



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

**Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921**

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## **DECEMBER 2012**

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Those celebrating their birthdays in December are **Sam Gruden** on the 1st, **Ron Ramsey** on the 3rd, **David Dyck** on the 5th, **Larry Dobson** on the 16th, **Gary Campbell** on the 17th, **Bill Taylor** on the 20th and **Chuck Gerhart** on the 24th. Those celebrating their anniversaries are **Cliff and Sharon French**, 49 years on the 20th; **Laurie and Lee Dennis**, 61 years on the 26th and **Ari and Kathryn Hoeksema**, 9 years on the 31st.

**Fred Schulte** welcomed 80 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the **Annual Christmas Party** held at the River View Room of the Shaw Conference Centre. **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

Our guest musician was **Ryan Jacques**, grandson of **Gary Campbell**. Ryan played background Christmas music on his keyboard during the social hour prior to dinner. Thanks to Ryan for his excellent music and to **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier** for providing the key board and sound system.

The traditional carving of turkey's at each table was again the highlight of the evening with various levels of humour and carving skills exhibited. Thanks to our carvers, **Sam Gruden, David Burnett, Allan Douglas, Ron Ramsey, Tony Mazzuca, John Mann, Roger Russell, Bill Taylor, Larry Dobson** and **Mike Matei**.



**Tony Mazzuca**



**Roger Russell**

Photos by Elaine Douglas

**Past District Governor Gerry Glassford** inducted our newest member, **Bruce Swanson** in to The Gyro Club of Edmonton. Bruce was born and raised in Edmonton and attended the University of Alberta where he took commerce and accounting. He met his wife **Bronwyn** in New Zealand. Bruce is mostly retired and photography is now his hobby and vocation. **Larry Dobson** is Bruce's sponsor and is committed to supporting him as a new member in our club.



**Larry Dobson**

**Bronwyn and Bruce Swanson**

**Gerry Glassford**

It is with regret and fondness that we acknowledge the passing of **Enid Elsie Green** on November 30 at the age of 95. Enid was born on March 22, 1917 in the home of her father and mother in the community of Strathcona in Edmonton. Her mother was Jessie Elsie Marion and her father, George Marion. Enid had two younger brothers, Jack and Don. Enid had a very close relationship with her father and as a child the two of them would travel weekly on one bike to the Scona Library. Another childhood memory was the keeping and showing of chickens. The chickens were washed in the bathtub and dusted with "bluing" to make them bright white. The chickens were then taken to the Exhibition show on the streetcar.

It was a lifelong regret of Enid's that she did not attend the University after high school but the great depression starting in 1929 and the subsequent decade dictated that she attend secretarial school and get working as soon as possible. Her skills served her well later in life participating in the businesses she and her husband owned. Enid met **Paul Green** in the home neighbourhood and married in

1940 on the Winter Solstice. Son Ken was born in 1945, followed by daughter Charlotte in 1948.

In 1949 the family moved to Calgary and Enid joined a book club, a tradition she continued for fifty-four years. She enjoyed the reading, the discussion, the social contact and the travel. Paul joined the **Calgary Gyro Club in 1953** and both Paul and Enid enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie in the Calgary, Kamloops and Edmonton Gyro clubs over the next 40 years.

In 1961, Barbara was born in Calgary and the family moved back to Edmonton. Enid settled into child rearing again and reconnected with friends and activities in the Lendrum neighbourhood. In 1967, Enid, Paul and Barb moved back to Calgary and settled into an active life of achievement and social activity. Barb had a valued gem of wisdom from Enid ; **Friendships must be worked on. There cannot be an expectation that friendship is a balance of effort. It is important to do things that will enhance friendship and not to expect such precious processes just to happen.**

1973 saw the move to Kamloops and the start-up of Green Business Machines there. Enid worked hard as a partner in business and was involved on community life. She enjoyed being on the board of directors of Western Canada Theatre Projects; a professional live theatre company. The Green household in Kamloops was considered to be pretty much a theatrical boarding house where actors stayed while working at the Sage Brush Theatre. In 1982, Green Business Machines was liquidated and Enid and Paul moved back to Edmonton.

