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Past President Dick Nichols welcomed members from the Edmonton, Sherwood Park and St. Albert Clubs to our annual Founders Night. In attendance were nine members of the Sherwood Park Club, eight from St Albert, and forty nine from the Edmonton Club. **David Burnett** introduced his guest Frits Pannekoek, the President of Athabasca University.

Roger Russell led us in Cheerio and **Dick Nichols** asked the blessing.

District VIII Governor Eric Braun installed two new members of the Edmonton Club, **Warren Garbutt** and **Bill Taylor**. We welcome the new members to our club.

PIP Marty Larson paid tribute to the three founders of Gyro. The 3 originals were **Ed Kagy**, **Paul Schwan** and **Gus Handerson**. **Paul Schwan**, the great organizer, was not around very long. He joined the US Army on April 1, 1918 and died 16 days later as the great flu epidemic swept the world. **Gus Handerson** produced the first club bulletin, and named it the Gyroscope. He stayed active in Gyro for a number of years, but retired early and moved to Florida. The Grey Eagle, **Ed Kagy**, was to remain active in Gyro for many years, becoming our first paid secretary-treasurer in 1923. He remained active until his death in 1960.

In Edmonton, the original founders included **Reg Henry** and **Alex Mitchell**, and a number of men who rose to prominence in our community in later years. **Nelles Buchanan**, later a judge in the Northern Alberta Court, was the first member of our club to be a district governor.

Alex Mitchell was the first Honor Key winner from Edmonton, in 1939, followed by **Roy Miller** in 1950, **PIP Russ Carter** in 1953 and **Gord Rennie** in 1985. We have had 11 Merit award winners and two Hubbell award winners.

Marty suggested that we all have founders in our own clubs that we could recognize at this event, and that includes current

people – such as long term club officers, event organizers, district officers, new member leaders – who could be recognized.

Dick Nichols introduced our guest speakers Leigh and Aline MacMillan who spent three years in Saudi Arabia. They provided an interesting and extensive slide presentation on their various experiences in the country. They both worked at the hospital in Riyadh and shared information about living as expatriates in this male dominated culture. They also showed us the geography, historical sites, cultural and architectural points of interest etc. Leigh and Aline also gave us some insights as to how the expatriates celebrated Christmas in the desert and their other efforts enjoy recreational pursuits in the desert. **President Walter** thanked the speakers on our behalf.

SECOND POSTING: Sam Gruden and his partner Bea McKenzie live at 10204 132 St. in Edmonton, T5N 1J7. Their telephone number is 488-5520. Sam's email address is sam.gruden@raymondjames.ca Sam is an estate planning advisor with Raymond James. His hobby is woodworking. He is proposed by **Mike Matei** and seconded by **John Ross**.

SECOND POSTING: Dick Moskalyk and his wife, Vi, live at 11420 – 37A Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6J 0K3. Phone: 435-6922. e-Mail: rmoskalyk@shaw.ca Dick is a Professor Emeritus and the retired Dean of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta. He enjoys golf, travel, winemaking and many other social activities. **President Walter Yakimets** proposes Dick for membership in our Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Put a star beside November 1 on your calendar. This is the day for yet another special day of Gyro/Gyrette friendship. 2005 is "Year of the Veteran" and November 1 is the day we will be honouring our club-member Veterans. This special luncheon meeting will be held at "the Hanger on Kingsway", Alberta Aviation Museum, 11410 Kingsway Avenue. Please plan to arrive by 12:00 noon, or earlier, if you wish to spend extra time at the museum (they open at 10:00 a.m.) You will be serenaded by a live band, "The Group", playing favourite tunes from WWII era, from noon to 12:30. We will then march (just kidding) proceed to the "mess hall" for a soup and sandwich lunch. The program, saluting our Veterans, follows. You will then be dismissed to tour the museum and restoration workshop at your leisure. As you depart, you will each receive a copy of the CD "Salute - a Tribute to the Canadian Veterans". Cost?? \$20.00 each. Guests welcome. Please note that this is a "**mixed**" meeting including our Gyrettes. We hope that all members and their partners will be able to attend. :-) Those who wish to attend and will not be seeing one of the organizers, please mail your cheque, payable to the Gyro Club of Edmonton, to **Ernie Siegel**, 2B – 10050 – 118th Street, Edmonton, AB T5K 2M8.

Mike Matei advises that "Curl-O-Rama" is scheduled for November 4 to 6 in Banff, Alberta. Cost is \$195.00 per player which includes a minimum of 3 games, 2 nights accommodations, 2 breakfasts, gyro hospitality on Friday night including food and

drinks, and the Saturday night banquet. Please let **Mike** know if you are interested in going as we would like to field at least one team, hopefully two teams.

The Gyro Prostate Cancer Sponsorship Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Faculty Club on Wednesday November 16, 2005.

Walter Yakimets has booked the Riverview room at the Shaw Conference Centre for our Christmas party on December 6, 2005.

Our Club will be hosting the District VIII Convention in 2007 from August 9 to 12. It will be at the Delta City Centre Hotel on the west end of the City Centre Shopping Centre.

Same Old Bull

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