



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

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## **AUGUST 2012**

Those celebrating their birthdays in August are **Peter Morrison** on the 13th, **Allan Douglas** on the 14th and **Bruce Houston** on the 29th. Those celebrating wedding anniversaries in August are **Larry George** and **Laura Melynk**, 10 years on the 3rd; **Eric Spink** and **Christina Gauk**, 11 years on the 14th; **Allan** and **Jean Warrack**, **50 years** on the 18th; **Leon** and **Jo-Anne Lubin**, 46 years on the 23rd and **Andy** and **Blanche Friderichsen**, 56 years on the 28th.

### **FIRST POSTING**

**Lawrence (Laurie) Dennis** has applied for membership in our club. **Laurie** and his wife **Lee** reside at **#225, 400 Palisades Way** in **Sherwood Park**. Their postal code is **T8H 0H4**. Their telephone number is **780-417-1139** and their email address is **[leedennis@shaw.ca](mailto:leedennis@shaw.ca)** **Laurie** was a member of the Edmonton Rotary Club for 41 years, is retired and still golf's. He is proposed by **Roger Russell** and **Barry Walker**.

## FIRST POSTING

**Tracy DesLaurier** has applied for membership in our club. **Tracy** and his partner **Laura Stebner** live at 10207 31 Street NW. Their postal code is **T5W 1W3**. Their telephone number is **780-441-5158** and their email address is [tracy@dfsinc.ca](mailto:tracy@dfsinc.ca) Tracy is an insurance broker and President of DesLaurier Financial Services. Tracy is also Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association. He is proposed by **Jack Little** and **John Ross**.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of **Georgina Plunkett** on August 6th at the age of 79 years. Georgina was born in Calgary on September 15, 1932. She was a graduate of the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary and pursued a career in surgical nursing, medical teaching and occupational health. She is survived by her sister Shirley and brother Harry. She was predeceased by her husband **John** in March 2010. Georgina and John were active members of the Edmonton Gyro Club since 1993 and were avid bridge players and golfers. Georgina, with her winning smile will be missed by the Gyro Bridge Club and on the golf course.



**Georgina Plunkett**

We also acknowledge the passing of **Jeanette Marie Campbell** on August 6th. She is survived by **Gary**, her husband of 46 years; her three children; Sherryl (Ken), Deanna (Dan) and Jason; four grandchildren; Ryan, Rachel, Maria and Anna and her sister Norma. Jeanette was predeceased by her brother Don (Jean).

Jeanette was a graduate of the Misericordia School of Nursing, specializing in Pediatrics. Jeanette had a passion for the outdoors, and with camera and binoculars in hand ventured out into our river valley and mountain lakes in search of birds and flowers.

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**President John Boyd** welcomed 23 Gyro's and two guests to our August 7th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. The singing of *Cheerio* was led by **Bill Taylor** and the *Grace* was presented by **President John**.

Our guest speaker **Daryl McCartney** was acknowledged by **Chuck Gerhart** and **Roger Russell** introduced his friend and new member applicant, **Laurie Dennis**.

**Bruce Houston** has announced his resignation from the club. Bruce's work commitments take him out of town several days a week and he is unable to attend our luncheon meetings on a regular basis. Bruce joined our club in 2008 and was sponsored by Allan Douglas. We wish Bruce and his wife *Gayle* all the best in their future endeavours.

**Chuck Gerhart** introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Daryl McCartney**, Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Alberta. He is also Executive Director, Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence. Dr. McCartney has developed a successful research and teaching career in wastewater treatment and solid waste management. In the past ten years he has aided with the design and operation of composting facilities and programs for the Province of Alberta, the cities of Edmonton, Winnipeg, Churchill, Guelph and Medicine Hat.

Dr. McCartney's presentation focused on **Trends in Municipal Solid Waste Management (MSW)**. MSW is generated by a community and normally includes: Residential; Municipal Services; Light Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI); as well as Construction and Demolition (C&D). The residential, ICI and C&D each account for roughly one third of the total waste stream.

**Waste Diversion.** Waste disposal can be reduced by following the waste hierarchy: Waste Prevention and Cleaner Technology, Reuse of Materials, Recycling of Materials, Energy Recovery and Landfill Disposal and Mass Burning without Energy Recovery.

There are a number of factors affecting waste generation and diversion.

- Population-more people produce more waste
- GDP per capita.

Wealthier nations produce more waste and produce different kinds of waste. Less -developed nations countries have a larger proportion of food wastes, More developed countries have increased packaging waste and recyclable materials. Wealthier nations have more resources to divert waste from landfill.

As the economy (GDP) of a nation grows, it is expected that waste generation will increase. This trend has been modeled in several studies. Bardi and Lavacchi (2008) discussed "peak waste". Waste generation won't grow indefinitely; it is limited by availability of resources and resource prices. This peak may have already occurred in some countries.

