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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Alan Rusler** on the 3rd, **Sheldon Weatherby** on the 11th, **Barry Walker** on the 29th and **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema, 70** on the 30th.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Mike and Sharon Matei**, 31 years on the 18th and **Peter Gommerud and Karen McNaughton**, 36 years on the 24th.

SECOND POSTING

Henry “Hank” Mottl has applied for membership in our club. **Hank** and his partner **Carmen Pulak** live at **22061 TWP RD 512, Sherwood Park, AB T8E 1G8**. His phone number is **780-922-6299** and email address is **hank.mottl@gmail.com**. **Hank** is President of dV/dt Inc. **Taras Chmil** and **Bob Bahniuk** propose him.

The Gyro Club of Edmonton Website has been in place since **September 2018** It is our hope that the information posted in the website has proven to be useful to our membership and the larger Gyro community.

Peter Carter, our Webmaster has advised that only 50% of Gyros/Gyrettes have signed in for access to our MEMBERS ONLY SECURE 'Log In' Page of our Club's Website. There is some great information on this page, including the Roster Information which is continuously updated.

<https://www.edmontongyroclub.com>

Some feedback would be welcomed at this stage, including what you are using it for.

Please advise **Peter Carter** and in addition indicate any additions or improvements that could be made to the website.

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Second Vice-President, Dunc Mills welcomed 30 Gyros, new member applicant, **Hank Mottl** and our guest speaker to the March 3rd luncheon meeting held at the University (Faculty) Club. **Arv Hardin** led the singing of Cherio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

Dunc Mills provided information on his recent visit to **Mobile, Alabama** where the **first Mardi Gras was celebrated in 1703**. It was revived after the Civil War when citizen Joe Cain, fed up with post-war misery, led an impromptu parade down city streets. Mobile has been doing it ever since and they mark the annual occasion with majestic parades, colourful floats and flying Moon Pies. Mardi Gras celebrations begin two and a half weeks before Fat Tuesday and the Port City comes to life. Elaborate themed floats manned by masked mystic societies, mounted police and marching bands wind through downtown Mobile and surrounding areas, entertaining nearly a million revelers each year.

Dunc passed out various strings of coloured beads and packages of moon pies that have been made since 1917.

Daryl Dyck introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Kevin Engel, Optometrist** who resides in Lacombe Alberta. Dr. Engel is married with a family of three children and is an avid competitive water skier.

Dr. Engel advised that he had a cancer scare 10 years ago which would have drastically reduced his income. He wanted to have income even if he was sick and began to talk with people who had financial savvy. He also read several books including “Rich Dad, Poor Dad” and the “Canadian Real Estate Retirement Plan” to gain a better understanding of the real estate market.

Engel then focused on purchasing four houses that provided rental income of \$50-60,000 per year. He then ultimately acquired 68 rental properties. However, over the last two years rents have fallen and he needed to diversify again. This diversification included looking for property that still had a good cash flow in a “down market”.

Dr. Engel had avoided large commercial and residential properties because it is much easier to liquidate individual houses. He uses a property manager and has been able to establish a successful passive income generation in multiple streams. This approach has provided family security in the event he not able to rely on his optometry practice.

Bob Bahniuk thanked our speaker for his dynamic presentation.

Jim Lochhead was the Free Lunch winner.

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) 100th Anniversary Project

Allan Bolstad and **Project Manager, Nora Begoray** presented information on **The EFCL 100th Anniversary Project** at the January 7th, 2020 Luncheon Meeting.

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL), which represents 160 Community Leagues in Edmonton, will be 100 years old in 2021. To celebrate this milestone, the EFCL is working with the City of Edmonton on a significant upgrade to Hawrelak Park. The Project consists of two plaza spaces that anchor a man-made stream complete with pathways, interpretive nodes, seating opportunities, and interactive play elements.

The components of the project tell the story of the EFCL's history and celebrate the many contributions that this organization and its members have made to communities in the Edmonton area.

The Executive Committee met on January 21st and agreed to recommend to the membership that \$1000 be donated to the EFCL 100th Anniversary Project from the Benevolence Fund in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

An email polling of the membership on March 16 and 17 resulted in a majority vote responding in the affirmative with no votes against.

The GYRO CLUB of EDMONTON FUND

In January 2007, an **Ad Hoc Benevolence Fund Committee** was established to develop a long-term plan for the management of this fund. The Committee completed their work in January 2008 and recommended that the club continue to support children through the building of playgrounds. The best use of the club's Benevolence Fund would be to establish an endowment fund managed by the Edmonton Community Foundation. The existing Lee Community

Playspace Fund would be used as our field of interest and a new **Gyro Club of Edmonton Fund** would be set up. The annual interest generated by this fund would be used to provide playground equipment to upgrade those Edmonton inner-city community play spaces that are fully open to the public.

