



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921

**President-Ari Hoeksema, Past President-Bill Taylor,
1st Vice-President-John Boyd, Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-Mike Matei,
Directors-Warren Garbutt, Marty Larson, Jack Little, Jim Lochhead,
Database Administrator-John Ross, Gyrolog Editor-Fred Schulte**

SEPTEMBER 2011

Those celebrating birthdays in September are **Gerry Glassford** on the 5th and **Michael Mant** on the 18th.

The September wedding anniversaries are **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier**, 8 years on the 1st; **Ken** and **Ruth Bowes**, 35 years on the 1st; **David** and **Marlene Burnett**, 45 years on the 3rd; **Warren** and **Vicki Garbutt**, 52 years on the 5th; **Mort** and **Jean Morter**, 60 years on the 5th; **Peter** and **Marjory Fairbridge**, 59 years on the 6th; **Allan** and **Elaine Douglas**, 43 years on the 7th; **Carlyle** and **Betty Anne Ross**, 43 years on the 14th; **John** and **Marion Boyd**, 43 years on the 21st; **Bruce** and **Margaret Foy**, 51 years on the 24th and **John** and **Yvette Stroppa**, 58 years on the 26th.

SECOND POSTING

Larry George has applied for membership in our club. **Larry** and his wife, **Laura Melynk** reside at **261 Bulyea Road** and their postal code is **T6R 1Y1**. Their telephone number is **780-430-6648** and their email address is lgeorge@shaw.ca **Larry** is an environmental educator with his own company, *Education is the Way!* and is proposed by **Larry Dobson** and **Gerry Glassford**.

GYRO Membership Application Fee

The costs of the initiation of new members is currently running at just over \$75 which includes the Gyro International fee, the Sterling Silver pin and 2 name tags. As of September 1st, 2011, the new membership application form will reflect the \$75 initiation fee, up from \$65.

President Ari Hoeksema welcomed 32 Gyros and three guests to the September 20th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Cheerio** was led by **John Ross** and the **Grace** was given by **Jim Lochhead**.

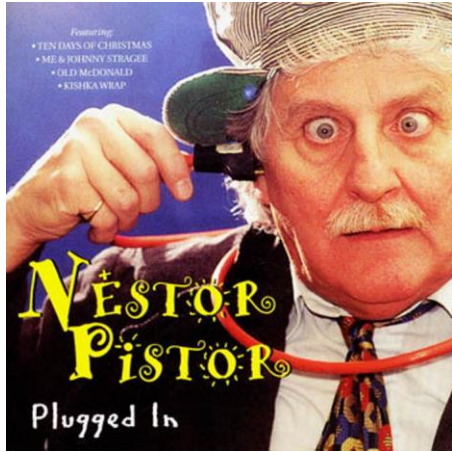
John Ross introduced his guest **Sheldon Weatherby**, **President Ari** acknowledged our guest speaker, **Don Ast** and new member applicant, **Larry George**.

Ari Hoeksema introduced our guest speaker **Don Ast**, whose stage name is **Nestor Pistor**. Ari and Nestor have travelled together over the years to various entertainment events. Don Ast was born in Regina with Romanian and Ukrainian family roots. Don said he learned two languages as he grew up, English and Broken English. His parents and older relatives knew what they wanted to say but had difficulty expressing themselves clearly in their newly adopted homeland. An example of this would be: *Throw the horse over the fence some hay*. Don spent many hours listening to his mother and her friends with their interesting stories and their crazy ways of expressing themselves. Don Ast found an old uniform and borrowed a conductors hat and his new persona, Nestor Pistor was born.

Nestor and his band played at the Western Motor Inn in Regina for over four years. In 1976 he played live in Quesnell, B.C and lampooned Glen Campbell's song Rhinestone Cowboy with his own version, **Winestoned Plowboy**. This parody appeared on his first album issued by RCA Victor in November 1976. It entered the RPM Country Chart on December 4th and reached number #16 on February 12th, 1977. This first album eventually sold 600,000 copies. RCA, in an uncommon arrangement allowed Nestor to lease the label rights for all of his albums.

Nestor Pistor has been very popular with the Ukrainian community and has played to audiences in places from the biggest cities to the remotest places in Canada. He has produced seven gold albums over the last 35 years. Don Ast, in his day job has also run a brokerage house, owned a basketball team and has been involved in a few restaurants. Don answered a number of questions from an eager audience and indicated that comedy is not story telling anymore but is more routine and risqué.

He also acknowledged that a lot of humour comes from our jails where the prisoners have a lot of spare time to tell stories and make up jokes. President Ari thanked Don and Nestor for a very entertaining session. **Bill Taylor** was the winner of the free lunch draw.



Ari Hoeksema

Bryce Van Dusen

Don Ast/Nestor Pistor

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2011 Annual Men's Bocce Night Along with our Gyro Friends from the St. Albert Gyro Club, Tuesday Evening, October 4th

Location: Italian Cultural Centre, 14230 -133 Ave, Edmonton (turn right off St Albert Trail at 132 Ave.)

Menu: Roast Beef with mushroom sauce, Caesar Salad, Italian Style Roast Potatoes, California Style Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Hot Apple Pie, Coffee/ Tea.

Cost: \$38 per person (no Wine)

\$48 per person (with wine)

Please confirm with Michael Matei as soon as possible, 780-414-2514 office email: michael.matei@raymondjames.ca

Gyrette Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, October 11th

Time: 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30

Cost \$25

Speaker: Jean Warrack, "Memories of a Gyrunt"

Contact: Barbara Stevens

Annual Founders Night with the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, Wednesday Evening, October 19th This is a men's only event!

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

Location: German Canadian Cultural Association, 8310- Roper Road

Contact: Ari Hoeksema

GYRO District VIII, 2011 CURLARAMA, November 4-6

Location, Banff

Hotel: VOYAGER INN

Price: \$230 per curler, \$170 per non-curler

Includes a minimum of 3 curling games, 2 nights hotel (2 per room), 2 breakfasts, hospitality Friday night, Saturday Night Banquet and Poker Tournament.

Host: Calgary Gyro Club.

Contact: John Hodgson (403) 253-3150

Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party, River View Room, Shaw Conference Centre, Tuesday Evening, December 6th

6:00 pm: Champagne and socializing

6:30 pm: Carved Roast Turkey Dinner

Contacts: Fred Schulte and Sam Gruden

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