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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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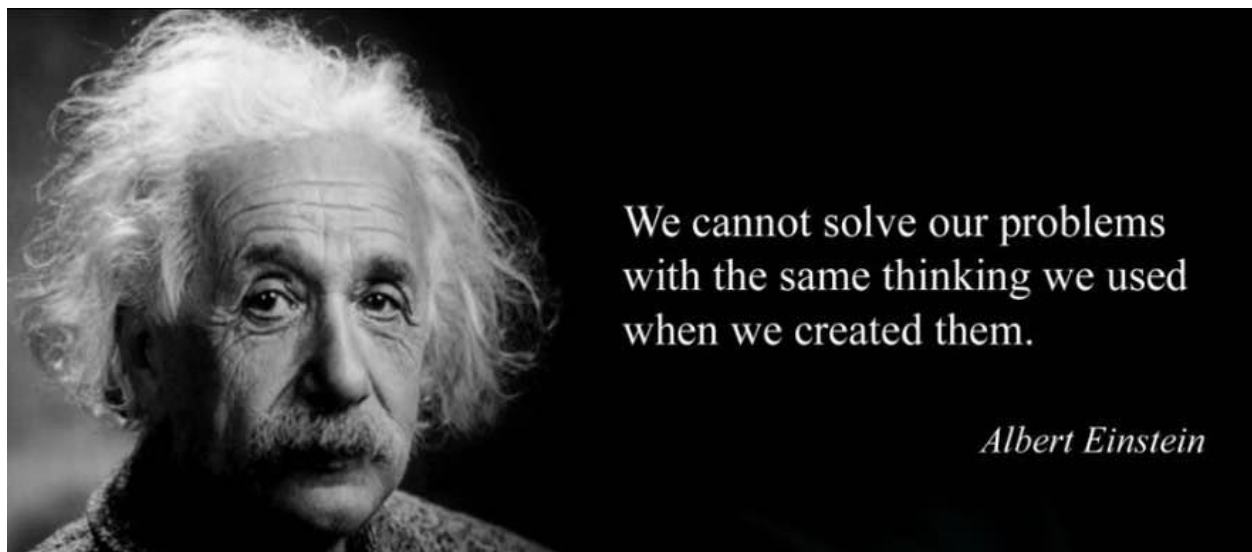
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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Jack Little** on the 1st, **Larry Wang** on the 5th and **Fred Schulte** on the 13th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Val and Linda Pohl**, 54 years on the 1st and **Trevor “ET” Mowbrey** and **Guiju Hu**, 2 years on the 12th.



President **Chuck Gerhart** welcomed 29 Gyros and our guest speaker to the **April 6th Zoom Video Teleconference**.

Past President **Bruce Swanson** welcomed our guest speaker, **Sheyenne Levall Crouse, Community Engagement Officer, Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS)**.

The Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service is a Canadian non-profit helicopter air ambulance organization funded by individual donors, service groups, corporate donors, and government contributions. STARS provides rapid and specialized emergency care and transportation for critically ill and injured patients.

History

Founder, **Dr. Gregory Powell** was working as an emergency room physician in Calgary and lost a patient: a young mother who died on route to the hospital because of the time it took to transport her by ground from her rural home. Powell had completed his medical internship in Vietnam and saw firsthand the use of medical helicopters.

The **Calgary Lions Club** provided the initial seed money, and the rotary air ambulance program was initially named Lions Air Ambulance Service. The first mission in **December 1985** was to transport a critically ill infant to tertiary care in Calgary. The Lions Air Ambulance Service was renamed **STARS** and received formal recognition as an essential service when the organization was integrated into the 1988 Calgary Olympic Winter Games.

STARS Edmonton Base was established and carried out its first mission in October 1991. STARS was awarded rotary and fixed-wing air medical contracts for Edmonton and Calgary. In 1996 the **STARS Emergency Link Centre** was established with funding from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. In 1998 the **STARS Seconds Count Campaign** was launched to buy two helicopters and the **STARS Legacy Fund** was established.

The **Human Patient Simulator Program** was established in 1999 through the support of Lions International and Lockerbie Hole. The capital cost of for each of the 28 simulators ranges from \$75,000 to \$200,000.

