



## **THE GYROLOG**

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

### **President**

Leon Lubin  
780 454-9712

APRIL 2010

### **1<sup>st</sup>Vice-President**

Bill Taylor  
780 430-0330

Those celebrating their birthdays in April are **Larry Wang** on the 5th, **Fred Schulte** on the 13th, **Dick Moskalyk** on the 17th, **David McNaughton** on the 20th and **Mort Morter** and **Gord Rennie** on the 24th.

### **2<sup>nd</sup>Vice-President**

Ari Hoeksema  
780 421-7776

**Val** and **Linda Pohl** celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on April 1st.

### **Past President**

John Plunkett  
780 435-7011

### **SECOND POSTING**

### **Secretary**

Barry Walker  
780 475-0983

**Gary Campbell** has applied for membership in our club; **Gary** and his wife **Jeanette** reside at **8807-140 Street** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T5R 0J1**. Their telephone number is **780-484-3907** and their email address is [camp7@telusplanet.net](mailto:camp7@telusplanet.net) **Gary** is President of **Campbell's Home Furnishings** and is proposed by **Allan Warrack** and **Chuck Gerhart**.

### **Treasurer**

Mike Matei  
780 930-1780

### **Directors**

Peter Carter  
780 488-2403  
Sam Gruden  
780 488-5520  
Chuck Gerhart  
780 439-9792  
Ken Willan  
780 434-1306

It is with regret that we acknowledge the passing of **Past President, John Plunkett** on March 17th, 2010. John is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, **Georgina**, his sister **Diane Martin** and brother **Terry**, along with several nieces and nephews. A celebration of John's life was held at Dayspring Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, March 31st.

### **Gyrolog Editor**

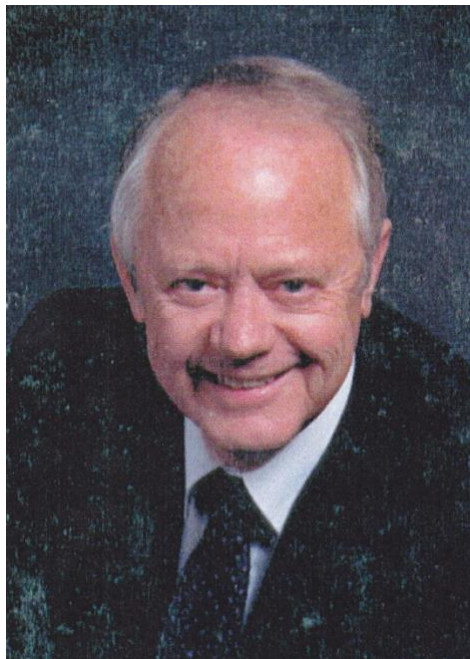
Fred Schulte  
780 434-092

John was born on December 1st, 1928 at his grandmother's house in Northampton, England. John and his parents moved to Canada via Quebec City in 1931 and ultimately settled in Summerland B.C. in 1933. The family then moved to Calgary and John's father joined the Canadian Army in 1940.

At the age of 20, John joined the Canadian Navy in Calgary as a radio dispatcher and served three years on a minesweeper and then the HMCS Ontario. After his service in the navy, John attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology to obtain his radio operators license and then joined Transport Canada. In 1959, John attended Air Traffic Control School in Winnipeg and spent the rest of his career in that line of work.

In 1964, John met Georgina and after they were married later that year they moved to Edmonton. In 1993, John was sponsored by Jack Ellis and became a member of the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

He was known as a very caring and empathetic individual with a positive attitude and a humorous outlook on life. John loved to read books and poetry and enjoyed spirited discussions at the dinner table on a wide-ranging array of topics. John was a keen supporter of the Gyro fraternity and supported all club activities with a friendly and humorous approach and he will be greatly missed.



**John Plunkett "Papa Lima"  
1928-2010**

**President Leon** welcomed 31 Gyro's and three guests to our **Annual Elections' Night** held at the Ital-Canadian Senior's Centre on Tuesday, April 6th. Our three guests included new member applicant, **Gary Campbell, Jack Little**, guest of **David Burnett** and **Jim Lochhead**, guest of **Barry Walker**. Both Jack and Jim have expressed interest in joining our club and the necessary paperwork has commenced.

**Ari "Dutch" Hoeksema** led our merry group in the singing of *Cheerio*.

Our group was treated to a traditional Italian feast which included antipasto (meats, cheeses, olives and pickles), crusty rolls, green salad tossed in oil and vinegar, veal parmigiana served with oven roast potatoes, grilled vegetables and gelato.

**Barry Walker** then proceeded to present the proposed Slate of Officers for the 2010-11 Executive and Board of Directors.

Two candidates were identified for the position of President, **Taylor William** and **William (Bill) Taylor**, current 1st Vice President. Taylor William was not able to attend but provided Barry Walker with a large photograph of himself and list of references and experience. His extensive political experience in Ottawa and personal connections with a certain Stephen Harper were identified as key elements in the political campaign for Club President. William (Bill) Taylor was asked to respond to the campaign promises of his opponent and Bill answered in a terse but un-characteristically non-political way that he had all bases covered with respect to the job of President.