Waste disposal and diversion to other uses varies across Canada. Alberta has the highest levels of waste generation. Alberta generates 1300kg per capita per year, compared to the Canadian total of 1050kg and Nova Scotia's total of only 700kg.. In 1995, **Nova Scotia** implemented a "Solid Waste-Resource Management Strategy". It was based on input from the public, private sector, governments and non-government organizations. The strategy recognized waste as a resource and set a 50% diversion goal by 2000 based on a 1989 baseline. The province implemented disposal bans on recyclable materials and organics. There was a focus on education, awareness and regulations. The 50% diversion goal was reached in 2000. However by 2010, waste generation had increased and the diversion rate has fallen below 50%. Nova Scotia generates very little C&D waste. Alberta, in general also has significant room for improvement.

Editor's note!

It should be remembered that the **City of Edmonton's Waste Management Centre** has reached a diversion rate of **60%** based on blue-bag recycling and composting. The construction and demolition volumes generated by Edmonton's booming economy has resulted in a new facility that separates these waste streams for other uses. Edmonton's goal now is to reach a **90%** diversion rate from landfill by 2014 through the conversion of non-recyclable and non-compostable waste into methanol and ethanol at a new Biofuels Facility.

**Ken Willan** thanked our speaker for a very interesting presentation and noted that as waste generators, we are now much better informed!

The free lunch draw was won by **Fred Schulte**.

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It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **Florrie Van Dusen** on August 15th at the age of 91 years. Florrie was born on June 29th, 1921 in Mountain Park, Alberta to Gladys and Kelly Eccleston. She spent her childhood in Luscar and completed high school. Florrie moved to Edmonton to further her education at McDougall Commercial. Florrie's mother owned and operated a small ice cream shop/cafe in Luscar which also featured a jukebox rented from the Van Dusen brothers in Edmonton. In 1939, Florrie received a letter one day from her mother asking her to go over to the Van Dusens place of business and select "some decent records for the juke box". Florrie found her way to the appropriate offices and met Bryce and the rest, as they say, is history. Bryce was smitten by this beautiful young lady and soon they fell in love and were married in 1940.

Florrie and Bryce were married for 71 years and raised four daughters; Fran, Helen, Dixie and Bonnie. She gave time and service to the community and was a member of the Kinettes, Gyrettes and Daughters of the Nile. As an avid sports fan, Florrie spent many hours with Bryce cheering on the Eskimos and the Oilers. She was also a lifelong golfer at the Mayfair.

Florrie was a member of the Gyrettes in the Gyro Club of Edmonton for 47 years from 1965 on when Bryce was sponsored by his brother Wes. For many years the Edmonton Gyro Club Annual Golf Tournament was played at the Westridge Golf Course in the County of Parkland and the barbeque dinner was held at Van Dusen's "Flying V Ranch."

Florrie is survived by her three daughters, Fran (Al) Olsen, Helen (John) Hope and Dixie (Luc) Lascelle as well as 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter, Bonnie in 2003 and Bryce in 2011.



**Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen August 2009**

**Vice-President Sam Gruden** welcomed 39 Gyro's and three guests to the August 21st luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Roger Russell** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **Jim Lochhead** presented the *Grace*.

**Don Grieg**, Past District Governor and Sherwood Park Gyro Club member introduced a contingent of other club members including, **Bernie Kropp**, **Al Bleiken**, **Bill Carter**, **Jim Copeland**, **Jim Malott** and **Frank Picard**. **Marty Larson** introduced **Brian Dunnigan** of the Edmonton Crossroads Gyro Club.

**Jack Little** introduced his guests, **Ray Dallaire** and **Tracy DesLaurier**, new member applicant. **Roger Russell** introduced his guest and new member applicant, **Laurie Dennis**.

**Marty Larson** introduced **Larry Duba, President of Gyro International** and **Ken Baker, District VIII Governor**.

**Larry** joined Gyro in 1999 as a member of the **Fresno Club in District Nine** and has driven across North America to meet and connect with Gyros. He was born in Seattle and later moved to California where he received an Electrical Engineering Degree from San Jose University. He then joined Pacific Gas and Electric (PG &E). Larry attended Officer Training School during the Vietnam War and was assigned to Vandenberg Air Force Base in the area of military intelligence where he ultimately achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel. Larry also continued his career with PG & E. and retired six and half years ago.

The **Fresno Gyro Club** is one of six clubs in District Nine. The Fresno Club holds all of their meetings with both Gyros and Gyrettes. Two of the other clubs have Gyro member luncheons.

