



# **THE GYROLOG** THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

January 4, 2005

## **President**

Dick Nichols  
Res. 476-3221

**President Dick** called the meeting to order and **Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio. Our club Padre Rev. **John Dowds** asked the blessing.

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

Walter Yakimets  
Res. 438-1406

**Bryce Van Dusen** introduced his guest Bill Davies, **Walter Yakimets** introduced us to Ken Bowes and Eric Spink was introduced as a potential member of our club who has completed a membership application.

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

Fred Schulte  
Res. 434-0925

## **Imm. Past President**

Roy Bennett  
Res. 987-2403

**David Burnett** introduced our guest speaker, Les Hurt and his assistant Gary Chen. Les is the Director of the Heritage Resource Management Branch of Alberta Community Development. There are 18 provincial historic sites and museums which cost \$190 million to develop and \$14 million annually to operate. The first one was the Provincial Museum which was built in 1967 at a cost of \$15 million. It is scheduled for some major renovations.

## **Secretary**

Barry Walker  
Res. 475-0983

## **Treasurer**

Mike Matei  
Res. 930-1780

The Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin was opened in 1992 at a cost of \$92 million. The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village was created by moving 35 buildings, mostly from Northeast Alberta, to the site at a cost of \$17 million. The world heritage site of Head-Smashed-In Buffalo jump was opened in 1987 at a cost of \$30 million. We learned that the name resulted from an accident when a brave had his head smashed in when a buffalo fell on him. This site is 8-10 thousand years old.

## **Directors**

Bruce Foy  
Res.436-7142  
Gordon Robertson  
Res. 486-1240  
John Stroppa  
Res. 469-6133

The Remington Carriage Museum in Cardston started when Mr. Remington donated his collection of 48 carriages. There are now 265 carriages in the collection. Rutherford house was build by Alberta's first Premier after he left office. The Oil Sands Discovery Centre in Fort McMurray was opened in 1985 and recently had \$1.9 million spent to redevelop the displays. Also opened in 1985 was the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre.

## **Gyrolog**

### **Editor-In -Chief**

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Fort George was established as a fur trading post in 1792 and it and Buckingham House are near Elk Point. Restoration cost \$3 million. The Victoria Settlement built in 1864 near Smoky Lake is the oldest building on its original location in Alberta. Father

Lacombe Chapel built in 1861 in St. Albert is the oldest building in the province. Historic Dunvegan has St. Charles Mission and the HBC Clerks house documenting its importance as a religious and fur trading centre.

The Royal Tyrell Museum in Drumheller opened in 1985 at a cost of \$30 million. The new ATCO Learning Centre has recently been opened. In 1987 the Tyrell Field Station opened in Dinosaur Provincial Park. Stephansson House near Markerville southwest of Red Deer was home to the Poet Laureate of Iceland. He tended his homestead by day and wrote his famous and respected poetry by night. The three kilometre long Brooks Aqueduct is the remnants of an extensive irrigation network in the dry lands of Southern Alberta. The Leitch Collieries in Crowsnest Pass was one of the largest and most ambitious mines in the early days. The Turner Valley Gas Plant was decommissioned in 1985 and donated in 1988. There are 22 acres and original equipment from the 1920's and 30's that can be explored by guided tours.

**PDG Gerry Glassford** thanked Les for his very interesting presentation.

**Rev. John Dowds** won the free lunch.

The following are from the early days of Hollywood Squares. Q. Do female frogs croak? Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough. Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be? Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Celebrating birthdays in January are **John Stroppa, John Ross, and Jack Brown.**

Game 5 of the hockey pool took place on New Year's Day with the Road Runners hosting the Cleveland Bears. After 20 minutes it was 1:0 for Edmonton and Gary Duchak and Corrie Russell each won \$10. After the second frame the score was 3:2 and **Eileen Kuhl** and Canora Russell received \$15. At the final whistle Edmonton prevailed 4:3, and **Peter Butler** and **Sharon Matei** won the big bucks.

A quote from George W. Bush – "I am here to announce that this Thursday, ticket counters and airplanes will fly out of Ronald Reagan Airport".

**FIRST POSTING:** Eric Spink has applied for membership in the Edmonton Gyro Club. He and Christina Gauk live at 11548 78 Ave. and their postal code is T6G 0N5. Telephone 436-5242 and email is [spinklaw@shaw.ca](mailto:spinklaw@shaw.ca). Eric is self-employed as a lawyer. He is sponsored by **Marty Larson** and Seconded by **Fred Schulte**.

**FIRST POSTING:** Harry Kocil also has applied for membership in the Edmonton Gyro Club. He and his wife Kerry live at 217 Whiston Road T6M 2C8. Telephone 481-1008 and email at [hkocil1@telus.net](mailto:hkocil1@telus.net) Harry is a podiatric physician. He is sponsored by **Marty Larson** and Seconded by **David Burnett**.

On December 24, 2004 our friend and former member, **Dick Ogilvie** passed away. Our thoughts are with **Marg** and her family at this time of loss.

**Barry Walker** reported on the progress with the Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament. The Edmonton Gyro Club will be responsible for the tournament this year. There is over \$29 thousand committed and HSBC is the lead sponsor with \$10 thousand. If you want to support the executive you can contact **Barry** or the following. **Bruce Foy** and **Mike Matei** are responsible for volunteers, **John Ross** and **Val Pohl** are looking after printing, marketing and sponsorship are being led by **Marty Larson** and **David Burnett**, **Allan Warrack** is planning for golf day operations and **Roger Russell** is coordinating the collection of prizes.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS:***

**Georgina Plunkett** invites Gyrettes to the January 11, 2005 meeting that will start at 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30. The speaker will be Jeanette Goodwin of Rendezvous Salon and Spa and the topic will be "Fashionable hair and skin care".

**Allan Warrack** informed us that the Vanier Institute for the Family was established in 1965 by Governor General George and Pauline Vanier. To celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> year we will be addressed by Professor Dianne Kieren at our January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Walter Yakimets** reported that the Valentine's Party will be held at the Edmonton Petroleum Club on February 8, 2005. The cost will be \$45 with wine and \$40 without. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30.

Our Annual Bocce night will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2005. **Victor Jagoldas** encourages as many people who can to come for 5:30 so that some of the games can be played before dinner. The meal will be served at 6:30 and afterwards the thrilling competition will continue. If enough games are completed before dinner the grueling pace will not have to continue into the wee hours of the morning.

**The District VIII Interim Convention will be held March 18-20, 2005 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, in Fairmont, BC if you are planning to attend you will need to make your room reservation by mid-January.**

**Our annual Prostate Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday June 17, 2005.**

The District VIII Annual Convention will be held June 23-26, 2005 at the Regina Travelodge, in Regina, SK

**Walter Yakimets** has booked the same venue for our Christmas party on December 6, 2005.

Same Old Bull

Allan