In **2001** the International Association of Medical Services named STARS the recipient of its prestigious Program of the Year award. Stars is the first International and first Canadian program to receive this honour. A fourth helicopter was also ordered.

In **2002** STARS was requested to be the air medical provider for the G 8 Summit in Kananaskis Country. STARS passed the 10,000-mission milestone.

In **2003** STARS is the first civilian air carrier to use **Night Vision Goggle (NVG)** capability on a mission from southeastern Alberta to Calgary. In **2004**, for the first time STARS mobilizes three helicopters to respond to a mission in Central Alberta. The Vision Critical Campaign and the STARS Centre for Education and Research are established.

In **November 2006**, a third base was opened in Grande Prairie and within one year, crews from this base flew 116 missions in Peace Country.

In **2009** the first class of graduates from the **STARS Critical Care and Transport Medicine Academy** were celebrated. In **2011** the Province of Saskatchewan signed an agreement with STARS to establish helicopter air medical services in that province. **Andrea Robertson** assumed the role of STARS President and CEO.

In **2012** STARS signed an agreement with the **Government of Manitoba** to provide helicopter air ambulance service from a permanent base in Winnipeg. Bases in Regina and Saskatoon are also opened.

In **2013** two new donor funded AgustaWestland AW139 helicopters were acquired to enhance emergency care. The STARS base in Regina became the first air medical service in Canada to begin stocking blood to be used for life-saving transfusion on air medical missions. The STARS **Blood on Board initiative** has since spread to all six bases.

Sheyenne indicated that STARS offers high level care for the sickest and most critical. The six bases offer a 300 km range in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Each helicopter has advanced technology including ventilators, ultrasound, video laryngoscopy and **iSTAT**-a portable cartridge-based analyzer that can measure blood gases, electrolytes, metabolites, and coagulation.

Staff undertake a 20-week training program as well as 125 hours of additional training yearly. All maintenance is done in house. Their costs have gone up because of more business and the need for PPE. A mobile Education Unit travels through the prairie provinces and British Columbia.

Alberta Health Services provides only 20% of their budget, the remaining 80% is raised through donor-supported activities.

STARS unveiled in June 2018 its ambitious, multi-year plan to renew its current fleet of BK117 and AW139 helicopters with **new Airbus H145 aircraft**. It is a technologically advanced model with an updated version of the medical interior found in STARS' existing helicopters.

Nine new helicopters are required to replace STARS' fleet, at a cost of \$13 million each, medically equipped. Five of these will be located in Alberta. Thanks to the generous support of federal and provincial government allies, STARS is well on its way to achieving its goal. A capital campaign will continue to raise funds to replace the rest of the fleet. STARS officially welcomed to the Calgary base two new Airbus H145 aircraft on April 18, 2019. The third H145 aircraft was delivered to the Saskatoon base in November 2019. Capital Power donated a one million cheque to STARS on February 5, 2020 to get the ball rolling for a new H145 for Edmonton Base. This new unit is expected to be delivered soon.

Bruce Swanson thanked Sheyanne for her presentation on their critically important organization.



Airbus H145

Past President Bruce Swanson presented the proposed nominations for the **Slate of Officers 2021-22**. No further nominations were received from the floor. **Leon Lubin** moved, and **Bruce Foy** seconded the motion to approve the nominations. Unanimous approval was received from the members.

Approved Slate of Officers

May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

President	Dunc Mills
1 st Vice-President	Ron Trant
Past President	Chuck Gerhart
Secretary	Barry Walker
Treasurer	David Burnett
Directors	Ray Dallaire (2 nd . Year) Dan Hasinoff (2 nd . Year) Doug Armstrong (2 nd . Year) Martin Marshall (1 st . Year)
Ex-Officio	Peter Carter

Jack Little was the winner of the virtual Free Lunch draw.

