



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

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FEBRUARY 2010

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Those celebrating their birthdays in February are **Bryce Van Dusen** on the 5th, **Dick Nichols** on the 8th, **Ken Willan** on the 9th and **Jack Ellis** on the 25th.

2ndVice-President

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The February wedding anniversaries are **Sam Gruden** and **Bea McKenzie**, 19 years on the 14th and **Larry** and **Rosa Wang**, 44 years on the 26th.

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SECOND POSTING:

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Michael Mant has applied for membership in our club; **Michael** and his wife **Margaret** reside at **12907-64 Avenue** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T6H 1T6**. Their telephone number is **780-435-1581** and their email address is mjmant@ualberta.ca **Michael** is a Hematologist (Physician) and Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta and is proposed by **Walter Yakimets** and **Bill Taylor**.

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President Leon welcomed 29 Gyro's and six guests to the February 2nd luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club.

Allan Warrack led the group in Cheerio and **Walter Yakimets** asked the blessing.

Gyrolog Editor

Fred Schulte

Members had been asked to bring their sons or grandsons to this Gyro meeting. Accordingly, **Walter Yakimets** introduced his son **Stephen** and **David Burnett** stated that his sons **Andrew** and **Robert** were present but did not feel like guests because they have both been out to numerous Gyro lunches.

In addition, **Allan Warrack** introduced his friends, **Gary Campbell** and **Jamie Fleming**.

John Ross informed us that he had received a thank you on behalf of the Edmonton Community Foundation for the contributions in **Tony Sheppard's** name. The Foundation has disbursed over \$100 million to children's play spaces, scholarships in music, the environment, poverty and homelessness.

Cliff Revell introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Mike Chetner**, the Head of Urology at the University of Alberta Hospital. He is also a member of the Alberta Urology Institute which he referred to as a plumbers union. His topic was **prostate cancer**. The prostate is a gland the size of a small egg whose function is to produce fluid for reproduction. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men over 60 and the third most common cause of cancer death in men. Despite the fact that there has been an increasing incidence of prostate cancer since 1989, there has been a decreasing mortality rate over the past few years.

The statistics are comparable between prostate cancer and breast cancer. The incidence of prostate cancer is 129 in 100,000 men while for breast cancer it is 102 in 100,000 women. However, there are more years of life lost to breast cancer than prostate cancer because the onset of breast cancer is earlier.

In Alberta prostate cancer accounts for over one third of all new cancers each year. The incidence of the disease in Alberta is higher than the national average. The two methods of detection are the digital rectal exam and a blood test for PSA - serum prostate specific antigen. If either of these tests is not normal a biopsy is conducted. Some forms of prostate cancer are only picked up by the PSA test.

Men should be checked beginning at age 50. The tests should be done every one or two years depending on the reading from the blood test. There are three forms of treatment and 75% of all patients are cured. In addition some patients continue to live with the cancer, particularly if their life expectancy is ten years or less. The treatments are surgery, radiation, and cryosurgery which is a freezing technology. In Edmonton there are between 400 and 500 surgeries per year, a dramatic increase over the past 20 years. Dr. Chetner repeated several times that prostate cancer is one of the better cancers to have because of the success in treatment.

Dr Chetner was thanked for a very informative and thought-provoking presentation.

President Leon was the winner of the draw for the free lunch.

Thanks to Allan Douglas for taking notes for this meeting while the Editor was on vacation.

Dick Nichols reported on the results of the Hockey Pool.

Game 10 January 22	<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs. Stars				
First	1	2	Barbara Walker	Fred Schulte Duane Clayton
Second	2	3	Dick Nichols	Grace Burnett Carol Dobson
Final	3	4		

Game 11 January 30	<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs. Flames				
First	1	2	Mikal McKinnon	Brianne Salkeld Ashley Salkeld
Second	1	5	Tess Keddie	Jack Ellis Jack Ellis
Final	1	6		

Game 12 February 6	<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs. Avalanche				
First	0	0	Spencer Scornaiewchi	Arthur Bergevin Chuck Gerhart
Second	0	1	Bill Taylor	Chuck Gerhart Morgan Burnett
Final	0	3		

Game 13 February 14	<u>Winners</u>	<u>First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs. Ducks				
			Rudi & Erin Lucas	Arthur Bergevin Cohen Sellar
First	1	2	Kendra Russell	Chuck Gerhart John Ross
Final	3	7		

Bryce Van Dusen reached a remarkable milestone on February 5th when he turned **95 years young**. Bryce was born on a farm near Griffin, Saskatchewan in 1915 and was one of 10 siblings (6 boys and 4 girls). He and his older brother **Wes** moved to Alberta in the lean thirties and ultimately chose the carnival business as their chosen profession in Edmonton. The Van Dusen brothers by 1934 were travelling throughout Alberta providing carnival equipment and games of chance to fairs and carnivals. At the same time the Gyro Club of Edmonton was operating an annual carnival to raise funds to build, equip and staff the Gyro Playgrounds. Wes and Bryce helped set up the "wheels of chance" and train the Gyro's in their operation. In time, Wes became a member of the Edmonton Gyro Club. At this stage of Gyro, the Edmonton Club did not want to have more than one member from the same business in an attempt to extend the scope of the Gyro movement to every walk of life. It was not until 1965 that Bryce's elder brother Wes formally nominated him for membership in the Edmonton Club. Today, 45 years later, Bryce remains a staunch member.

Congratulations Bryce and Happy Birthday!



The **Mixed Valentines Party** of 36 Gyro's and Gyrettes was held at the Royal Glenora Club on Wednesday evening, February 17th. The group enjoyed a great meal and lot's of fellowship. Little known facts were shared about the couples as a result of a great information-gathering game provided by **Helen and John Ross** prior to the meal. At the end of the meal, John provided more wonderfully informative and sometimes amusing information about us; including how we met our significant others, what was so special about the first meeting, or getting engaged, or getting married and of course the honeymoon. At the end of the meeting, each lady was given a rose courtesy of **John Mann** and the Gyro Valentine Committee.

Report by Larry Dobson

Thanks to **Carol and Larry Dobson, John Mann, Mort Morter and John and Helen Ross** for organizing and delivering a very successful evening!

UPCOMING EVENTS

District VIII Interim, Fairmont, B.C. March 12-14, 2010

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort: Rooms available for \$99 single or double plus taxes

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, March 16th

Speaker: Eric Spink

Topic: Eric and Christina's 2009 Trek to Tanzania and Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Elections Night, Tuesday April 6

Location and cost TBA

Mixed Gyro/Gyrette Event, Art Gallery of Alberta, Tuesday Evening, April 20

Dinner at 6:00 pm to be provided by Kids in the Hall at City Hall with a choice of two entree's, two salads, dessert and coffee at \$40 per person.

A private tour of the gallery will follow. Cost of the tour \$20.

Contact: David Burnett

International & District VII Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, St Paul, Minnesota, July 11-18, 2010

District VIII Convention 2010, "Come Play in the Park", Sherwood Park, AB, August 19-22, 2010