



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

**Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921**

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## **JANUARY 2016**

Those celebrating birthdays are **John Ross** and **Cliff Revell** on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Arv Hardin** on the 8<sup>th</sup>, **John Boyd** and **Jim Lochhead** on the 26<sup>th</sup>, **Bob Kerrison** on the 28<sup>th</sup> and **Jack Brown** on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **SECOND POSTING**

**Daniel (Dan) Hasinoff** has applied for membership in our club. **Dan** and his wife **Sandy** reside at **#4- 409 Hunters Green, NW, T6R 2Z1**. Their telephone number is **780-435-2871** and email address is [hasinoff@telus.net](mailto:hasinoff@telus.net) **Dan** is a retired Pediatrician and is proposed by **Allan Warrack** and **John Boyd**.

**President Jack Little** welcomed 35 Gyros and one guest to the January 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. The singing of Cheerio was not led by anyone in particular and was not that impressive! **David Burnett** presented the Grace.

**Bob Kerrison** introduced our speaker, **Dean Heuman**, Co-owner of Focus Communications, Vice-President RWE Events and Executive Producer of the Edmonton Air Show. Dean is a senior strategist whose skills lie in understanding and analyzing information, and creating results-oriented plans for clients. He has more than 30 years of diverse experience in marketing, public relations, fundraising and project management. He and his wife have owned Focus Communication for the past 14 years.

Dean has long been involved in events in Edmonton, both in his job and personal life and sees the value of people coming together to celebrate. As part of RWE Events, Dean and his team organized the festival events downtown that coincided with the Edmonton Indy. More recently, in addition to the 2015 Edmonton Airshow, they also organized Santa's Parade of Lights in November, the first outdoor holiday parade in Edmonton.

Dean indicated that Alberta has a long and proud history of supporting aviation. In 1950, 158,000 people attended the largest airshow in Canada at Lancaster Field (Namao). The last airshow held in the Edmonton Region was at the Edmonton International Airport in 2001. Airshows are no longer held at the large commercial airports for safety and operational reasons.

RWE (Race Weekend) Events with the agreement of the County of Sturgeon and Edmonton Airports (Edmonton Regional Airports Authority) decided to focus on the **Villeneuve Airport** located northwest of St. Albert. The airport runway had been lengthened to 5000 feet to accommodate an alternative medivac site. Typically, it would take 14-18 months of lead time to create a new airshow. RWE completed the work in just seven months. This airshow was designed to be different and was built from an audience point of view. The decision-making group was kept small at five so that the vision was never lost. There had been some recent extreme events such as the Red Bull Crashed Ice Event at the Shaw Conference Centre which attracted large crowds over a short period of time. The organizers hired "known flying acts" who were guaranteed to excite the audiences. Young kids were wanted in the audience. A two-day event was planned, with a three-hour airshow each day. Great care was taken to entertain the crowds the rest of the day with bouncy castles and motorcycle stunt shows,

music and guest aircraft such as a working B-25 bomber. Free parking was provided along with numerous food trucks and sanitation facilities. Access and parking could be your “undoing” and it almost was with long vehicle lines attempting to access the site.

Ticket sales were capped at 25,000 over the two days and it still became one of the five top airshows in Canada. Eighty-five percent of the attendees were from a 30-100 km distance. Revenue of \$500,000 was achieved in the inaugural year. “Title Sponsors” in the \$70,000 range are almost impossible to obtain for airshows but there were a number of \$5000 to \$15,000 sponsors.

The 2016 Edmonton Airshow, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will accommodate an expected attendance of 33,000 to 37,000. There will be more entertainers, more military involvement and more food trucks. An improved sound system and more music will be featured. Tickets will be \$25, \$20 for seniors and VIP seats with an improved view will be available for \$75.

Dean continued to answer numerous questions and **Bob Kerrison** thanked him for an excellent presentation. The winner of the Free Lunch draw was **Peter Carter**.



**Yellow Thunder Harvard  
Formation Team**

flown by Alberta brothers David  
and Drew Watson



**Carol Pilon**, a professional wingwalker since 2000, experienced in dual wingwalking, formation wingwalking, night time pyro wingwalking and excels at solo wingwalking.

**President Jack Little** welcomed 37 Gyros and two guests, our speaker **Dr. Adriana Davies** and **Stephen Yakimets** to our January 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club.

**John Ross** introduced our newest member **Len Evenson**, a retired Obstetrician who has had a long medical career in Alberta. Among many initiatives, Dr. Evenson was a member of the Alberta Medical Association Committee on Reproductive Care (RCC) along with **Dr. John Boyd** of our club. The RCC in its many years of service from 1936 to 2004 collected a storehouse of information about pregnancies and maternal and infant health, and compiled it arduously. As a result, Alberta to this day has one of the most complete and accurate databases on pregnancy and maternal health in the world, and impressively low rates of maternal and infant death and illness.



