



# THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

## President

Jack Brown  
Res. 434-0392

Meeting held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007  
Royal Mayfair Golf Club

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

John Plunkett  
Res. 435-7011

President **Jack Brown** welcomed 36 Gyro's and one guest to another fine day of sunny but cool weather in Edmonton. **Larry Dobson** led Cheerio and "**Dutch**" **Hoeksema** asked the blessing.

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

Leon Lubin  
Res. 454-9712

Our President welcomed guest speaker **Deb Cautley** of the Youth Emergency Shelter Society. President **Jack** asked those in attendance to observe one minute in silence to commemorate November 11<sup>th</sup> and **Dave Burnett** presented a commemorative poem entitled "The Final Inspection". **John Ross** presented information in honour of our veterans that is depicted on the back side of our Canadian 10 dollar bill and made reference to club members who have served our country.

## Imm.Past President

Fred Schulte  
Res. 434-0925

## Secretary

Barry Walker  
Res. 475-0983

**Mort Morter** reported that no news is good news regarding the health of our members. **Dick Nichols** reported that to date 240 hockey pool tickets have been sold and that the games that will trigger winnings will start shortly.

## Treasurer

Mike Matei  
Res. 930-1780

**Barry Walker** presented a document entitled "Income and Expense Actual Compared to Budget" for our Gyro District VIII Convention held in Edmonton August 9-12, 2007. **Dave Burnett** moved a motion to approve the report which was seconded by **Jack Ellis**. The membership unanimously approved the motion. Many thanks to **Barry** and his convention team for organizing a great convention and expertly managing the expenses.

## Directors

Eric Spink  
Res. 436-5242  
Bill Taylor  
Res. 430-0330  
Bill Clarke  
Res. 461-2228

A joint **Founders Night** event was held with the Sherwood Park Gyro Club on Wednesday evening October 17<sup>th</sup> at the German Canadian Cultural Centre. The Sherwood Park and Edmonton Crossroads Clubs were joined by 27 members of the Edmonton Club who enjoyed an evening of friendship, laughter and great food. Past District Governor **Don Greig** of the Sherwood Park Club presented information on the history of Gyro and his own personal experiences within the Gyro fraternity. **Fred Schulte** of the Edmonton Club presented information on the formation and early history of the club leading to the fundraising, construction and supervision of the 10 Gyro children's parks in Edmonton.

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Those celebrating birthdays in November are **Carlyle Ross** on the 13<sup>th</sup>, **Marty Larson** on the 14<sup>th</sup> and **Larry Mix** on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The November anniversaries are **John and Helen Ross**, 44 years on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Jack and Terrie Ellis**, 41 years on the 19<sup>th</sup>; **Dick and Marilyn Nichols**, 44 years on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; and **Harry and Irma Nash**, 39 years on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Roy Bennett** introduced **Deb Cautley**; Executive Director of the Youth Emergency Shelter Society (Y.E.S.S) Ms. Cautley has been the Executive Director for the last eight years and was the recipient of Global Television's 2006 Woman of Vision award.

Deb Cautley advised that the society has served 25,000 homeless and youth at risk since its inception 25 years ago. The Shelter Program provides youth between the ages of 15 and 18 a safe, one night shelter. The doors open at 9 pm and up to 16 youth are given a shower, supper, breakfast and a bus ticket to school or work the next morning. Each intake is for one night only, but youth are allowed to stay again when the circumstances warrant it.

The Skills for Youth (SkY) Program is a longer-term residential facility for 15 to 18 year olds that require ongoing support. There are 12 beds and the youth are encouraged to develop goals to assist in their school studies, work or in looking for a job. Each youth is expected to make their own meals and to help with the chores.

The Start House Program is designed for youth aged 16-19 that are working or going to school and have no viable living alternatives. The focus is on developing strong, independent life and decision-making skills and being accountable for their own actions. Those youth who are working are expected to pay 25% of their wages up to a maximum of \$300 per month. This approach provides the youth with a rental background. Another 25% is held back to establish funds for a damage deposit and utilities to assist the youth when they move out and make their own arrangements for rental accommodation.

The Community Enhancement Program consists of four components that are available to residential and non-residential youth and families. There is a Skills Development Coordinator that assists youth in the SkY and START programs with employment training, budgeting, meal preparation and educational opportunities. The Outreach Worker assists youth in all three of YESS's residential programs in an effort to ease the transition back to the community. The STAR Program is federally funded and allows youth 15 to 20 years to access 13 weeks of classroom and 13 weeks of work experience. The Community Liaison Worker establishes partnerships with educational institutions in the Edmonton Metro Area.

A lot of the youth served by YESS are abandoned by their parents; drug and alcohol issues start with the parents. Seventy per cent of the youth are sexually, physically and psychologically abused at an early age. YESS serves the larger Edmonton area and there are a larger number of recent immigrants seeking help.

Alberta Children's Services provides 22% of YESS's \$2.4 million operating budget, 11% is provided by United Way and 52% is acquired through fundraising. 1000 youth are served annually through in-house and outreach programs.

**Luc Lascelle** thanked Deb Cautley on behalf of the members for her interesting and thought provoking presentation. The free lunch draw was won by **Roy Bennett**. Thanks to the team of **Peter Morrison, Roy Bennett, Luc Lascelle** and **Bill Taylor** for organizing and assisting in this luncheon event.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **November 20<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting**

**Jack Slobodan, Halliburton Services**, topic: specialized drilling equipment in the oil and gas industry.

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Contact: **Marty Larson**

### **Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party-Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

Cost: **\$62 per person with wine and \$60 without.**

Riverview Room Shaw Convention Centre

Contact: Please mail cheque to **Walter Yakimets** or give cheque to Walter at November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Advance Notice**

**Gyro/Gyrette Valentines Party, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Mayfield Dinner Theatre

Contact: **Larry Dobson**

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Fred Schulte