President Larry indicated that the **International Executive** is focusing on finances. There are still some clubs that are behind in dues which causes cash flow problems for the Gyro office on Painesville, Ohio. International travel will be restricted this coming year. A new financial reporting system will be implemented with the help of Ken Baker, Past District VIII Governor. A marketing Plan is also in the works. Membership is up generally in the last few months.

Larry responded to a question from the audience.

*Is there any difference between clubs in Canada and the United States?*

There appears to be more community involvement in the Canadian clubs. An example are your Gyro Playgrounds.

The Fresno Club has tried some mystery trips with some good success. The Guess Who is Coming to Dinner concept has been used successfully and has now evolved to Guess Who is Coming to Nibble in recognition of the amount of work that has been required to host a dinner party. Having luncheon speakers is a good idea and is one that will be implemented by Fresno.

The free lunch draw was won by **Allan Douglas**.



## Aug. 22, 1922: Patricia Gyro Park Opens

Pioneer and former Strathcona mayor John Joseph Duggan opened Edmonton's **Patricia Gyro Park No. 1** which was eventually renamed Giovanni Caboto Park. Duggan remarked: "On behalf of the city, I accept this park with more than usual pleasure. I now declare it officially opened to the public." Within seconds, every piece of playground equipment in the 95th Street park was swamped by cheering children.

The youngsters had arrived from every part of the city, having been picked up by a parade of cars that stretched many blocks down Jasper Avenue. The only unfortunate incident of the evening occurred when the miniature merry-go-round practically disappeared from view beneath a large group of children, causing it to break. Park officials hoped to get it back in commission again in a week or so.

Dr. MacPherson, president of the Norwood and Patricia Square community league, said his organization had been behind the Gyros Club from the beginning. The community league had taken over the job of beautifying the grounds and had planted 205 trees.

"True, they were not big trees, but little trees are known to grow fast," MacPherson said. He congratulated the Gyro Club on the success of their efforts. Strathcona was annexed by Edmonton in 1912.

(from the Edmonton Journal archives THIS DAY IN JOURNAL HISTORY)



The **Gyro District VIII Convention**, hosted by the **Gyro Club of Calgary** was held August 23-26 in Canmore, Alberta. There were 150 Gyros/Gyrettes in attendance from the Calgary, Castlegar, Cranbrook, Edmonton, Fresno, Hollyburn, Lethbridge, Nelson, Regina, Sherwood Park and Stampede City Clubs. Those in attendance from the Edmonton Club were John and Marion Boyd, Marty and Shirley Larson, John and Helen Ross, Fred and Paulette Schulte, Allan and Jean Warrack, Dick Nichols and Val Pohl.

The Gyros were treated to a dinner theatre presentation at the Cornerstone entitled **OH Canada Eh!** Thursday evening. On Friday morning, 29 teams of four participated in the two hour **Car Rally** which tested everyone's eyesight and brain cells. It became apparent that the navigation and sign interpretation skills were not as important as the paperwork completion skills. In any event, the rally was a huge success and gave everyone an opportunity to see more of scenic Canmore.

The **Golf Tournament** was also held Friday morning at Kananaskis Ranch under cloudy, cool and wet conditions with 17 golfers participating. Only four players were tough enough to complete all 18 holes; **Mike Wagg, Zig Doborzynski, Garry Pattison and Wayne Sinclair**. The most honest golfer was **Past International President Jim Roberts** of the Hollyburn, B.C. Club.

The **Bocce Tournament** and **BBQ Dinner** were held Friday afternoon at the Creekside Hall. Many games were played and the competition was fierce. The "B" Event runners-up were **Dick Nichols**, Edmonton; Hazel Coates, Calgary; Alida Martin, Calgary and **Fred Schulte**, Edmonton. The bocce was followed by a feast of barbecued beef tenderloin and all the fixings. A special presentation was made by a representative of the Calgary Stampede to **Larry Duba**, International President and his wife, Alice. They were made honorary citizens of Calgary and given the traditional white Stetson hats.

The evening was topped off by a musical presentation by the **Keester Family Fiddlers**; a truly family event with the mother and four daughters, aged 17, 15 and two 12 year olds playing electric fiddles.

The Saturday morning **Business Meeting** dealt with a change to the District VIII Constitution which removes the requirement to hold an Interim Convention. The Interim Convention has been held for many years in the month of March at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. Declining attendance at the Interim Convention has made it uneconomic to hold it in its present form. The reluctance by many clubs in District VIII to host another summer convention has been an important factor in considering an alternative.

The delegates from the nine clubs in attendance and the District VIII Executive approved the change to the constitution. The practical implications to this change are:

The Annual Convention and Meeting will normally occur at the Fairmont Resort in May or June and at a time that does not conflict with the International Convention. The District Executive will appoint a committee to assist in hosting the event in Fairmont or other such location. In the event that a Club would like to host the Annual Convention at the Fairmont location, it may be accommodated but District VIII should receive that request a year in advance.

