



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

President-Ron Trant, Past President-Dunc Mills

1st Vice-President-Jack Bowen, 2nd Vice-President Martin Marshall

Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-David Burnett,

**Directors- Dan Hasinoff, Bruce Foy, Jim Lepp, Sheldon Weatherby
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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Dan Hasinoff** on the 5th, **Dick Nichols, 85 years** on the 8th, **Ken Willan** on the 9th, **Ron Trant, 65 years** on the 22nd, **Terry Mowbrey, 85 years** on the 23rd and **Jack Ellis** on the 25th.

Bruce and Bronwyn Swanson celebrated their **45th wedding anniversary** on February 8th.

Lt. Governor Dunc Mills welcomed 45 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the Annual Valentines Party held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club on January 7th.

Heinrich Grosskopf presented the Grace.

We were treated to a three-course dinner of borscht soup, stuffed chicken or salmon and a tasty red Valentines cake.





President Ron Trant gave a brief history of Valentines:

The saint we celebrate on **Valentine's Day** is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because "Valentinus"—from the Latin word for worthy, strong, or powerful—was a popular moniker between the second and eighth centuries.

English poet **Geoffrey Chaucer** published "Parliament of Fowls," a poem declaring Valentine's Day as the time where birds choose their mates. The poem seemingly sparked a tradition for lovers to send romantic letters to each other during bird mating season. These messages, called valentines, grew in popularity, and were mass-produced by the late 1700s.

Saint Valentina, Saint-Valentine, martyred 308. Christian virgin martyr from Caesarea, Palestine. Burnt on an altar tied to her sister Saint Thea in 308 AD.

Valentine is also known as the Patron Saint of beekeepers and epilepsy.

There are several different dates besides February 14th in which Valentines is celebrated. In Wales, it is celebrated on January 25th, In Argentina, the Week of Sweetness is celebrated in July and in Spain, the Day of Love is held on October 9th.

Dunc Mills reported on his visit to Wallace, Idaho on February 3rd to install the new Executive and Directors of the **Wallace Gyro Club**.

Wallace, founded in 1884, is the principal town of the Coeur d'Alene silver-mining district, which produced more silver than any other mining district in the United States.

The Wallace Gyro Club **received their charter in 1934** and is the last of the Gyro Club's operating in the U.S portion of District VIII. Kellogg and Coeur d'Alene Idaho, and Spokane, Washington were previous clubs.

The club currently has 38 members ranging in age from the mid 20's to the mid 80's. This is a remarkable age spread given the total population of 850 in Wallace. In the last year, five new members have joined with only one resignation.

2023 Wallace Executive

Scott Leitch – President

Jeremy Waterson – Vice-President

Max Storch – Secretary

Hunter Gust – Treasurer

Dustin Howell – Historian

Directors

Bill Scudder

Dan Hussey

Dustin Howell

Jim Striker

John Jordan

New Members for 2022

Hunter Gust

Trevor Harshman

Larry Wilburn

Charlie Roberts

Max Storch

One of the more interesting tourist sites is the **Oasis Bordello Museum**. The Bordello was shut down by hundreds of FBI agents in 1988, because it was the only one still illegally operating in the USA. The exception of course were those allowed to operate legally in Nevada.



The Lead Creek Derby has been held annually since 1942 and is organized by the Wallace Gyro Club. A large, inflated plastic ball is dropped into the South fork of the Coeur d'Alene River in Mullan and floats downstream to Wallace with the help of brave Gyros who must climb down the slippery slopes to extract the ball wedged in bushes or trees. Each buyer of the derby ticket is assigned a time when the ball may reach the finish line. The first prize is 50 Silver Rounds.

In June 2022, **22,000 one-dollar tickets were sold**. The finds raised by the Gyros are used to fund scholarships for grade 12 students graduating from Wallace and Mullan High Schools, as well as other civic and youth activities.



**The Gyro Lead Creek Derby ball approaching the finish line in Wallace.
June 17, 2017- Edmonton Gyros watching from the bridge.
Winning time was 3 hours and 22 minutes.**



Cathy Johnson, Carol Dobson, and Bronwyn Swanson led the merry group with two Valentine-themed games. The first game was the **Valentine Word Scramble**, and each table was given a couple of minutes to complete the task. Table No.1 completed their work in record time while many others were glad to get a few unscrambled within the time limit.

The second event was described as **Blowing Kisses**, but it required two skills, successfully blowing up a small balloon and then releasing the air carefully to push a plastic glass to the centre of the table where Valentine candy awaited. Many balloons became airborne and had to be inflated again.

Members of Table No.1 again proved their game worthiness and received chocolates and wine for their winning efforts.

