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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

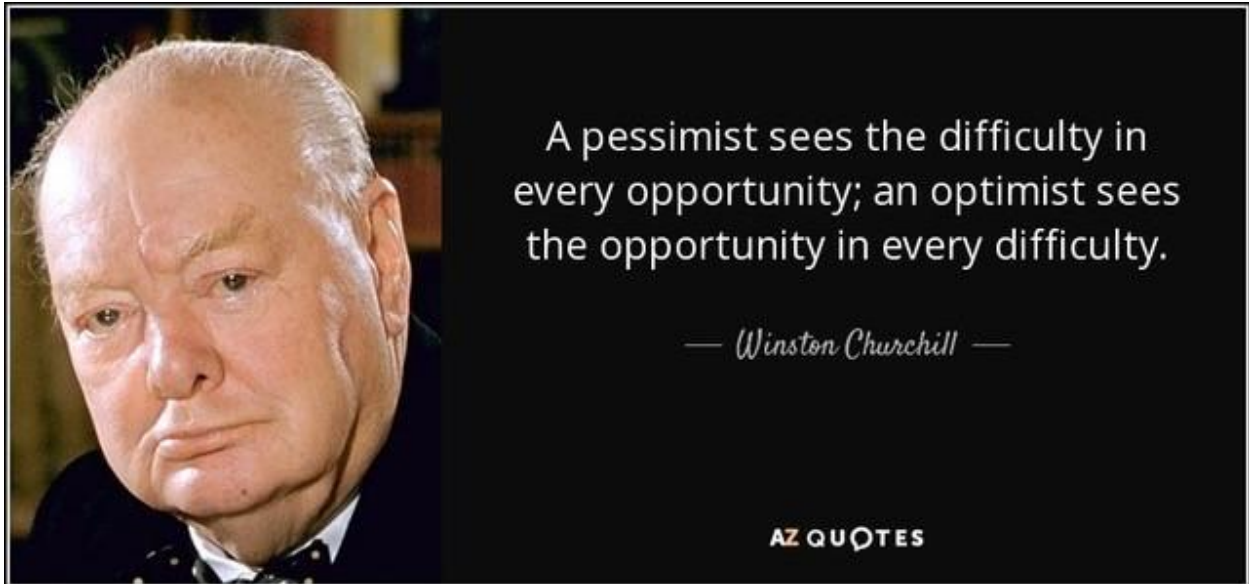
Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

**President-Bruce Swanson, Past President-Ray Dallaire,
1st Vice-President- David Winfield, 2nd Vice-President-Chuck Gerhart
Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-Gary Campbell,
Directors- Tracy DesLaurier, John Mann, Leon Lubin, Len Evenson
Database Administrator-John Ross, Gyrolog Editor-Fred Schulte**

JUNE 2018

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Warren Garbutt** on the 9th, **Tony Mazzuca** on the 11th, **Jim Lepp** on the 17th and **Heinrich Grosskopf** on the 29th.

Those celebrating the wedding anniversaries are **Ray** and **Donna Dallaire**, 39 years on the 2nd; **Ken** and **Barbara Willan**, 52 years on the 4th; **Walter** and **Kay Yakimets**, 59 years on the 6th; **Larry** and **Carol Dobson**, 51 years on the 17th; **Cliff** and **Kathryn Revell**, 48 years on the 18th; **Jim Lochhead** and **Sandy McDonald**, 7 years on the 18th; **Ron** and **Marlene Ramsey**, 58 years on the 24th; **Bob** and **Hanya Bahniuk**, 37 years on the 27th; **Jack** and **Sylvia Little**, 49 years on the 28th and **Heinrich** and **Carina Grosskopf**, 33 years on the 29th.



Shanoa's Place -Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS)

Shanoa's Place offers a longer-term residential program designed for youth who are working or attending school. An **eight bed, client-directed residential program** provides access to a skills development coordinator who develops a program to meet client's needs. Services include employment training and life skills training (meal planning, housekeeping, budgeting), educational opportunities, recreational opportunities, and a job bank to connect with potential employers.

Members and spouses of the Edmonton Gyro Club are invited to a **"Summer Garden" Party on July 12th between 4 and 7 pm. 15116-100 Avenue.**

Anyone interested should RSVP by calling 780-468-7070.

President Bruce Swanson welcomed 40 Gyros and one guest to our June 5th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Tony Mazzuca** led the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

Cliff Revell introduced our guest speaker **Gordon Ulrich**.

Mr. Ulrich is a mining executive with over 40 years senior level experience. He was **President and CEO of Luscar Ltd.**, a major energy company (coal, oil, and gas) from 1990-2001 and successfully took Luscar public with the Luscar Coal Income Fund in 1996 with a \$500 million IPO. During his tenure, Luscar grew significantly and doubled in size to revenues of \$700 million. He served as an independent director of several Canadian resource companies and is an active community member who continues to serve on not-for-profit organizations including Alberta electric System Operators. He is a graduate of U.B.C. with a B.A. Sc. in geological engineering and an M.B.A., is also a registered professional engineer in B.C. and Alberta (life member in Alberta).