Clubs will be allowed to host an Annual Convention at another location with two years notice. The Wallace, Idaho Club has committed to hosting the event in Wallace in 2014.

The fiscal year end of the District will be April 30th.

Currently, clubs are invoiced twice per year for dues, based on membership at April 30th and October 20th. The District assessment will now be due no later than November 1st. If you have 40 members on October 31st you pay for 40; there will be no prorating.

The **Best Bulletin Award** was won by the Sherwood Park Club; the **Man Mile Award** was given to Regina and the **Membership Award** was won jointly by the Calgary and Edmonton clubs.

A luncheon and Installation of the Calgary Club Officers was held from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoon. **International President Larry Duba** spoke about the priorities for the International Executive in the coming year.

The **Governor's Celebration and Banquet** was held Saturday Evening. Our new Executive was installed by President Larry Duba. The Immediate Past Governor is **Ken Baker**, Governor, **Dale Woodroffe**, 1st Lt. Governor, **Jim Malott**, 2nd Lt. Governor, **David Deroos** and Secretary Treasurer, **Alan Pentney**.

**The Gyro Club of Calgary is congratulated for organizing and holding a first-class convention in Canmore. Well done ladies and gentlemen!!**

**The Annual Bocce Tournament and Corn Roast** was held on Tuesday afternoon and Evening, August 28th at the Malmo Community Hall. Forty bocce players battled for first place under the careful management of **Bill Taylor** and **Jack Ellis**. The first place team was **Marty Larson, Merlyn Lawless, Joanne Lubin** and **John Boyd**.

Seventy five Gyros/ Gyrettes and guests attended the chicken dinner and corn roast. organized and managed by **Roger** and **Janet Russell, Barry** and **Valerie Walker, David** and **Marlene Burnett** and **Bruce** and **Marg Foy**. Thanks to the organizing group as well as all of the others that helped with the clean up and take down of all the furniture at the end of the event.



**The Winning Bocce Team**

**Marty Larson    Jo-Anne Lubin    Merlyn Lawless    John Boyd**

The **University of Alberta 2012 Alumni Recognition Awards** will be held at the Winspear Centre for Music on September 12th. Our own **Gerry Glassford** will be inducted into the **Sports Wall of Fame**. Gerry, a 1964 MA graduate, has left an indelible mark on the evolution of the U of A Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation. He came to the U of A in 1963 as a graduate student, having taught and coached at high schools in B.C. A year after he received his master's degree, he was appointed as a faculty member in physical education and began helping coach the Golden Bears basketball team. As chair of the Department of Physical Education and dean of the faculty from 1981 to 1990, he served as a mentor to countless students, academic colleagues, University athletes and coaches. Gerry served on 57 University, provincial, national and international committees and chaired the conferences associated with both Universiade 1983 and the 1978 Commonwealth Games.

Gerry joined the Edmonton Gyro Club in 1990, served as **President** in 1997-98 and **District Governor** in 2002.

**Congratulations Gerry!**

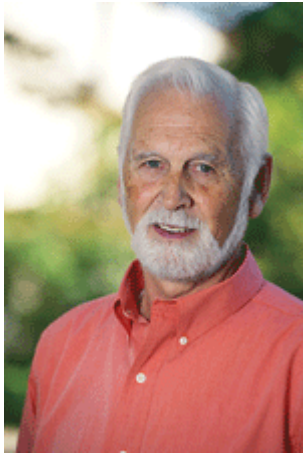


photo from New Trail Alumni Magazine, Autumn 2012

A former member of the Edmonton Club, **Owen Cornish** turns **90 years young** on September 7th. Owen was sponsored by Merrill Morstad and joined our club in 1992. He resigned in 2009 but is still active in the Edmonton Gyro Bridge Club.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, September 4th.**

This will be a Business meeting; please confirm your attendance with John Boyd.

**GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, September 11th**

Time: 6:00 pm Cocktails, Dinner 6:30

Speaker: Ms. Anna D'Agostini: Entrepreneur and World Adventurer

Cost: \$26

Annual dues will be collected

Contact: Barb Willan

**2012 Annual Men's Bocce Night with the St Albert Gyro Club, Tuesday, October 2nd.**

Location: Italian Cultural Centre, 14230-133 Ave. Edmonton

Bocce: 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm

Dinner: Roast Beef, Caesar Salad, Italian Style Potatoes, California Style Potatoes, Rolls & Butter, Hot Apple Pie, Coffee and Tea.

Cost: \$38 per person (no wine), \$48 with wine

Contact: Mike Matei