A formal fund agreement was signed with the **Edmonton Community Foundation** on **April 15th, 2008** with a contribution of \$16,500. Tribute gifts given to honour departed Gyro Club members and interest accruing to the fund had increased its value to over \$21,000 in 2011. An additional \$4000 was donated to the fund in 2013.

The balance of the fund at the beginning of 2019 was **\$39,788**. Donations received were \$2057, net investment income was \$4,393 grants were \$1590, operating expenses were \$314, leaving a balance at the end of 2019 Of **\$44,334**. Funds available to grant in 2020 are **\$1,773**.

Past President Bruce Swanson moved, and **Larry Dobson** seconded the motion on March 19th to recommend a **Proposed Slate of Officers for May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021**. Members were asked to respond to the motion by email. A majority of the members have responded in the affirmative with no objections.

Approved Slate of Officers

May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

President	Chuck Gerhart
1 st Vice-President	Dunc Mills
2 nd Vice-President	Bob Bahniuk
Past President	Bruce Swanson
Secretary	Barry Walker
Treasurer	Gary Campbell
Directors	Doug Armstrong (1st Year) Ray Dallaire (1st Year) Dan Hasinoff (1st Year) Ron Trant (2nd Year)
Ex-Officio	Fred Schulte

The proposed **Budget for 2020-21 (May 1-2020-April 30, 2021)** was considered by the Board of Directors on February 18th. The Motion to recommend approval of the budget to the members was moved by **Treasurer, Gary Campbell** and seconded by **Bob Bahniuk**. **This budget is balanced with no increase in dues.**

Members were asked in an email on March 21st to consider the budget proposal and vote on the motion. **A majority of the members have voted to approve the budget and there were no objections.**

Editor's Note: It is with personal sadness that I acknowledge the passing of **Bryan Flanigan, 2nd VP of Gyro international on March 23rd in Concord, Ohio.** I met Bryan at the Gyro International Convention in Reno, Nevada last June. He and I shared stories on the history of our clubs. Bryan indicated that the Gyro Headquarters in Painesville, Ohio still had numerous paper files on most of the Gyro Clubs in North America. Bryan sent me original copies of our Edmonton Club Roster from the 1940's and 1950's as well as copies of our club Charter application in 1921. This information will be used to document and celebrate our 100th Club Anniversary in July 2021.

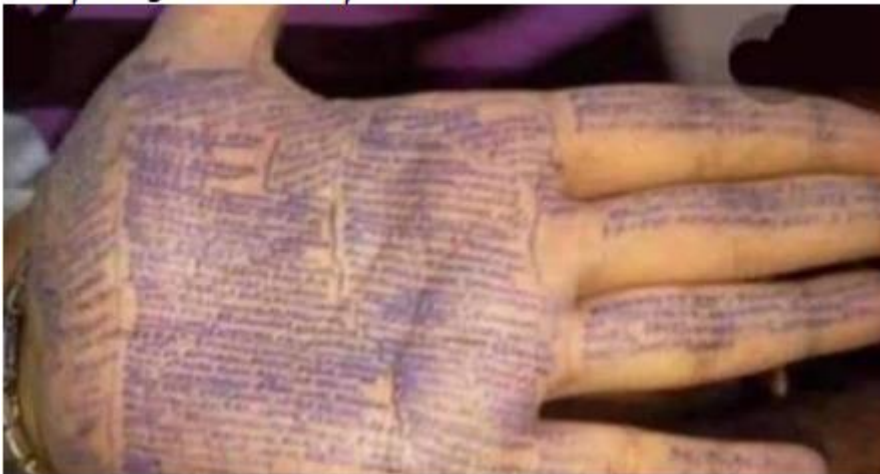
Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.

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BUTT COIN

Washed my hands so much that I found the answers
to my 7th grade History Test





I asked a Walmart worker where I could find the nuts.

He said they're in the toilet paper aisle.



Dick Nichols reports on the Hockey Pool Winners.

Game 16 February 29	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Jets				
First Period	1 0	Jenelle McManus	Dan Hasinoff	Jack Little
Second	2 2	Garry Campbell	Scarlett Burnett	Brian Scranton
Final	3 2	Dick Nichols	Dick Nichols	Lana Mrochuk

Game 17 March 5	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Blackhawks				
First Period	0 1	Ray Dallaire	Dean Larson	Gary Campbell
Second	1 4	Eileen Kuhl	Gary Campbell	Mike Matei
Final (OT)	3 4	Ron McDnald	Unsold	Unsold

“Fast Fred”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, April 7th
Officers Elections and Stars Ambulance Speaker
CANCELLED

Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet, Mixed Event, University (Faculty) Club, April 25th
Executive Officers and Directors Installation
POSTPONED

District VIII Convention, Medicine Hat, Alberta, May 28-31
Host: Stampede City Gyro Club
CANCELLED

Gyro International Convention, Victoria, British Columbia, June 9-13
Host: Victoria Gyro Club
CANCELLED