



THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

President

Jack Brown
Res. 434-0392

*Meeting held on Tuesday 17th of September 2007
The Royal Mayfair Golf Club*

1st Vice-President

John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011

President Jack Brown welcomed 34 Gyros and guest Bruce Houston to our meeting at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club, including our newest member **Luc Lascelle**.

2nd Vice-President

Leon Lubin
Res. 454-9712

Cheerio was led by **Dick Nichols** and *Grace* was offered by **Peter Fairbridge**.

Imm.Past

President
Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925

President Jack reported on the successful Corn Roast and thanked all the participants and organizers for their help.

Bernie Crow circulated a copy of the Calgary Gyro bulletin **GYRODEO** which provided a glowing write up on the Gyro District Convention held in Edmonton.

Secretary

Barry Walker
Res. 475-0983

GYRO MEMBER Luc Lascelle provided a brief personal introduction: Luc was born in New Brunswick. He worked as a Youth Care Worker for 20 years and has been involved with international youth organizations. Luc has traveled extensively, and also lived in Brasil. The Bulletin Editor found his Portuguese as good as the Editors. Luc indicated that he is very good at camp guitar and camp fire cowboy songs.....Ooooooooooooooooooooo

Treasurer

Mike Matei
Res. 930-1780

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker, our own Gyro Larry Wang was introduced by Gerry Glassford. Larry gave a very interesting presentation on the Ecological Conservancy Outreach Fund. Larry has been involved with this project in China since his retirement from the University in 2000.

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Larry's presentation was truly fascinating as it covered the rehabilitation of devastated areas in China including Beijing. Currently, there are 12 ongoing projects in China which cover diverse areas including:

- Flood Control due to silt accumulation with the participation of the Chinese Academy for Forestry
- The planting of mulberry trees for silk production, which in turn increased the local farmers income by 40% and provided a generous income to the villagers, who are very poor;
- Planting of fast growing bamboo trees to prevent erosion which in turn provides four to five times the income than rice plantation;
- The use of soil from the subway construction for land preservation.

Larry also indicated that the success of this project is due to:

- Private Donors
- Strong network with all levels of Chinese government
- Strong technical support from the University of Alberta
- Education of local farmers

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- Project sustainability and volunteer co-operation

Another interesting aspect of the project is that the Chinese hold Canadians in very high esteem; as a matter of fact, Larry indicated that the Chinese treated Larry and his team as the new Dr. Norman Bethune.

Larry was thanked by Allan Rusler.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

OCTOBER 2ND MEETING:

Leon Lubin informed the Club that Bryan Hall will be our guest speaker at this meeting – which he hopes will be interesting with a lively question and answer period.

FOUNDER'S NIGHT – Wednesday Evening October 17th.

Joint Event – Sherwood Park Gyro Club

Location: German Canadian Cultural Centre, 8310 Roper Road

Phone: 466 – 4007

Happy Hour: 6:00 pm, Smorgasbord Buffet at 7:00 pm

Cost \$ 20.00, cash bar

Contact: Fred Schulte

This event will replace our regular luncheon meeting of October 16th.

Mike Matei wishes to announce that the District VIII Curl-A-Rama is scheduled for November 2-4 in Banff. We would like to field 2 teams to go down this year, so please mark your calendar if you are interested. We will pass around a sign up sheet at the next meeting on October 2nd. Cost is expected to be about \$210.00 which will include 2 night accommodations, Friday night hospitality evening of food and drinks, 2 breakfasts, and a Saturday night banquet dinner. You will also be guaranteed at least 3 games (6 ends each).

The October Meeting of the Edmonton Gyrette Club will be held on Tuesday, October 9 at the Royal Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Cocktails will begin at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The program will be a presentation by Vonnie Zuppin, niece of Julie Ewoniak on Understanding Tourette's Syndrome. Vonnie will use a power-point format to illustrate her presentation. For further information, please contact: Elaine Douglas, Tel: 448-7205. Email: epdouglas@shaw.ca

TODAY IN HISTORY – The Edmonton Journal, August 22nd 1922

The first Gyro Park in Edmonton is opened by its sponsor, the Gyro Club, a city service club. Patricia Gyro Playground on 95th Street is now known as Giovanni Caboto Park.

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