**Past District Governor Gerry Glassford** had the privilege of inducting **Len Evenson** into the Gyro Club of Edmonton in company with his sponsor **Leon Lubin**.



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**Len Evenson**

**Warren Garbutt** introduced our guest speaker **Dr. Adriana Davies** who was born in Grimaldi, Italy and emigrated to Canada with her family to Edmonton in 1951. She received a BA (English and French) in 1965; and an MA in English in 1967. Dr. Davies went to England to pursue doctoral studies supported by a Canada Council grant and received her PhD in 1971. In 1980 she returned to Edmonton and became the Science and Technology Editor of the Canadian Encyclopedia. In 1984 Dr. Davies joined the staff at the University of Alberta and worked as an editor and instructional designer in the Faculty of Extension. In 1999, she became the founding Executive Director of the Heritage Community Foundation, a charitable trust with the mandate to link people with heritage through discovery and learning. She conceptualized and developed the **Alberta Online Encyclopedia**, a centennial legacy project valued at over \$8 million in cash and \$43 million in intellectual property.

The topic of Dr. Davies presentation was *Women's Suffrage in Alberta and the "Persons Case"*.

During the First World War, the wives of influential men and the professional classes became actively involved assisting in the war effort replacing the men who were overseas. These educated women were also influenced by other social forces such as the rise of the temperance movement and agrarian prairie populism like the United Farmers. As confidence in the male dominated political system faded, western women could no longer accept their inability to vote. Immigrants from Scandinavia and the Western U.S.A. also brought with them their belief in "suffrage" (the right of voting in political elections).

In 1913, a group of about 150 women, who called themselves the Edmonton Political Equality League, marched on Alberta's legislature to petition Liberal Premier Arthur Sifton for the right to vote. *"Did you ladies wash up your luncheon dishes before you came down here to ask me for the vote?"* He asked them. *"If you haven't, you'd better go home because you're not going to get any votes from me."*

A year later, a group of men and women led by suffrage spokes-woman **Nellie McClung**, made a similar appearance at the Manitoba legislature. Premier Rodmond Roblin was equally dismissive. Two years later on January 28, 1916, women in Manitoba won the right to vote. Manitoba became the first province to allow suffrage for men and women, Saskatchewan followed on March 14<sup>th</sup> and Alberta on April 19<sup>th</sup>. In 1917, when Albertans went to the polls and women cast their ballots for the first time in a Canadian provincial election, **Louise McKinney** and **Roberta MacAdams** became the first two women elected to any legislature in the British Empire. (editor's note: much of the information in the preceding two paragraphs was taken from Paula Simons commentary "How Far We've Come" in the Edmonton Journal of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016).

**The Famous Five** were five Alberta women who asked the Supreme Court of Canada to answer the question, Does the word 'Persons' in Section 24 of the British North America Act, 1867, include female persons?" in the case *Edwards v. Canada (Attorney General)*

The five women, **Emily Murphy, Irene Marryat Parlby, Nellie Mooney McClung, Louise Crummy McKinney and Henrietta Muir Edwards**, created a petition to ask this question. They sought to have women legally considered persons so that women could be appointed to the Senate. The petition was filed on August 27, 1927 and on April 24, 1928 the Supreme Court in a unanimous decision denied

the request. This judgement was overturned by the British Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on October 18, 1929. This case became known as the **"Persons Case"**. Although Canadian women (white British/Canadian citizens) had the vote in many provinces and in federal elections by 1929, the case was part of a continent-wide drive for political equality, coming seven years after suffrage in the United States was achieved through the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Notwithstanding the steady progress to allow women to vote in each province, resistance from the church and provincial leaders in Quebec denied the vote until 1940. In 1960 Aboriginal women were given the right to vote by Prime Minister. John Diefenbaker.



**Jack Brown** thanked our speaker for her presentation on a great historical achievement in Alberta.

The winner of the Free Lunch draw was **Jack Ellis**.

The Edmonton Gyro Club along with individual members contributed funds to establish the **Centre of Gerontology Fund** at the University of Alberta. This endowment fund currently provides yearly; one undergraduate scholarship of \$700, and a Masters and PhD scholarship each of \$1200.

This year's recipient of the graduate scholarship at the PhD level is **Sharon Anderson**, who is completing her 5<sup>th</sup> year in Human Ecology (Aging). Her thesis topic deals with the relationships between married couples after a stroke. She is also especially interested in researching further the interactions between families with older adults and the healthcare system.

