

THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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10 August 1994

President
Barry Walker

Tuesday 2 August 1994 was our regular luncheon meeting at Mayfair. Our President **Barry Walker**, back from some holidays, chaired the meeting in his usual upbeat way. We were pleased to welcome and share Gyro with Allan Warrack's guest **Fred Schulte**; whom we hope will pay us a return visit.

1st V/President
Mike Matei

2nd V/President
Allan Douglas

Birthdays - two "Leo's" will be roaring and celebrating their birthdays on the same date. Our best wishes to **Allan Douglas** and **Allan McClure** on 14 August.

Secretary
Dick Ogilvie

A big event in everyone's life - it should be a holiday with pay!

Treasurer
Jack Ellis



Health & Welfare - a "nil" report last meeting. No news is good news.

Directors

Owen Cornish
Gordon Robertson
Russ Shepherd
Tony Sheppard

Race Night - Mixed Event - in the Gyrolog of 27 July 1994, you were reminded about this annual event, which will be held at **Northlands Race Track** on 21 September 1994. Cost is \$18.00 per person which includes your dinner and a race program. **However** - some guy with the pen name "retread" made a mistake when he

said make your cheques payable to John Stroppa - **WRONG** - they are to be made out to **The Gyro Club of Edmonton!** This error caused former football referee John Stroppa to throw a penalty flag at retread!

To make amends the following is a review of the above event: **Race Night - 21 September (mixed)**

Cost 18.00 per person - Payment to be made by 16 August - cheques payable to The Gyro Club of Edmonton - Cash Payment to John Stroppa (suggest you get a receipt or a race tip)

Final date for cancellation (if you have registered but can't attend) 29 August 1994.

You have probably guessed by now that I am miffed at getting "flagged" by John (The Enforcer) Stroppa, for such a minor infraction! I have been suspended from attending race night and my money can't be refunded. Naturally I am appealing on the following grounds:- (a) the information I was given was somehow incomplete and rather rapidly imparted. (b) I can't take shorthand. (c) and I certainly am not at my best - when suddenly being rudely awakened from a hard earned nap! In any event - no questions, I plead the fifth amendment. (Of course I can - we are an International group, aren't we!)

On the brighter side - at our last meeting Treasurer Jack Ellis submitted our club's financial report ending 31 March 1994, which had been approved by the Executive, but was presented to the general membership for information and ratification. The report was fully explained by Jack Ellis and approved on a motion by Gunnar Anderson, seconded by Bill Agnew. A proposed budget report for the year ending March 1995 was submitted, discussed and approved on a motion by Jack Ellis, seconded by Roger Russell. Copies of the above reports were made available to those in attendance.

Program Team No.21, with Bill Agnew, Howard Wilson & team leader Allan Warrack were responsible for the program on 2 August. Instead of a guest speaker, their "surprise" program was different, very interesting and most appropriate. It was intended to have several of our newer Gyro members each give a short talk about themselves - sort of a biographical sketch. Unfortunately some of the proposed participants were unavailable, leaving but one lone volunteer, **Allan Ursulak**. However team leader Allan Warrack took advantage of some special circumstances by getting **Stewart Graham**, one of our senior members to take part.

We learned that **Allan Ursulak** who joined Gyro in 1986 is a native Albertan. He modestly described himself as a technologist, working with a firm of Architects; while in fact he is the senior technologist in the company. He took his early training in construction drawing & design at S.A.I.T. in Calgary for architectural presentation. About 15 years ago he became interested and involved in building science. Some of the projects he was directly involved with include:- The Muttart Conservatory: The Coronation Swimming Pool, as well as several office and school buildings.

His technical skills were used in connection with the construction of the Crystal Palace Hotel at Nassau in the Bahamas. He recently completed a course in computer drawing, a new phase of architectural drawing. Allan is a quiet soft spoken , very modest man with a subtle sense of humour, whose quiet efficiency is highly valued.