The GYRO CLUB of EDMONTON FUND

In January 2007, an **Ad Hoc Benevolence Fund Committee** was established to develop a long-term plan for the management of this fund. The Committee completed their work in January 2008 and recommended that the club continue to support children through the building of playgrounds. The best use of the club's Benevolence Fund would be to establish an endowment fund managed by the Edmonton Community Foundation. The existing Lee Community Playspace Fund would be used as our field of interest and a new **Gyro Club of Edmonton Fund** would be set up. The annual interest generated by this fund would be used to provide playground equipment to upgrade those Edmonton inner-city community play spaces that are fully open to the public.

A formal fund agreement was signed with the **Edmonton Community Foundation** on **April 15th, 2008** with a contribution of \$16,500. Tribute gifts given to honour departed Gyro Club members and interest accruing to the fund had increased its value to over \$21,000 in 2011. An additional \$4000 was donated to the fund in 2013. The balance of the fund at the beginning of 2020 was **\$44,334**. Donations received were \$3514, net investment income was \$2621 grants were \$0, operating expenses were \$259. Funds available to grant in 2021 are **\$3,710**.

President Chuck Gerhart welcomed 32 Gyros and Gyrettes to the **April 20th Zoom Video Teleconference**.

President Chuck welcomed **Governor Derm and Lillian Jackman** and **Lt. Governor Sid and Sharon Slade**. Governor Derm expressed his pleasure in attending our Officer Installation. He acknowledged **Past District Governor and 2nd Vice-President Peter Carter and Eileen, Sid and Sharon, Past District Governor and Past International President Marty and Shirley Larson and Past District Governor Gerry and Alice Glassford**.

Six clubs are celebrating their **100th Anniversaries this year**:

Davenport Iowa January 15, Victoria BC April 5, Winnipeg MB May 6, **Edmonton AB July 29**. Regina SK October 20, Calgary AB November 24, and Rochester NY December 7.

They are currently 312 members in District VIII.

Governor Derm proceeded to install **Ray Dallaire, Dan Hasinoff, Doug Armstrong, and Martin Marshall** as Directors. Each committed to upholding the Constitution and Bylaws of Gyro International, District VIII and the Edmonton Club. **Ron Trant** was then installed as **Vice-President, Chuck Gerhart** as **Past President, Dunc Mills** as **President** and **David Burnett** as **Treasurer**.

Governor Derm expressed his pleasure in awarding **Gary Campbell** with a **Certificate of Appreciation**. Gary was sponsored by **Allan Warrack** in 2010 and Gary's father, **Alec Campbell** joined the Edmonton Club in 1965. Gary has been Treasurer for nine of the last 11 years.

Well done, Gary!

Marty Larson, our longest serving member at **57 years** spoke about a video project launched in May 1990 that was designed to increase membership in District VIII. The final edited version of about 6.5 minutes was shown today. The video entitled “**An Introduction to GYRO**” used phrases such as “You are Among Friends” and indicated that Gyro was not a lodge or professional organization but simply a friendship club! “GYRO-A Way of Life”

Conventions were an important part of the Gyro experience. Marty and Shirley attended many conventions that included one in 1974 in Atlanta, Georgia and another on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. The biggest International Convention was held in Nanaimo, BC and the second largest was held in Edmonton in 1996 with about 600 Gyros in attendance.

Dan Hasinoff thanked Marty for his presentation.

John Ross, our fourth longest serving member at **39 years** spoke about a special luncheon meeting held in June of 2006 to honour four of our most senior members, all in their 90's. **Past District Governor Gerry Glassford** presented tributes to **Gordon Rennie**, age 94, **David Duchak**, age 93, **Ernie Siegel**, age 91 and, **Bryce Van Dusen**, age 91. **David Duchak** still holds the club record of 67 years as a member of both the Calgary and Edmonton Clubs.

“GYRO is really good for our health”

John spoke about the Edmonton Club District VIII Conventions held in 1956, 1996, 2007 and 2019. The Gold Rush of '96' International/District VIII Convention was immensely successful with the second largest attendance. The 1992 International Convention in **Lake Tahoe** saw **Marty Larson** advance to the President's Chair. Twenty-five percent of the clubs were in attendance and 35 members and guests attended from the Edmonton Club.