Luscar was at one time a coal mining town located in the foothills of the Northern Rockies about 12 kilometres (7.5 mi) northwest of Cadomin along Highway 40 at the end of the CN Railway line.

Luscar lies in an area known as the **Alberta Coal Branch**, which has a long history of coal mining. The original underground mine at Luscar opened in 1921, and by 1922 the town consisted of about 25 or 30 homes, a small cottage hospital, a school, a general store and other shops. The mine worked the strongly folded Jewel Seam and produced steam coal, primarily for railroad markets. Surface mining began in 1945 and underground mining ceased in 1954. Fire destroyed the briquette plant in 1956 and later that year all mining ceased due to lack of markets for steam coal, after which the town was abandoned.

In 1970 the old Luscar townsite became the headquarters for an open-pit coal mine owned by Luscar Ltd. and operated by Cardinal River Coals Ltd. It produced coking coal for export to Asian steel mills. That mine closed at the end of 2000. Coal from the Cheviot Mine near Mountain Park is currently trucked to the Luscar site where it is cleaned and loaded into rail cars. Luscar Ltd. was always based in Edmonton until it was sold to Sherritt in 2001.

The Industrial Revolution which occurred in the period between 1760 and 1840 resulted in the mechanization of agriculture, textile manufacturing and the development of steam ships and railroads. Mr. Ulrich advised that all these industrial activities were fueled by coal. Coal production in Alberta in 1914 was 3.5 million tons which was 27% of Canadian production. The development of railroads created a large demand for coal in the 1920's and the Drumheller area alone produced 6.7 million tons in 1922. Demand for Alberta coal by 1931 dropped dramatically from 7.3 million tons to 4.5 million. In 1946, Alberta production peaked at 8.9 million tons. By 1947 the railroads had begun the conversion of steam engines to diesel resulting in a production of only 2 million tons in 1962. However, by 1963, the demand for coal increased to 1946 levels because of the development of coal-fired electrical generation stations. In 2014, 33.8 million tonnes were mined in Alberta with 24.1 million of thermal and 9.8 coking. **Canada is the world's third largest exporter of metallurgical coal, after Australia and the United States.**

Gordon advised that there two general categories of coal mined in Alberta; lower Btu Bituminous and higher Btu metallurgical. Bituminous Coal is not a high value product and transportation costs are high. The introduction of unit trains in 1970 and the use of aluminum cars has reduced transport costs. Alberta Public Policy has evolved. In the 1970's and 1980's coal was the preferred fuel for electricity generation. In 1970, the Japanese steel industry also started to import coking coal from Grande Cache and the Cardinal River mine. Coking coal still is a high value product in both Alberta and B.C.

In 2016, the Government of Canada announced its plan to eliminate the use of traditional coal-fired electricity in Canada by 2030.

World-wide, coal is still a strategic resource in South-East Asia and there has been an increase of 30-40% in coal production for electricity generation. Germany is keeping their coal reserves active as a strategic resource to counter their heavy dependence on Russian natural gas. Nuclear power is out of favour in Germany.

Alberta's coal reserves will remain for future consideration.

Jack Ellis thanked our speaker for a very informative presentation.

Leon Lubin was the Free Lunch draw winner.

Nineteen Gyros and Gyrettes from the Edmonton Gyro Club attended the **District VIII Convention held in Nelson, British Columbia, June 7th to 10th.**

128 registered delegates attended from 10 of the 11 clubs in District VIII as well as Victoria, Blacklake and Fresno.

The weather was sunny and perfect for outdoor activities of golf, the Heritage Walking Tour, and the bocce tourney and barbeque on Friday, June 8th. The rain began on Saturday the 9th, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm for indoor activities including tours of the **Nelson Brewing Company** which occupies the original 100-year-old building of its brewing predecessors.

The **Business meeting** held on Saturday morning, June 9th revealed that the District gained 18 new or returning members but there was a net loss of 20 members for a total of 306. The District Income & Expense Statement for May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018 was approved with a surplus of \$35 vs. a \$2663 budgeted deficit.

Bryan Sherwood of the **Calgary Club** won the **Best Bulletin Award**, **Stampe City** won the **Man-Mile Award** and **Edmonton** won the **Membership Award**.

Derm Jackman was nominated as the next **Lt. Governor** and **Larry Fenton** the next **Governor**.

Mike Wagg won the men's low gross golf cup, **Steve Marshall**, low net. **Laura Young** won the ladies low net award and **Betty Fenton**. ladies low gross.

The winners of the **Bocce tournament** held at Shannon's Point were **Laura Young, John Hodgson, Jim Malott**, and **Dale Woodroffe**.

