



THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

President

John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011

SEPTEMBER 2008

1st Vice-President

Leon Lubin
Res. 454-9712

Those celebrating their birthdays in September are **Gerry Glassford** on the 5th, **Owen Cornish** on the 7th and **Peter Carter** on the 25th.

2nd Vice-President

Bill Taylor
Res. 430-0330

The September wedding anniversaries are **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier**, 5 years on the 1st; **Ken and Ruth Bowes**, 32 years on the 1st; **David and Marlene Burnett**, 42 years on the 3rd; **John and Georgina Plunkett**, 44 years on the 5th; **Warren and Vickie Garbutt**, 49 years on the 5th; **Mort and Jean Morter**, 57 years on the 5th; **Peter and Marjory Fairbridge**, 56 years on the 6th; **Allan and Elaine Douglas**, 40 years on the 7th; **Carlyle and Betty Anne Ross**, 40 years on the 14th; **Bruce and Margaret Foy**, 48 years on the 24th and **John and Yvette Stroppa**, 55 years on the 26th.

Imm.Past President

Jack Brown
Res. 434-0392

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On September 2nd, 28 Gyros and Gyrettes met at the **Royal Alberta Museum** and enjoyed great fellowship, two very informative guided tours and a tasty bountiful lunch. Following lunch, **Roger Russell** generously provided licorice cigars for all takers. The attendees split into two groups and alternately toured the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture and the Wild Alberta Habitat Gallery. It was learned that Aboriginal people have lived here in Alberta for the past 11,000 years (yes, eleven thousand) fostering 500 generations. It was also learned that in 1792 and 1793 a fur trader and explorer named **Peter Fidler** explored the territory between Edmonton and south-west Alberta. This adventurer was **Shirley Larson's** great great great grandfather. Who says history isn't alive!! For those of you reading this that weren't on the Gyro tour, but visit the museum on your own, look for **Melissa-Jo Belcourt-Moses** who was the tour guide and is a fountain of enthusiastic information.

Sherry, the young lady who toured the groups around Wild Alberta Gallery, was equally as interesting and enthusiastic. Thank you, **Jack Brown** and **Leon Lubin** for coordinating this fun event.

President John Plunkett welcomed 22 members and one guest, new member applicant **Ken Willan** to the luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair golf Club on **September 16th**.

John Plunkett led the group in Cheerio and **Jack Ellis** presented the Grace.

Treasurer Mike Matei presented the **Financial Statements** for the period ending March 21, 2008. Leon Lubin moved and Chuck Gerhart seconded the motion to approve the Financial Statements as presented. The membership approved the motion unanimously.

Treasurer Mike also presented the Gyro Club of Edmonton **General Fund Budget** for the year ending **March 31, 2009**. A number of questions were asked about the proposed budget and then a motion was presented by David Burnett and seconded by John Plunkett to approve the 2009 General Fund Budget. The membership approved this motion unanimously.

Dick Nichols introduced the 2008-2009 Hockey Pool Program and distributed an initial 150 tickets to members.

The free lunch draw was by **Dick Nichols**.

SECOND POSTINGS:

Ken Willan has applied for membership in our club; **Ken** and his wife **Barbara** reside at **11242-10A Ave NW** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T6J 6S3**. Their telephone number is **780-434-1306** and their e-mail address is [**kb2willan@shaw.ca**](mailto:kb2willan@shaw.ca) **Ken** is a retired teacher and is proposed by **Jack Brown** and **Barry Walker**.

John Boyd has applied for membership in our club; **John** and his wife **Marion** reside at **12023 Aspen Drive West** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T6J 2B9**. Their telephone number is **780-434-1869** and their e-mail address is [**jjboyd@shaw.ca**](mailto:jjboyd@shaw.ca) **John** is a semi-retired medical practitioner and is proposed by **Allan Warrack** and **Ron Ramsey**.

An "**Alumni Honour Award**" is being awarded to **Gerry Glassford** on **18 September 2008**, in conjunction with the University of Alberta Centenary celebrations. The New Trail magazine write-up says exactly:

"R. Gerald Glassford '64 is a highly influential statesman for physical education, recreation, and sport, and is a tireless volunteer. His 45-year career with the University of Alberta included serving as the Dean of two faculties and as the first vice-president of development and community affairs. He has volunteered his expertise on numerous provincial, federal and University committees, promoting active living and fitness. As a respected educator, administrator, and volunteer, he has received numerous honours, including the Province of Alberta Centennial Salute for Sport & Recreation and the Government of Canada Citation for Citizenship."

Congratulations to Gerry from all of his many *GYRO* friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gyro Northlands Races, Sunday afternoon, September 28th

Northlands Spectrum, 4th Floor Chairman's Suite

12:00 noon -Doors open

12:30 pm -Lunch Buffet

1:00 pm -Post Time

Cost: \$36 per person for prime rib dinner. Gyros or guests

Buffet Menu: Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Marengo, vegetable medley, salads, desserts, coffee & tea. A cash bar will be available.

Contacts: **Val Pohl 780 462-0511, Harry Nash 780 482-1012**

Regular Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday October 7th

Speaker; John Ross who will present information on his two month, 4000 km bicycle trip from Paris, France to Istanbul, Turkey, June/July 2008. The bicycle trip generally followed the route of the Orient Express through France, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Gyrette Dinner Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday October 14th

Speaker: John Ross who will present information on his two month, 4000 km bicycle trip from Paris, France to Istanbul, Turkey, June/July 2008. The bicycle trip generally followed the route of the Orient Express through France, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Founders Night Mixed Gyro/Gyrette Event, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, October 21st.

The other three Edmonton area clubs have also been invited to attend.

The Meal: A three course Chef's Choice dinner including dinner wine, fresh rolls and tea or coffee.

The Cost: \$35 per person without wine and \$45 per person with wine. There will be a no host bar before dinner.

Our Speakers: Albert Karvonen, founder of Karvonen Films in 1976 who has produced over 110 film, television and multimedia titles in 100 countries. A 30 minute film will be presented on the Bear with a discussion on film-making in Canada and the challenges of wildlife photography. **Bernie Kropp our 1st Lt. Governor** will take us back to our Gyro beginnings and the continuing significance of Gyro today.

Contact: David Burnett 780 435-1837

**District VIII GYRO Curlarama, Friday, Nov. 7th to Sunday, Nov. 9th
Banff, Alberta**

Sponsored by the **Stampede City Gyro Club**

Registration Fee: \$210.00 per curler and \$160.00 per non-curler

Included in your registration fee will be something for everyone.

- 2 nights accommodation, Voyager Inn
- 2 days curling, no experience necessary
- Drinks and Dinner Friday night
- 2 days Breakfast and Dinner Saturday
- Pub crawl in Banff
- Dart and Crib Tourney
- Texas Hold-em Poker Tourney

Contact: Dale Green dale@dalegreen.com

**Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party, River View Room, Shaw Convention Centre,
Tuesday Evening, December 2nd.**