



# THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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Our March 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting was held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. President **Fred Schulte** welcomed 25 Gyros and four guests on a cloudy but glorious day in Edmonton. **John Ross** led Cheerio and **'Dutch' Hoeksema** asked the blessing.

President Fred introduced our newest member **Aurelio Fernandes** and welcomed our guest speaker **Jim Hutton**. **'Dutch' Hoeksema** introduced his guest **David Dyck**, **Mike Matei** introduced his guest **Frank Power** and **David Burnett** introduced his son and guest **Rob Burnett**.

Those celebrating birthdays in March are **Alan Rusler** and **Aurelio Fernandes** on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Roy Bennett** on the 17<sup>th</sup>, **Ernie Siegel** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Barry Walker** on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

The March anniversaries are **Peter and Margaret Butler**, 33 years on March 15<sup>th</sup>; **Tony and Emily Sheppard**, 44 years on March 16<sup>th</sup>; **Mike and Sharon Matei**, 18 years on March 18<sup>th</sup>; **Geoff and Diane Brewer**, 28 years on March 24<sup>th</sup>; and **Greg and Julia Scherf**, 21 years on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**President Fred** congratulated **John Ross** as a member of Gyro for 25 years and presented him with his 25 year pin.

**Mike Matei** reported that a very successful Bocce tournament and dinner was held at the Italian Cultural Centre on the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup>. Twenty members from the Edmonton Club were in attendance along with five members from the St. Albert Gyro Club. The trophy went to the winning team of **Alan Rusler, Bill Clarke, Sam Gruden and Barry Walker**. Many thanks to **Victor Jagoldas** and **Mike Matei** for organizing this important interclub event.

**David Burnett** reported that the **Walker's** and the **Burnett's** attended a Gyro/Gyrette meeting of the Cranbrook Gyro Club on Wednesday evening March 14<sup>th</sup> to promote our District VIII Convention on August 9-12, 2007. Two members of the Cranbrook Club paid their registration fees for the convention.

Eleven couples from our Club attended the **District VIII Interim Convention** in Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C. March 16-18. This Convention was very well organized and was attended by over 150 Gyro's and Gyrette's. Our Club hosted the Saturday afternoon regalia to promote our District VIII Convention to be held August 9-12, 2007. We now have 97 people registered and our experience is that we can expect a number of additional registrations in the next little while as people take home the information and check their calendars.

Members of the Edmonton Club plan to visit the Regina Gyro Club at a mixed event on April 17<sup>th</sup> and attend a mixed event in Lethbridge on May 5<sup>th</sup> to promote our convention. There are presently 18 out of 55 couples registered from our club and it is our expectation that all Gyro's/Gyrette's that are helping to organize the convention will be in attendance.

**One final reminder; on May 1<sup>st</sup> the cost of registration for the Convention will increase \$50 per couple to \$445.**

In addition, May 1<sup>st</sup> is also the deadline for ordering our new convention shirts, either the crimson golf shirts or the blue jean shirts at \$40 each. **Barry Walker** plans to bring sample shirts to the next meeting, if any one wants to check sizes.

**Walter Yakimets** advised that the **Annual Elections Night** will be held on Tuesday evening **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 6pm in Kelly's Saloon, Fort Edmonton. A BBQ steak dinner will be served by Elizabethan Caterers and the cost is \$50. Please advise Walter by phone at 438-1406 or Gord Robertson at 486-1240 to confirm your attendance. The deadline to confirm the number of Gyro's attending is March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Jack Ellis** reported on the Health of the Club and advised that **Dave Duchak** is recovering well and hopes to be out to the next meeting.

Past District Governor, **Gerry Glassford** carried out the Induction ceremony with the assistance of sponsor, Walter Yakimets for our new member **Aurelio Fernandes**. Aurelio was then welcomed personally by each member in attendance.

President **Fred** advised the members that the prescribed written notice of six weeks to the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 had been given in the Gyrolog dated January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Feedback to the proposed amendments has been generally positive with six responses received. Each of the issues, comments and suggested additional amendments were described by President Fred and three new amendments to the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 proposal were presented for approval.

The membership approved the three new amendments to Article IX-Finance, Fees and Dues, Clause 5a) and Article VIII- Club Meetings, Clauses 3 and 5.

**The Constitution and By-Laws Amended March 20, 2007 are now in effect.**

**Tony Sheppard** introduced our guest speaker **Jim Hutton** who is a Board Member of the **Centre for Family Literacy** and is also involved with the City Centre Education Project sponsored by the Edmonton Public Schools.