Enid and Paul continued to be active in the Gyro fraternity as members of the **Gyro Club of Edmonton** and enjoyed the parties, meetings and conventions. Paul was employed in the public relations area with Elk Industries Alberta Ltd. until his retirement in 1987. Paul passed away in October 1990.

Enid starting playing piano again in her seventies and relearned her skills from childhood. Bridge playing was also a pleasure for many years and Enid began playing "duplicate" later in life and became very competitive. Enid stayed connected to the Gyro fraternity and was an enthusiastic **Gyrette** with the Edmonton Gyro Club for many years.

This tribute was taken from the eulogy presented by **Ken Green** on December 8, 2012.



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**Enid Green**

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

Game 3 December 5 Winners First Period      Second Period      Final

**Oil Kings vs. Lethbridge**

<b>First</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	Scarlet Burnett	Jill Hastings	Luke Snihurowich
<b>Second</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	Donna Assaly	Brooke Weisgerber	<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	Gyro	Gyro	<b>Hugh Moncrieff</b>

Game 4 December 12 Winners First Period      Second Period      Final

**Oil Kings vs. Kamloops**

<b>First</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Sharon Matei	<b>Mike Matei</b>	Erin Lucas
<b>Second</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	Val Pohl	Val Pohl	Sharon Matei
<b>Final</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	Gyro	Gyro	<b>Bill Taylor</b>

Game 5 December 18 Winners First Period      Second Period      Final

**Oil Kings vs. Calgary**

<b>First</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	Rebecca Burnett	<b>Walter Yakimets</b>	<b>Dick Nichols</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Peter Morrison</b>	Cory Russell	<b>John Boyd</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	Gyro	Gyro	Gyro

**Vice-President Sam Gruden** welcomed 77 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the December 18th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Bill Taylor** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **Jim Lochhead** gave the Grace.

**Marilyn Nichols** introduced our guest speaker, **Jim Lochhead**. Jim received his divinity education at McGill University in Montreal. He then spent time in Bella Coola and Armstrong, B.C. as well as Taber, Alberta before moving to Edmonton. He is presently the Minister at McClure United Church. He met Sandy McDonald at McClure and they were married in 2011. Jim has a passion for golf and plays as much as possible. He has one daughter, Morgan who was in attendance for the luncheon.

Jim's two helpers, **Morgan** and **Sandy** handed out candy canes to 76 of the 77 people in attendance. Jim then provided instructions to the candy cane holders to pass them to the person on the right or left each time he used the word "left" or "right" in his story. Jim then proceed to tell the Christmas Story and the Birth of Christ. The words right and left were used liberally in this version of the Christmas Story and the 76 candy canes were passed right and left, many many times. At the end of the story there should have been one person without a candy cane, but it turned out that there were many more than one. Those hapless people each received a Christmas gift from Santa's helpers.

Jim then talked about the need for hope in our daily living notwithstanding such tragedies such as the recent one in Newtown, Connecticut.

The Free Lunch draw was one by none other than **Jim Lochhead!**

The Gyrettes then held the draw for the **50/50 ticket holders**. **Sharon Matei** was the lucky winner of \$85. Additional tickets were then drawn for poinsettia plants; the winners were **Alan Rusler, Sylvia Little, Lorraine Assheton-Smith, Betty Walsh, Elaine Douglas** and **Larry Dobson**.

Thanks to **Jack Brown, John Ross** and **Marilyn Nichols** for organizing this meeting.

**Bruce Houston** has come out of retirement and is now on our active roll again. His email address is: [bruce.houston@shaw.ca](mailto:bruce.houston@shaw.ca) phone number: **780-452-5350**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, January 8, 2013**

Speaker: Bill Cox

Topic: "Bridge- The World's Greatest Card Game"

**Gyrettes are welcome!**

Contacts: Allan Warrack and Barry Walker

**GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, January 8th**

Time: 6:00 pm Cocktails, Dinner 6:30

Speaker: Dilara Yegani, Executive Director of Changing Together, an organization that helps immigrant women.

Cost: \$26

Contact: Marie Losier

**Gyro International Convention, 7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, May 11-19**

Ship: The Oasis of the Seas

Cruise Itinerary: Fort Lauderdale, FL.; Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; Cozumel, Mexico.

More details at [www.Gyro.ws](http://www.Gyro.ws)

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**District VIII Convention, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, May 23-27**