The Gyro members present were asked to express their preference for Club President and by a show of hands, **William (Bill) Taylor** was unanimously voted in. The candidates for 1st Vice-President, **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema**; Secretary, **Barry Walker**; Treasurer, **Mike Matei**; Immediate Past President, **Leon Lubin**; Directors, **Chuck Gerhart, Ken Willan, Warren Garbutt** and **Dick Moskalyk** were also unanimously approved.

The Position of 2nd Vice-President will be vacant and filled during the year or at the next election night.

The formal installation of these officers will occur on Wednesday, evening May 5th.

Dick Nichols reported on the results of the Hockey Pool.

Game 17	March 19	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Red Wings</b>					
First	2	0	Rudi & Erin Lucas	Jonathon Foy	Kennedy Brown
Second	2	1	Kendra Russell	Gerard Parker	Mark Power
Final	3	2			

Game 18	March 28	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Blues</b>					
First	1	0	Ashley Salkeld	Margo McKinnon	Paulette Schulte
Second	1	1	Jack Ellis	Thomas Glassford	Jeff Baird & Laurie Newman
Final	2	3			

Game 19	April 3	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Coyotes</b>					
First	1	1	Chuck Gerhart	Chuck Gerhart	Barry Walker
Second	1	2	Rebecca Burnett	Bill Taylor	Brooks Ross
Final	2	3			

Game 20	April 10	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
First	1	0	Jerry Hood	Marcia Kashani	Valerie Walker
Second	2	0	Morgan Power	Pat Millard	Luke Snihurowich
Final	4	3			

## FIRST POSTINGS

**John ("Jack") Little** has applied for membership in our club; **Jack** and his wife **Sylvia** reside at **434 Tory Pt.** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T6R 3C8**. Their telephone number is **780-434-1076** and their email address is [jacklittle@shaw.ca](mailto:jacklittle@shaw.ca) Jack is the Executive Director of the Edmonton Heritage Festival and is proposed by **John Plunkett** and **David Burnett**.

**Jim Lochhead** has applied for membership in our club; **Jim** and his partner **Sandy McDonald** reside at **#3 Gault Blvd.** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T5E 5B6**. Their telephone number is **780-644-0266** and their email address is [Jim.Lochhead@gmail.com](mailto:Jim.Lochhead@gmail.com) **Jim** is Minister at McClure United Church and is proposed by **Barry Walker** and **Roger Russell**.



**President Leon** welcomed 76 Gyro's, Gyrettes and guests to the **Art Gallery of Alberta** Mixed Dinner and Tour on Tuesday evening, April 20th. The evening began with a social hour and buffet in The Kids in the hall Bistro located in the south side of City Hall and directly across the square from the Art gallery. The Kids in the Hall Bistro is noted for serving an upscale casual menu and for many years has been making a difference in our City by training at-risk youth with life and employment skills

At 7:00 pm our group walked over to the Art Gallery of Alberta where three sub-groups were created to participate in private tours. The three main exhibits shown were the bronze sculptures of ballet dancers and horses dating from 1865-1911 of the French Master, **Edgar Degas**; a series of two print suites by renowned Spanish artist, **Francisco Goya**, *Los Caprichos* (1799) and the *Disasters of War* (1810-1820). *Los Caprichos* focuses on themes related to the Spanish Inquisition,

the abuses of the church and the nobility, witchcraft and avarice. The Disasters of War documents the brutality of the Peninsular War and the atrocities that mankind inflicts upon itself; and the images of legendary Canadian photographer, **Yusuf Karsh**.

Our tour guides also provided details on the new 85,000 square foot Art Gallery of Alberta which opened in January of this year. The space was created by world-class architect Randall Stout, a visionary whose evocative designs consistently challenge architectural conventions.