Our next speaker **Stewart Graham**, was referred to by Allan Warrack as the "birthday boy" for the reason that he had just celebrated his 90th birthday on 28 July 1994! Stewart was born in Dalmellington Ayrshire, Scotland (Robbie Burns country) where he was raised with two brothers and three sisters. His father was a watch maker and jeweller. Because his mother had relatives in Winnipeg, Manitoba, his two brothers and one sister were sent to live there, with the rest of the family coming to Canada in 1910.



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Stewart's two brothers both played soccer in Scotland and had no trouble playing football and working for the CNR in Winnipeg. Stewart graduated from high school in 1922 and went to work for the Soldiers Settlement Board (A War Veterans Organization) similar to the DVA following WWII.

He worked for a group of doctors from the Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg, one of whom was an Ophthalmologist who suggested to Stewart that he study and become an Optician. He took this advice and started what became a long successful career in that chosen vocation.

In his early years he specialized in the production and fitting of artificial eyes ; mainly for war veterans. He gave some rather graphic descriptions of this important work, describing how the technology grew & advanced over time, particularly with the advent of plastic eyes with sophisticated fittings, etc., which resulted.

Stewart came to Edmonton in 1936 and joined the Imperial Optical Company, where he became Manager of that organization before his retirement. He has been a member of the Gyro Club of Edmonton for 54 years and was club President in 1962-63. He remains an active Gyro and is a regular attender. He took many leadership roles within the club for many years, accompanied by his lovely Gyrette Helena. He is a very modest quiet spoken man with a delightful sense of humour, who can best be described as a fine Gyro gentleman.

In celebration of his 90th birthday, President Barry Walker presented him with a Classic Gyroscope suitably engraved, as a birthday gift from the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

Our thanks to program team leader Allan Warrack & members for their "surprise" program and to Allan Ursulak and Stewart Graham for their most interesting and humorous biographical self portraits!

Cash Draw - the lucky winner at our last meeting was **Garry Diment**. We are not sure whether Garry Was given the loot or if Ernie Siegel put the grabs on it for "golf prizes."

Obituary - We recently learned with regret, of the death of John Stroppa's mother, Mrs. Pierina Sedran on 13 July 1994 in Winnipeg, Manitoba at age 93.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to John & Yvette Stroppa and all family members.

Vox Pop - 'Tis education that forms the common mind, just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined. (Gerry Glassford)

The Golden Rule is of no use whatever - unless you realize it is your move. (Padre Bill Graham)

The toughest test of self control is to listen to someone describing the same ailment you have - and not to mention it. (Dave Duchak)

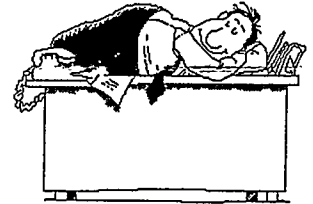
The most important single ingredient in the formula of success, is the knack of getting along with people.
(Theodore Roosevelt)

Friendship is life's umbrella. (Gord Rennie)

Laughter is the best medicine - Returning from a trip to Europe, Mark Twain became annoyed as a customs official rummaged through his baggage. "My good friend," the author exclaimed, "you don't have to mix up all my things, there are only clothes in there - nothing but clothes." But the suspicious fellow kept rooting around until he hit upon something hard. He pulled out a quart of the finest quality bourbon. "You call this just clothes?" cried the official. "Sure thing," Twain replied calmly. "That is my night cap."

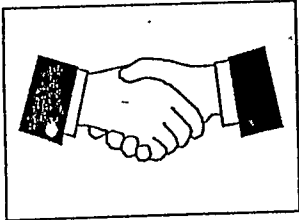
This is how I feel when I'm trying to get the Gyrolog ready...

And this is how I feel when I'm finished!!!



OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 1994, AT 12.00 NOON. AT THE MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB.
PROGRAM TEAM No.18, WITH TEAM LEADER TONY SHEPPARD & MEMBERS DAVID BURNETT & DEAN PATERSON IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS. CONTENT OF PROGRAM NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME - BUT WITH THE A/M PERSONNEL IT SHOULD BE GOOD! - see you there - (ghr)

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