Peter Carter will be installed as President of Gyro International in Cleveland, Ohio in 2022. Members are encouraged to attend, and the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame** is a must-see attraction!

Dan Hasinoff thanked John for his presentation and that it is important to know our history!

Chuck Gerhart thanked the members for their full support while he was President. **Dunc Mills** presented Chuck with a **Certificate of Appreciation** as President for an extended term under the most trying conditions.

Past President Chuck then spoke about the medical examples of Covid-19.

Medical experts in Ottawa today were asked if it is time to ease the COVID lockdowns.

Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but **Dermatologists** advised not to make any rash moves.

Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but **Neurologists** thought the government had a lot of nerve.

Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while **Ophthalmologists** considered the idea short-sighted.

Many **Pathologists** yelled, "Over my dead body!" while **Pediatricians** said, "Oh, grow up!"

Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while **Radiologists** could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and **Pharmacists** claimed it would be a bitter pill to swallow.

Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but **Urologists** were pissed off by the whole idea.

Anesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, and **Cardiologists** didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the **Proctologists** won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in politics.

Dick Nichols reports on the **Hockey Pool Winners.**

Game 11 March 30 th	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Canadiens				
First Period	0 3	Bea McKenzie	Bea McKenzie	Bea McKenzie
Second	0 4	Ashley White	Kathryn Hoeksema	Kathryn Hoeksema
Final	0 4	Jim Lepp	Georgia McKinnon	Georgia McKinnon

Game 12 March 29 th	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Maple Leafs				
First Period	1 2	George Schuller	George Schuller	Brock Cook
Second	1 2	Walter Yakimets	Walter Yakimets	Eileen Kuhl
Final	3 2	Trish Baird	Trish Baird	Care Mazzuca

Game 14 April 5 th	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Canadiens				
First Period	1 0	Mark Power	Patty Hobal	Gary Campbell
Second	2 0	Leon Lubin	Kasper Bundschuh	Gary Campbell
Final	2 3	Ashley White	Mike Matei	Ray Dallaire

Game 15 April 8 th	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Senators				
First Period	0 0	Len Evenson	Len Evenson	Morgan Lochhead
Second	1 1	Jack Little	Sloane Sellar	Ken Korchinski
Final	3 1	Bea McKenzie	Jack Brown	Allan Warrack

Game 16 April 19 th	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Canadiens				
First Period	0 0	Chuck Gerhart	Dan Hasinoff	Len Evenson
Second	0 1	Bruce Swanson	Jim Lepp	Jim Lepp
Final	4 1	Dan Larson	Gary Campbell	Bea McKenzie

Game 17 April 26	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Jets				
First Period	2 0	Chuck Gerhart	Gary Campbell	Gary Campbell
Second	6 1	Bruce Swanson	Brooke Weisgerber	Brooke Weisgerber
Final	6 1	Ron Trant	Jim Lochhead	Jim Lochhead

Game 20 April 10	Winners	First Period	Second	Third
Oilers vs Flames				
First Period	0 0	Chuck Gerhart	Morgan Weisgerber	Jeremy Hastings
Second	0 4	Bailey	Gabriel Lippiatt Long	Sophie McKinnon
Final	0 5	Gary Campbell	Chuck Gerhart	Chuck Gerhart

“Fast Fred”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zoom Video Teleconference, Tuesday May 4th.

Speaker: Paul Dumont from Cebu, Philippines

Topic: TBA

Team Leader: Ray Dallaire

Zoom Teleconference, Tuesday May 18th.

Autobiographies by Cliff Revell and Ken Willan

Team Leaders: Dunc Mills and Fred Schulte

Zoom Video Teleconference, Tuesday June 1st

Speaker: Todd Hirsch, Chief Economist ATB Financial

Topic: Alberta’s Economy in 2021

Team Leader: Val Pohl

Zoom Video Teleconference, Tuesday June 15th

Speaker: Jack Bowen

Military Activities-Loyal Edmonton Regiment-World War II-Europe

Gyro Club of Edmonton 100th Anniversary, July 29th.

**Gyro District 8 Convention, Deerfoot Inn and Casino, Gyro Club of Calgary
September 23-26th**