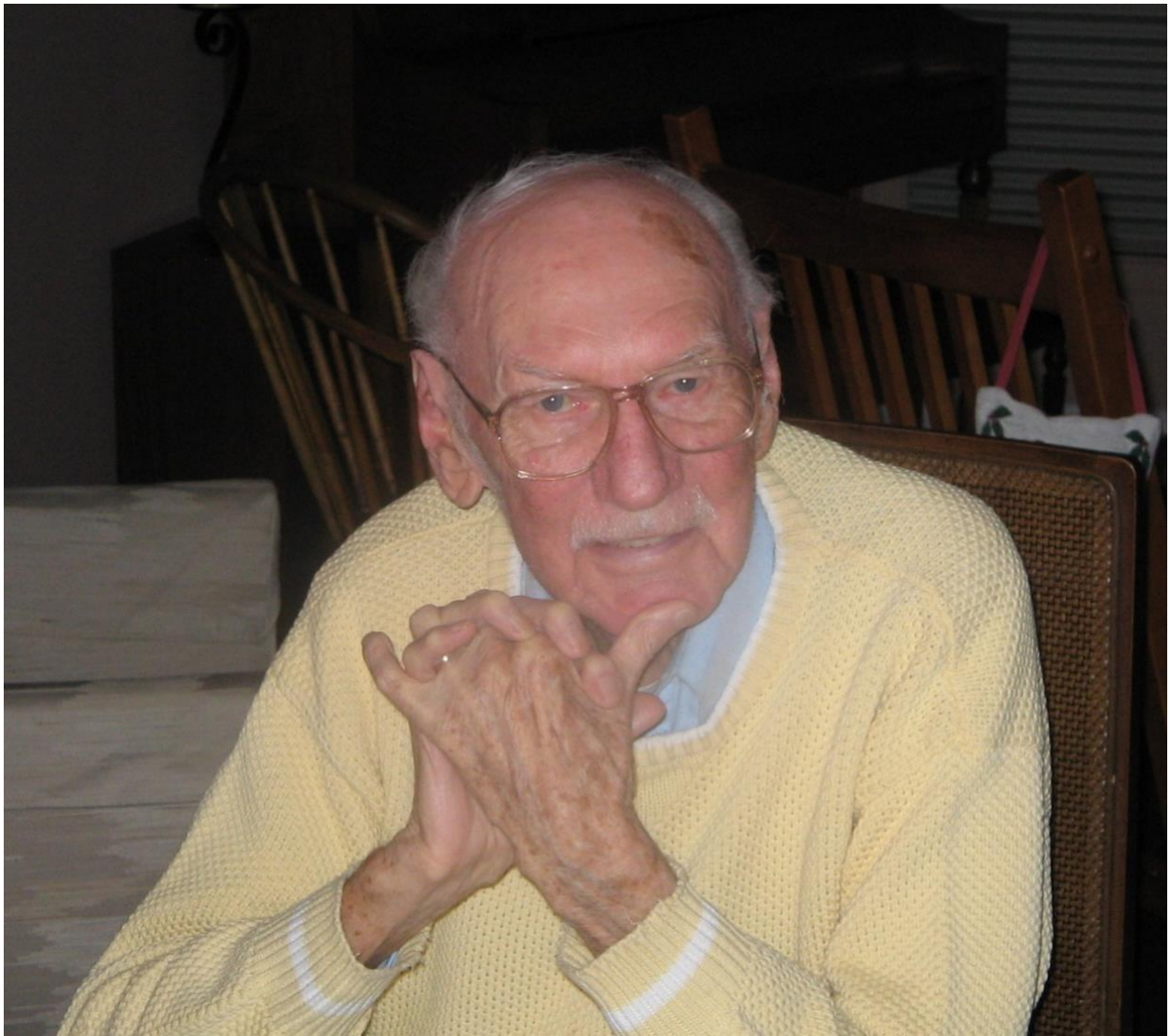
Thanks to **David Burnett** and **Bruce Foy** for organizing this exceptional event.

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**Past President and Past District Governor, Gordon Rennie celebrated his 98 birthday on April 24th.** Gordon was born in Croydon, England and his family moved to Canada in 1921, travelling by ship and train to Edmonton where he was raised with two brothers and three sisters. Gordon attended McCauley Public School where he met his future wife, **Ivy**. Both Gordon and Ivy joined the workforce in their early years to support their families during the "dirty thirties". Gordon joined the 92nd Battery Canadian Artillery in September 1940 and married Ivy in March 1941. Gordon travelled overseas in the fall of 1941 and fought through the difficult campaigns in France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Gordon returned home in the fall of 1945 to meet his young daughter, **Jean** for the first time.

Gordon joined the Department of Veteran Affairs on his return and helped thousands of returning veterans to find work, land, medical care and educational opportunities. He remained with Veteran Affairs until he retired in 1973. In 1950, Gordon was invited by a friend, **Harold Wright** to attend a meeting of the Edmonton Gyro Club. At this inaugural meeting, Gordon met **Russ Carter** and **Stew Graham**, two well-known Edmonton Gyro's. The rest is history, Gordon was President of the club in 1960-61 and later served as District VIII Secretary Treasurer and District Governor as well as the Editor of the Gyrolog for countless years. Gordon is also an honorary member of both the Edmonton Crossroads and Sherwood Park Gyro Clubs. In return for his self-less commitment to the Gyro fraternity, Gordon has been awarded the Gyro Award of Merit, Gyro International's first ever Bud Mitchell Award as its Outstanding Gyro of the Year and Gyro's Honour Key.

Gordon is commencing his 60th year with Gyro's. **Congratulations Mr. Gyro.**



**Gordon Rennie, 98 Years Young**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Executive Officers Installation, Mixed Event Gyro's/Gyrettes, Faculty Club, University of Alberta, 6PM, Wednesday Evening, May 5th.**

**Cost: \$40 with wine and \$30 without wine.**

**Contact: Leon Lubin**

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, May 18th.**

**Speaker: R.W. (Bud) Steen**

**Topic: Canadian Football League and Mr. Steen's 30 year history with the League including 15 years as a Referee.**

**Contact: John Stroppa**

**2010 District VIII Red Deer Golf Tournament, Friday, June 11th.**

**Location: Riverbend Golf Course**

**Contact: Mike Matei**

**International & District VII Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, St Paul, Minnesota, July 11-18, 2010**

**District VIII Convention 2010, "Come Play in the Park", Sherwood Park, AB, August 19-22, 2010**