**Mr. Hutton** advised that we must focus more energy on literacy skills for people already living in Alberta as opposed to concentrating on bringing more workers in to the province. Many of the public assume that we have a high literacy rate of 99%. The sad reality is that 36% of Albertans do not have the literacy skills to perform simple tasks and 21% function at a level 2, below what is required for simple tasks.

Poor literacy skills are devastating. Complex instructions are not able to be read and can be hazardous to life. People with low literacy must rely on others to complete simple tasks. People with low literacy skills use up larger amounts of services from helping organizations and are more likely to end up in criminal activities at a huge cost to society.

Impacts can be seen in many special programs required by those with poor literacy. Poor literacy equals poor productivity. Additional costs are incurred and safety becomes a significant issue. Many people with poor literacy are homeless.

Literacy programs focus on the family as a platform for growth of literacy. Literate parents are more likely to raise literate children. Early childhood programs are a key element with emphasis on pre-kindergarten to grade three. Problems can be found in poor as well as professional families. For many families the Edmonton Classroom on Wheels is the only reading resource available to them.

Awareness must be raised to advance the cause for literacy as will improve the lives of everyone. Funding is a key issue and the Centre is always looking for volunteers in many capacities.

**Peter Butler** thanked our speaker on behalf of the members.

Thanks to the team of **Jack Ellis, Mike Matei, Peter Butler** and **Tony Sheppard** for organizing the luncheon speaker.

**Hockey Pool: Recent Winners**

Game 14  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> **Oilers vs. Detroit**

<b>First</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

Winners First Period      Winners Second Period

<b>Val Pohl</b>	Brenda Good
Sam Glassford	Sharon Shaw
Unsold	Unsold

Winners Third Period

Donna Duchak
Grace Burnett
<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>

## Hockey Pool

Game 15

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Oilers vs. Calgary

<b>First</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

### Winners First Period

H. Henderson

**Harry Kocil**

**Bill Taylor**

### Winners Second period

**Jack Brown**

Ida Chiarello

**Bill Taylor**

### Winners Third Period

Peter Faid

Lucas Burnett

Jean Morter

Game 16

March 9<sup>th</sup> Oilers vs. Ducks

<b>First</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

### Winners First Period

**Tom Chambers**

Scarlett Burnett

Unsold

### Winners Second Period

Gordon Brook

**Bruce Foy**

**Sam Gruden**

### Winners Third Period

Lauren Warrack

Doris Douglas

**Sam Gruden**

Game 17

March 17<sup>th</sup> Oilers vs. St. Louis

<b>First</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

### Winners First Period

Bev Nieman

Craig Russell

Unsold

### Winners Second Period

**Barry Walker**

Austin Power

Unsold

### Winners Third Period

**Tom Chambers**

Scarlett Burnett

Unsold

## Gyrette's

From **Nancy Clarke**: The next meeting of the Gyrette's will be held on Tuesday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**. **Carol Logan**, owner of Carol's Sweets will be the guest speaker and will make a presentation on the history of **Chocolate** including delights and mishaps.

## Upcoming Events

### **April 17<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting**

The guest speaker will be **Sheldon M. Pasichnyk**, Long Term Care Insurance Specialist with Sun Life Financial. Sheldon will be talking about Long Term Care Insurance which is a relatively new product. Simply put, it is coverage in case something happens to you and you can't look after yourself.

Team members: David Burnett, Greg Scherf and Tom Chambers

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Executive Installation Evening**

6:00 PM, Riverview Room, Shaw Conference Centre

Cost: \$65 per person with wine, \$55 without wine

Contacts: **Fred Schulte 434-0925** and **Larry Dobson 444-5111**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Gyro/Gyrette Luncheon Meeting**

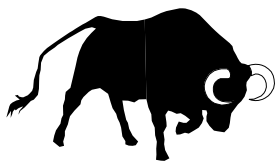
12:00 noon, Royal Mayfair Golf Club

Speaker: **Dr. Ray Rajotte** will speak on the Edmonton Protocol for the treatment of Diabetes.

Team Members: Gerry Glassford, John Mann and Ernie Siegel

President Fred advised the members that **Victor Jagoldas** has submitted his resignation effective March 7<sup>th</sup>. Victor wished to convey his best wishes to the general membership and for the Club's continued success.

Some New Bull



Fred and Bill