The Governor's Ball was held Saturday evening at the Prestige Lakeside Resort. The 135 guests were treated to a fabulous buffet dinner and an impromptu fashion show by six of our "male" district members. **Dale Woodroffe**, International President inducted our new Executive for 2018-19.

Past District Governor: Peter Carter

District Governor: Larry Fenton

Lt. Governor: Derm Jackman

Secretary Treasurer: Dave Jenner

Thanks to the **Nelson Gyro Club** for organizing an outstanding convention. The meeting facilities were first class, the meals and service exceptional.



Photo by Larry Duba

Bocce Tournament Winners

Laura Young

John Hodgson

Jim Malott

Dale Woodroffe



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"Princess Peter"

President Bruce Swanson welcomed an enthusiastic group of Gyros to the June 19th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Len Evenson** led the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

Fred Otto presented his biography.

Fred advised that his grandfather was born in Germany in 1862 and moved to Hastings, England where he married Alice Fuller of Sussex in 1885. They had nine children and in 1912, his grandfather emigrated to Canada with his two eldest sons. They took possession of the Windsor Hotel in Hughenden, Alberta. Grandmother Alice came with six more children in 1913 to work with her husband. A full course meal at the Windsor cost 35 cents in the 1920's.

Fred's dad was an agent for the National Grain Co. in the Hughenden area. In the 1930's his dad moved to Marwayne and operated two grain elevators. Fred was born in 1935 in Hardisty. Fred's dad moved to Mannville in 1945 and in 1946 became a grain buyer for National Grain. The family doctor was Dr. David Hasinoff and his son Danny was a friend of Fred's. **Dan Hasinoff** is a current member of the Edmonton Club. Alf Gerhart managed Mannville Motor's and his son Charlie (**Chuck**) **Gerhart** is also a member of our club.

Fred finished high school in Mannville and attended the University of Alberta and graduated with a Chemical Engineering degree. He worked at the Chalk River Nuclear Research facility in Ontario where he met his future wife, Helen. Fred completed a Master's in Chemistry and then went to Michigan to earn a PhD. In 1962. He was invited by Dr Robinson to teach in the Faculty of Engineering in Edmonton. Over a 34 and half year career at the University of Alberta, Fred was a Professor, Chair and then Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. He retired in 1996 and then became the President of APEGGA. He is currently on the Board of the Capital Care Foundation.

Fred met **Allan Warrack** at the University of Alberta and ultimately accepted an invitation join Gyro. All three, **Chuck Gerhart**, **Dan Hasinoff** and **Fred Otto** are from **Mannville**.

Dr. Doug Armstrong presented his biography.

Doug was born at home in The Pas, Manitoba, a five-sled dog community in 1934. His father was a Supply Minister and one of the first graduates of the United Church of Canada. His mother was a teacher and pianist. At age six, his father joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and served as a Protestant Captain, participating in the Invasion of Normandy, and advancing all the way to Germany by 1945.

The family moved many times with ministries in Pipestone, Brandon, Bermuda, and Winnipeg in the 1950's. In 1960, Doug enrolled in the University of Manitoba Medical School. While in medical school, his only brother drowned. Doug took a keen interest in **closed chest cardiac resuscitation**. Chest compression was first tried on dogs in 1958 and then a human trial of 71 was initiated. Eighty percent of the trial patients were saved with chest compression. The first non-trial patient survived after the heart stopped and before surgery at the Deerlodge Hospital in Winnipeg. This was the first successful procedure in Western Canada.

Doug worked in the small community of Swan River, Manitoba after graduating from medical school and learned a lot! He then went to Melbourne, Australia and received his PhD in antigen-active cells. For several years Doug was involved in bone marrow cells research. However, his real love in medicine was interaction with patients and in 1972, Doug joined **Dr. Jack Brown** in Family Medicine at he Camsell and Misericordia Hospitals. After 40 years of practice, he retired in 2010.

"Fast Fred"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, July 3rd

Speaker: **Brendan Robbins**, General Manager, Faculty Club, University of Alberta

Topic: History and Future of the Faculty Club

Team Leaders: Allan Warrack and Fred Otto

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, July 17th

Speaker: **Janet Riopel**, President/CEO Edmonton Chamber of Commerce

Team Leaders: Bob Kerrison and Ken Willan

Barbeque and Bocce Tourney, The Derrick Golf and Winter Club, Mixed Event, September 4th

Bocce: 4pm, **Dinner** 6:00

Menu: BBQ Kabobs Buffet (Beef Tenderloin, Cajun Shrimp & Chicken Breast), Western Style Corn on the Cob and all the Trimmings.

Cost: \$58 per person, Cash Bar

Team Leaders: Fred Schulte, Leon Lubin, John Boyd, Bruce Foy, Bill Taylor