**Melissa Crozier** is completing her first year in the Masters of Nursing program. She has been a registered nurse for 13 years working solely in the continuing care program. Her research is focused on preventing pressure ulcers for the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre.

**Karl Narvacin** is a first year Med student and has been doing undergraduate research on brain development and age, working with people experiencing dementia. Karl has founded HealthLINK initiative which connects new immigrants to health care services.

**Diana Bark** is a second year Med student who is doing an undergraduate research project entitled: "Technology Evaluation in the Elderly Network Training Program." She also volunteers as an English teacher for new Canadians.

Two undergraduate scholarships were offered this year because no undergraduate applications were received last year.

**Marty Larson** and **Fred Schulte** presented these scholarships on January 27<sup>th</sup> in the offices of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine at Corbett Hall.



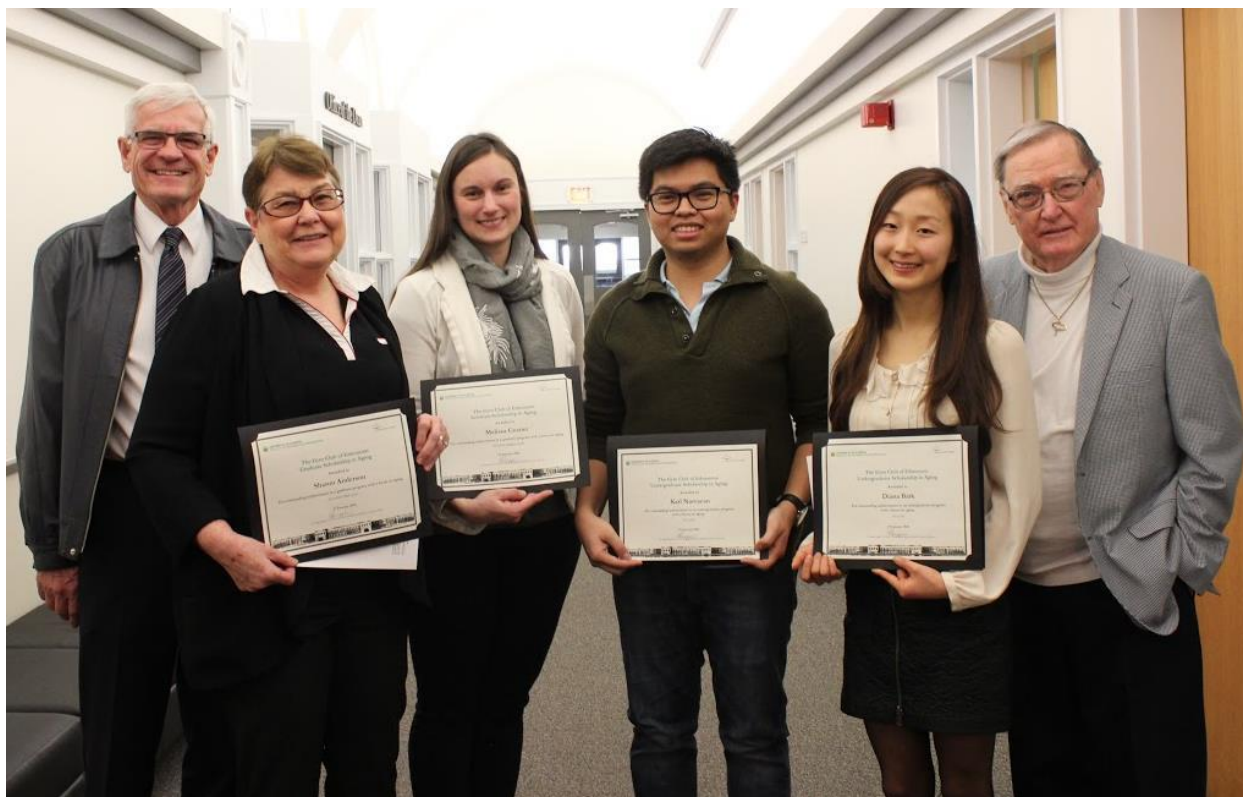


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Fred Schulte [Sharon Anderson](#) [Melissa Crozier](#) [Karl Narvacin](#) [Diana Bark](#) Marty Larson

**Dick Nichols** reports on the results of the Hockey Pool.

Game 8 December 27 Winners First Period Second Final

**Oilers vs. Flames**

<b>First</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Jack Slobodan</b>	<b>Alan Rusler</b>	<b>Jean Morter</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Arlene Dagg	B. Weisberger	D. Sieben
<b>Final</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Larry George</b>	Unsold	Unsold

