secure our friends not by accepting favors but by doing them.

Thucydides, Peloponnesian War

Nothing is more friendly to a man than a friend in need.

Titus Maccius Plautus, Epidicus

Old friends are best. King James used to call for his old shoes; they were easiest for his feet.

John Selden, Table Talk

Dick Nichols reports on the results of the Hockey pool.

Game 13	March 3	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Wild					
First	1	1	Sheldon Weatherby	Sheldon Weatherby	Eric Spink
Second	1	1	Jack Ellis	Jack Ellis	Chuck Gerhart
Final	2	4	Gyro	Gyro	Gyro

Game 14	March 8	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Predators					
First	0	2	Mia Scornaienchi	Marcia Kashani	Mike Long
Second	0	4	Chuck Gerhart	Chuck Gerhart	Chuck Gerhart
Final	0	6	Gyro	Gyro	Gyro

Game 15	March 15	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Red Wings					
First	1	0	Steffen Scornaienchi	Rudi Lucas	Morgan Burnett
Second	2	0	Preston Russell	Mike Matei	Malcolm Ross
Final	2	3	Gyro	Bill Taylor	Gary Campbell

Game 16	March 23	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Blues					
First	0	1	Mort Morter	Mort Morter	Doug Heibert
Second	0	1	Maureen Dea	Maureen Dea	Jenelle McManus
Final	0	3	Jonathon Foy	Jonathon Foy	Sheldon Weatherby

President John Boyd welcomed 39 Gyros, our three new member applicants, Arv Hardin, David Winfield and Cec Butt and our guest speaker to the March 19th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club.

Jack Slobodan led the group in the singing of Cheerio and Jim Lochhead presented the Grace.

President John welcomed our guest speaker, David Trew, a biologist with a lifelong interest in water quality and watershed protection. David has also had a passion for playing bagpipes which started in Ontario and was enhanced with time working in Scotland. David has won bagpipe playing awards in North America and Scotland.

David, as Executive Director of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, presented recently published copies of *Atlas of the North Saskatchewan River Basin*, and *Integrated Watershed Plans for the Vermilion River and Sturgeon River Basins* to the club.

In one form or another close relatives of the bagpipes have been around for thousands of years. The original concept was a sheepskin bladder or bag with a flute that were used to lead Roman infantrymen into battle and may have been used for the entertainment of Egyptian pharaohs. Refined versions of the bagpipes were very popular during the Renaissance Period in Europe (1350-1505).

Of the more than 200 types of bagpipes played in the world today, Scotland's **Great Highland Bagpipes** are arguably the most famous.. Ancestral versions of the Great Highland Bagpipes arrived in Scotland as instruments of war sometime during the 1300's. The modern bagpipe design was developed by the MacCrimmon and MacArthur clans. They are mouth-blown and stunningly loud, in contrast to the bellows-blown and softer-sounding pipes of Lowland areas, which include the Northumbrian smallpipes, Border pipes and Scottish smallpipes.

Regardless of the type of bagpipe played, the principles remain the same. The piper blows forcefully through the **short blowpipe**, filling a **sheepskin bag** with air; he generates the desired notes by manipulating eight finger holes on the **chanter pipe**; and the air exits through additional pipes attached to the bag, which are the **bass and two tenor drones**. The expelled air being forced out through the drones vibrates a **reed** in the end of each drone, creating the bagpipes' distinctive sound.



The Great Highland Bagpipes
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The **Waterloo Bagpipes** are now the traditional instrument played on Robbie Burns Night. David Trew purchased a used **Robertson Bagpipe** approximately 40 years ago and it is still his favourite instrument. James Robertson (1905-1965) of Edinburgh, Scotland was famous for his attention to detail and fine craftsmanship. These traditional instruments were made of blackwood, ivory and silver. The newer generation of bagpipes often include synthetic parts that are cheaper and in some designs can produce an improved or more melodious sound.



Robertson Bagpipes

Shuttle Pipes are a type of bagpipes which derive their name from the drones used to produce the harmony. Rather than the long tube-like drones of most bagpipes, shuttle pipes use a shuttle drone, a cylindrical chamber enclosing a series of drone tubes, each terminating in a slot covered by a sliding shuttle which can be adjusted to lengthen or shorten the distance travelled by air moving through the

tube, thus flattening or sharpening the pitch of the note produced. Shuttle pipes appeared during the latter half of the 16th century, possibly in France and were popular in the 17th and 18th centuries. Interest in the pipes waned in the 19th century and were nearly forgotten in the 20th century. They were rediscovered in the 1980's and the shuttle pipes now fill a niche in popular and traditional music for a bagpipes sound where highland pipes would be overwhelming. Canadian made shuttle pipes are made today in Antinogish, Nova Scotia.

The younger generation is very interested in bagpipes music and a lot of new music is being introduced. David Trew is currently a member of a rock band that combines guitar and bagpipe music. David completed his presentation by playing a couple of tunes on his bagpipes.



2 Drone Walsh Shuttle Pipe

Bill Taylor thanked David for a beautiful presentation of history and music. The **Free Lunch** draw was won by **Mike Matei**

Gary Campbell presented the **proposed 2013-14 Budget** with notes. The annual dues will remain at \$235.00 and it is planned to increase the Mayfair meal cost from 20 to \$25 effective April 1st. On a motion by **Mike Matei** and seconded by **Len Stevens**, the membership approved the meal increase. The 2013-2014 Budget and the Financial Statements for the year ending March 31st, 2013 will be brought back for approval by the membership in June.

Our own **Dick Nichols** was the recipient of the **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal** at a ceremony hosted by the Lt Governor, Donald Ethell on January 22nd at Government House in Edmonton. This honour was granted to Dick in recognition of many years of volunteer work for Delwood Community League including the major rebuild of the hockey rink and skate changing rooms building, and most recently, supervising the hall roof replacement project.

"The Diamond Jubilee Medal is a way to recognize those among us who have made a lasting contribution to the quality of life we are fortunate to enjoy as Albertans and Canadians," said Lieutenant Governor Ethell.



Dick Nichols **Lt. Governor Donald S. Ethell**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, April 2nd
Club Executive Elections, Business Meeting and New Member Biographies
Contacts: Ari Hoeksema and Fred Schulte

GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, April 9th
Speaker: Dr. Gail Andrews, Medical Director of Preschool Services for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) at the Glenrose Hospital.
Time: 6 p.m. with Dinner at 6:30
Contact: Carol Dobson

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, April 16th
Speaker: Dave Ealey, Wildlife Consultant
Topic: Icebergs, Polar Bears and Early Explorers-Highlights from Canadian and Greenland Arctic Cruises
Contact: Ron Ramsey

Gyro/Gyrette Club Executive Installation, Derrick Club, Tuesday Evening, May 7th

Gyro International Convention, 7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, May 11-19
Ship: The Oasis of the Seas
Cruise Itinerary: Fort Lauderdale, FL.; Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; Cozumel, Mexico.
More details at www.Gyro.ws
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District VIII Convention, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, May 23-26
Rooms: Standard Room Rate: \$119 plus taxes, Block of rooms reserved up to April 15th. Phone 1-800-663-4979
Registration Fee: \$395 per couple, \$200 single
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