



THE GYROLOG

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Those celebrating their birthdays in August are **Bruce Foy** on August 1st, **Val Pohl** and **Walter Yakimets** on the 4th, **Eric Spink** on the 6th, **Peter Morrison** on the 13th and **Allan Douglas** on the 14th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Larry George** and **Laura Melnyk**, 12 years on the 3rd; **Eric Spink** and **Christina Gauk**, 13 years on the 18th, **Allan** and **Jean Warrack**, 52 years on the 18th, **Leon** and **Jo-Anne Lubin**, 48 years on the 23rd, **Andy** and **Blanche Friderichsen**, 58 years on the 28th and **Peter Carter** and **Eileen Kuhl**, 10 years on the 29th.

Your editor was remiss in not reporting on the successful completion of the **Haida Gwaii Totem Tour** on July 1st. Thirty-eight cyclists started their journey on June 16th at Yellowhead Highway Mile 0 in Masset, Haida Gwaii and began a 16-day, 1,760 kilometre trek to bring a three metre totem pole to Edmonton. An eight-member support crew helped the cyclists as they pedalled distances of 100 to 170 km per day. The cyclists arrived at Churchill Square in Edmonton on July 1st after raising **\$402,605**. The totem will take permanent residence at the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton. **Cec Butt** of the Edmonton Gyro Club was one of the 38 cyclists. Well done Cec!



Cec Butt

photo by John Ross



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The **Annual Texas Scramble Nine Hole Golf Tournament** was held on August 5th at the **Legends Golf and Country Club**. A total of 25 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests enjoyed near perfect weather and course conditions. An additional eight members and guests joined the golfers for a steak barbeque with all of the trimmings.

One of the highlights of the golf tourney were the "special refreshments" served on Hole No.7 by **Marg Foy** and **Sharon Matei**.



Marg

Sharon

Team No. 5 consisting of **Peter Carter, Allan Warrack, Jill Hastings, Mike Matei and Jay Shepert** led the way under suspicious conditions with the lowest score.



The longest ladies putt was won by **Sandy McDonald**, the longest drive, **Jennifer Foy**. The men's longest drive was won by **Ken Willan** and the men's longest putt, **Darren Reade**.

Thanks to all of the Gyros/Gyrettes and other special people who donated golf prizes!

Thanks again to **Barry and Valerie Walker** and **Roger and Janet Russell** for their commitment and energy for organizing this event for the last 12 years.

President John Mann welcomed 30 Gyros and one guest to the August 19th 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.

John Ross called on **Jack Ellis** to receive his **25 year** membership pin. Jack was sponsored by **Merrill Morstad** in 1989 and served as President in 1998-99. Jack has also undertaken an audit of our Annual Financial Statement of Revenues and Expenses for many years. Congratulations and well done Jack!



John Ross

Jack Ellis

Cliff Revell introduced our guest speaker **Ron Gilbertson**. Ron is a senior executive with over 35 years of experience in a range of industry sectors. He has held the following executive positions:

- President and CEO, Edmonton Economic Development Corporation.
- President and CEO, Lacent Technologies which developed/manufactured high speed laser cutting technology.
- President and CEO of the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority.
- Vice-President New Ventures, Alberta Research Council.
- Senior Manager, Stanley Associates Engineering (now Stantec)

Ron is presently semi-retired but remains active in a number of public and private organizations including:

- Alberta Insurance Council-Board Chair
- Caritas Hospital Foundation- Board Chair
- Sawridge Group of Companies-Director

Ron began his talk with some examples of highly successful Canadian companies that ignored or defied the common view that their proposed business case made no sense. These entrepreneurs turned the traditional view on its head to create new opportunities in the market place. He presented a series of slides which were used in his address to the graduates of the MBA Program at the Convocation of the University of Alberta in June 2012.

Business Principles and Philosophies

Getting the Idea

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great.... weak men wait for opportunities, strong men make them.

Orison Swett Marden

Creating the Opportunity

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

George Bernard Shaw

Dreaming Big

Nobody succeeds beyond his or her wildest expectations unless he or she begins with some wild expectations.

Ralph Charell

Vision

Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.

Jonathon Swift

Taking Charge

What a superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others.

Francois La Rochefoucauld

If not you, who? If not now, when?

Hillel

Making the Commitment

What would you do if you weren't afraid?

Unknown

Clarity and Simplicity

If I had more time, I would have written a shorter letter.

Unknown

Decisiveness

The first step toward getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are.

John J.B. Morgan

Preparation

For years I have been accused of making snap judgements. Honestly, this not the case because I am a profound military student and the thoughts I express, perhaps too flippantly, are the results of years of thought and study.

General George S. Patton

Paying the Price

Everyone wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to die.

Unknown

Sometimes You Just Have to be Brave and Go For It

It is not wise to leap a chasm in two bounds.

Ancient Chinese Proverb

Skill and Experience

Confidence doesn't come out of nowhere. It's a result of something.... hours and days and weeks and years of constant work and dedication.

Roger Staubach

Wisdom

As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.

Andrew Carnegie

Doing the Right Thing

There is no right way to do something wrong.

Unknown

He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

Martin Luther King Jr.

When you are Wrong

The only thing worse than making a mistake is defending it.

Unknown

An error only becomes a mistake when you don't correct it.

Unknown

Success and Failure

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

Lloyd Jones

Endurance and Conviction

The Stockade Paradox

Based on two fundamental beliefs:

1. That the challenge will be more difficult and longer than originally believed.
2. The unshakable belief that there will a happy conclusion.

Good to Great, Jim Collins

Ken Willan thanked our speaker for a very insightful presentation.

Val Pohl was the winner of the Free Lunch draw.

'Fast Fred'

UPCOMING EVENTS

GYRO/GYRETTE Corn Roast and Bocce, Tuesday evening, September 2

Malmo Community Hall, 11525-48 Ave.

Time: Bocce 4:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30

Corn, Chicken, Salad and Dessert

Cost: \$20 per person, cash bar for beer and wine

Contacts: Roger Russell, David Burnett and friends

GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday evening, September 9th

Cocktails: 6:00, Dinner 6:30 pm

Speaker: **Dorine Kielly**, Director of Public Relations and Resources,
Edmonton Dream Centre

Topic: Rehabilitation for people with addictions.

Contact: Carol Dobson

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, September 16th

Speaker: **Roger Woltjen**, Art Dealer, Fine Art Consultant

Topics: **The Fine Art World** and answers to basic questions such as:

How to collect Fine Art and it's do's and don'ts

What constitutes a "Fine Art Collection"?

How does one gain a "Good Eye" for Fine Art?

How to invest in Fine Art and how much should I pay?

Will I stop buying art when my walls are full?

What is the investment outlook for Fine Art?

Where and from whom should I buy Fine Art?

Contacts: **Sam Gruden** and **Val Pohl**

The 2014 Annual Men's Bocce Night with the St. Albert Gyro Club, Italian Cultural Centre, 14230-133 Ave. Tuesday, October 7

Bocce: 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 and more Bocce.

Menu: Festive Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.

Cost: \$45 per person (no wine), \$55 with wine.

Contacts: Larry Dobson, Ken Korchinski and Mike Matei

**GYRO Interclub Event, Founders Night, Gyros and Gyrettes
Tuesday evening, October 21st**

Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre, 11050-90 Street

Cash Bar open 6 PM, Plated Dinner 7:00

Cost \$50 per person

Contacts: Cliff French and Tony Mazzuca