Kudos to Ron and Theresa Trant, Marty and Shirley Larson, Leon and Jo-Anne Lubin, Georg Schuller, and Karin Conradi!

Thanks to Cathy Johnson, Carol Dobson, Bronwyn Swanson, and Dunc Mills for organizing this special event!

Resident Ron Trant welcomed 17 Gyros to the February 21st luncheon meeting held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club.

Our Club's memberships' median age is approaching 80! Is that okay or should we do something different. What will our club look like in 5 years?

Some of the group discussion conclusions included:

Future Vision> We would like to see the average age of membership reduced to 50-55 by 2030 through recruitment of new members.

Recruitment> Members are encouraged to bring guests and friends to meetings. No one could explain why this hasn't been happening.

Club Sustainability> There are many benefits from belonging to a supportive group of friends. A variety of different activities and mixed events help keep it interesting fun.

Gary Campbell won the Free Lunch draw.





Gyro Club of Edmonton-Gerontology Scholarships 2023

In the mid-1980's to mid-1990's, funds were contributed by the Gyro Club of Edmonton, and individual members with matching funds from the province to establish the [Centre for Gerontology Fund](#) at the University of Alberta. This endowment fund currently provides yearly; one undergraduate scholarship of \$1,000 and a Masters of \$1700 and a PhD scholarship of \$1800.

The winners of this year's scholarships are:

- Gyro Club Doctoral Scholarship in Aging \$1800
Fernanda Dal Pizzol, Faculty of Nursing- Long-term goal focuses on developing an academic career as a professor and researcher in the field of aging.
- Gyro Club Masters Scholarship in Aging \$1700
Lauren Painchaud, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine- Occupational Therapy-Long-term goal is to work in long-term care specifically supporting client- care inspired by the ideology behind dementia villages.
- Gyro Club Undergraduate Scholarship in Aging \$1000
Zachary Klarenbach, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry-Physiology, Long-term goal is to become a geriatrician, working with older adults in cancer care and radiation therapy.

Dick Nichols reports on the [Hockey Pool Winners](#).

Game 11 January 19	<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs Lightning				
First Period	0 2	Myrna Slobodan Jack Little	Bronwyn Swanson	
Second	1 3	Gary Campbell	Jim Lepp	Don Greig
Final	2 0	Kherington Baird	Janice N. Molofy	Hugo Hess

Game 12 January 25 Winners First Period Second Final

Oilers vs Blue Jackets

First Period	0	1	Sheldon Weatherby	Bruce Foy	Allan Warrack
Second	2	1	Sarra Dobson	Fred Schulte	Margo Long
Final	2	3	Dean Larson	Janice Nichols Molofy	Ray Dallaire

Game 13 February 9 Winners First Period Second Final

Oilers vs Flyers

First Period	0	1	Elaine Douglas	Chuck Gerhart	Marty Larson
Second	1	0	Ashley Miller	Leon Lubin	Myrna Gerhart
Final	1	2	Jack Ellis	Rebecca Warrack	Morgan Burnett

Game 14 February 17 Winners First Period Second Final

Oilers vs Rangers

First Period	4	1	Sharon French	Trish Baird	Jennifer Foy
Second	0	1	Leon Lubin	Lawrence Zalasky	Jeff Larson
Final	0	3	Jennifer Baird	Kasper Bundschuh	Dan Hasinoff

“Fast Fred”

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Luncheon Meeting, Derrick Golf and Winter Club.
March 8th.

Speaker: Dr. Robert A. Creaser, PhD. Professor, Faculty of Science – Earth & Atmosphere Sciences.

Topic: Plate Tectonics and the recent earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.

Team Leader: Dan Hasinoff

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, March 21st.
Annual General Meeting: Approval of Annual Budget, Election of Officers and Directors.

Team leaders: David Burnett and Dunc Mills

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Mixed Event, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, April 4th.

Speaker: Dr. James Shapiro, MD PhD

Topic: Autologous Stem Cell Islet Transplants for Diabetes: A first-in-Human Trial Presentation.

Team Leader: Marty Larson

Tuesday Evening Mixed Event, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, April 18th.

Topic: Installation of Officers and Directors.

Speaker: Tim Cartmell, Ward 9 Councillor.

Team Leaders: Ron Trant and Mike Matei

Gyro District VIII Convention, Thursday, July 27-Sunday July 30
Deerfoot Inn & Casino Convention Centre, Calgary

Ken Baker, Convention Chairman, Calgary Gyro Club.

Gyro International Gyro District VII Convention, “Summer Nights & Northern Lights” August 23-27 Winnipeg

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