

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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At our night meeting on Wednesday 9 January, President Roger welcomed two visiting Gyros, Jim Little and Vince Folk of the Edmonton Crossroads Club. Also welcomed as guests, but who are now new members of our club, were Russ Shepherd, introduced by John Ross and Ian McIntyre, introduced by Merrill Morstad.

Despite the cold weather our attendance was good and the whole evening was one of the best; due to a great extent to our special guest speaker, Constable Gary Meade of the Edmonton City Police Force. This well informed and much experienced Police Officer, gave us a very educational, informative and interesting talk and breathalizer demonstration, concerning the effects of alcohol - drinking and driving.

He was ably assisted by two Gyros, Mike Matei and Merrill Morstad who were the "drinking volunteers" who took the breathalizer tests, etc., both before and after dinner. The tests were applied in the same manner as if the two men had been stopped while driving a motor vehicle; which revealed that they both would have been declared "impaired" even though they did not exceed the .08 mgm level.

This test shows how much alcohol is in your blood and even though a person may feel capable and even appear alright, if the test proves otherwise you are considered "impaired" and should not be operating a motor vehicle. So the lesson to be learned is - don't drink & drive!

Constable Meade answered a great number of questions on the subject and stated that the most used criminal issue across Canada, is driving while impaired; with our Province having the unhappy distinction of being the worst for this offence.

Our thanks to Program Chairman David Burnett for arranging this fine evening program and for his introduction of Constable Meade. Our thanks also to Roy Bennett for expressing the appreciation of our members and guests to Gary Meade, for his excellent presentation.

DATES TO REMEMBER - Al McClure announced that our annual Bocci Night will be held on Monday evening February 4th at the Italian Cultural Centre at 14230 - 133 Ave. Cocktails at 6.00 p.m. followed by a great Italian dinner at 7.00 p.m. and then the Bocci Battle. Please note - there will not be a luncheon meeting on February 5th.

** FEBRUARY 5th - A meeting of the Club Executive and Board of Directors will be held at 7.00 p.m. at the home of President Roger at 4908 - 114 Street. A full turnout is requested.

FEBRUARY 14th VALENTINE'S DAY - Merrill Morstad advised that arrangements are being made to have a mixed party on this day at Teddy's Dining Lounge, 11361 - Jasper Avenue. It will be Mystery Night. Cost \$35.00 per person. More details in the next Gyrolog.

DISTRICT VIII INTERIM MEETING - 15-17 March at Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C. A letter just received from District 8 Governor Jack McNeil, requests that you telephone the Hot Springs Resort and book your room reservations, 1-800-663-4979, then immediately mail your deposit of \$50.00 with the reservation form to the resort. Tell them that you are a Gyro.

The above information, together with the District 8 Agenda, was made available to everyone at our meeting on January 9th. If you are going and have not notified President Roger, do so right away.

SKI-WEEK-END - this is being arranged for 5-7 April at Jasper, Alberta. Seven units have been reserved for accomodation but they must be confirmed by 5 March. It is important that you let Merrill Morstad know you are going as quickly as possible, to ensure accomodation. Further information about this fine family week-end will appear in later issues of the 'log.

BIRTHDAYS - birthday greetings and best wishes for many more, to three Gyros who recently reached another milestone. They were John Ross and John Stroppa who share the same date of January 2nd; while Harry (The Melody Man) Mills first sang "cheerio" on January 5th to a few years back! We hope you all had a great day.

OBITUARY - We regret to report the passing of Gyro Alf Stedman in Winnipeg, Manitoba on 31 December 1990. Alf was a former member of the Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg Gyro Clubs, and a well known member of the Shrine. He was pre-deceased by his wife Elsie, some time ago. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Stedman family.

HEALTH & WELFARE - NIL report - no news is good news, we hope.

CASH DRAW - the winner at our last meeting on 9 January was our hard working Secretary Dick Ogilvie, Good on ya Dick!

** Please note - because of this mixed meeting on 14 Feb the noon meeting for 19 Feb is cancelled.

HOCKEY POOL - Game on Saturday 5 January - Los Angeles at Toronto.

\$10.00 winners:- William Fodchuk (St Albert) Joan Lawton: Gerry Glassford.

\$15.00 " Randy Diamond: Rita Davidson: B.E. Lufto. Ticket #2431 has been

\$25.00 " Brian Kirkwood: Harvey Lawton: Roy Ravelli. turned in and found to

- Game on Saturday 12 January - Washington at Montreal be a winner of \$40.00

\$10.00 " Larry Heron: Bob Pringle. for Linda Agnew. (Dec 8

\$15.00 " Ron Ewoniak: J. Anderson: Carla Walker. Congratulations.

\$25.00 " Don Paulencu: Dave Ross: Al McClure.

SMILES AND CHUCKLES - At times one will hear men complaining about getting old or being "long in the tooth" and things aren't what they used to be. Whenever I hear these remarks I think of the following poem by Dr. James B. Naylor:-

King David and King Solomon
Led merry, merry lives,
With many, many lady friends
And many, many wives;
But when old age crept over them -
With many, many qualms,
King Solomon wrote the Proverbs
And King David wrote the Psalms.

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There are two things not long for this world - dogs who chase cars and golfers who chip for pars! (Lee Trevino)

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VGX POP - Anytime you think you have influence, try ordering around someone else's dog! (Bill Agnew)

God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our own backs, nor kick ourselves too easily. (Padre Bill Graham)

Smart is when you believe only half of what you hear - brilliant is when you know which half to believe. (Gerry Glassford)

Maturity is a state of mind, not a date on a calendar. (Garry Diment)

Be careful of your thoughts, they may become words at any moment. (Marty Larson)

The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person. (Retreat!)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - To sin in silence when they should protest, makes cowards out of men. (Abraham Lincoln)

GYRO-METER - FOOD FOR THOUGHT

(how do you measure up)

75
50
25

1. Have you brought a guest to a Gyro meeting lately?
2. Are you a working member of a Gyro committee?
3. Have you attended an inter-club Gyro meeting lately?
4. Has it been some time since you attended a Gyro Installation other than your own club?
5. Are you really trying to get a friend interested in Gyro?
6. Do you plan on attending a Gyro District or International Convention?

By fulfilling any or all of the above Gyro privileges then I am sure you will come to realize and appreciate that Gyro is a paradox - the more you give the more you receive. (Gord Rennie)

OUR NEXT MEETING - will be held on Tuesday 22 January, at the Mayfair Golf Club, at 12.00 noon.

Program Team No.13 with team leader Bert Boren and members Norm Williams and Harry Mills, are in charge of arrangements.

Bert Boren advised that our guest speaker will be Mr. Donald McGregor, President of the Alberta Hospital Association; whose topic will be "Alberta Health Care?"

This subject should be of interest to everyone, so come out and bring a guest and be brought up to date about our health care benefits.

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Do you recognize the "sweet swinger" pictured on the right? Thank you! - I want you to know I hit the woods just great, but I have a tough time getting out of them!

We leave here for California on 27th of January and will come back early April. So long - (Retread)



SMILE!
Yours a Carl!