Game 9 January 4 Winners First Period Second Final

**Oilers vs. Hurricanes**

<b>First</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Marg Foy</b>	<b>Marg Foy</b>	<b>Ken Korchinski</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sandy McDonald</b>	<b>Sandy McDonald</b>	<b>Carol Dobson</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Lawrence Zalasky	Lawrence Zalasky	<b>Marlene Burnett</b>

Game 10 January 14	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Sharks</b>				
<b>First</b>	<b>0 1</b>	<b>Jean Morter</b>	<b>Mort Morter</b>	<b>Mort Morter</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>1 1</b>	S. Hunt	<b>Care Mazzuca</b>	C. Seller
<b>Final</b>	<b>1 2</b>	Unsold	Bridget Connolly	Bridget Connolly

Game 11 January 23	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Predators</b>				
<b>First</b>	<b>1 1</b>	<b>Ari Hoeksema</b>	<b>Jack Little</b>	<b>Terrie Ellis</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>1 2</b>	Ron McDonald	A Sh	D. Leversedge
<b>Final</b>	<b>1 4</b>	Bill Austin	Eric Braun	Bernie Kropp

**'Fast Fred'**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, February 2nd**

Speakers: Larry Wall, Executive Director and Paulina Retamales

Topic: River Valley Alliance

Contacts: Jack Ellis and Alan Rusler

### **The Gyro Valentines Party, U. of A. Faculty Club, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 6:00 pm Reception/Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner

Menu: Choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Baked Filet of Salmon

Cost: \$45 per person, cash bar

Contacts: Bill Taylor and John Ross

### **Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club; March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Speakers: Margaret Miller, Director of Advancement, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta and John Voyer, Director, Advancement Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Topic: Translating Research in Elder Care (TREC)

Contacts: Fred Schulte, Cliff French and Arvid Hardin

### **District VIII Convention, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, May 26-29, 2016**

### **GYRO International Convention, Red Lake (Mackenzie Island), Ontario July 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**



## Friendship Rodeo



## Gyro District VIII Convention At Fairmont Hot Springs Resort May 26 to 29, 2016

# GYRO DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION - May 26 to 29, 2016

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Res) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note accommodation if not at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort (Phone 1-800-663-4979)

Please specify any special food requirements/allergies:

### REGISTRATION FEE (Canadian Funds but US is accepted – difference will be rebated):

\$ 299.00 (couple)      \$150.00(single)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Includes

- Dinner and Games Thursday
- Poker Run, Hospitality, Bocce, Dinner and Dancing Friday
- Business Meeting, Ladies Brunch on Saturday
- Hospitality, Banquet and Dance on Saturday evening
- Happy Trails Breakfast on Sunday

**Golf Tournament at Riverside Golf Club** - \$85.00 per Golfer (includes prizes and green fees)

Gyro Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a cart? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have preferred Tee Time? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Poker Run Car Rally**

Gyro \_\_\_\_\_ Partner \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bocce**

Gyro \_\_\_\_\_ Partner \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make cheque payable to District VIII Gyro and mail cheque and this form to: Ken Baker, 59 Woodgreen Dr. SW, Calgary, AB T2W 4G6**

Questions : Phone Ken at : 403-281-0920 or email : ken.baker65@gmail.com

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# Camp Gyro Registration

## Gyro International and District VII Convention 2016

Hosted by the McKenzie Island Club in Red Lake, Ontario

July 11-17, 2016

Gyro:	_____	Gyrette:	_____
Mailing Address:	_____	City:	_____
Province/State:	_____	Postal/Zip Code:	_____
Email:	_____	Phone:	_____
Gyro Club:	_____	District:	_____
Arrival Date:	_____	Departure Date:	_____

### Registration Fee

(Cheques payable to: The Gyro Club of McKenzie Island. U.S. Funds at par)

Early Bird (Reduced) until March 1, 2016

\$440.00 couple

\$220.00 single

After March 1, 2016

\$480.00 couple

\$240.00 single

All early bird registrations will be entered into a draw for an original Aboriginal Woodland painting.

### Accommodation

- A block of rooms has been reserved at the Super 8 Red Lake at a reduced rate of \$120.00 per night.
- To reserve please contact the Super 8 Red Lake, Ontario at 807-727-8888 and ask for the Gyro rate.
- Includes complimentary continental breakfast, parking and internet.

Contact Karen Pace, our Travel Specialist who will assist you with all of your travel needs.

She will be coordinating charter flights into Red Lake at substantial savings.

1-800-465-3305

### Submit Registration To:

Ted and Annwyl Shewchuk

Convention Chair

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See you at Camp Gyro!