



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

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## **AUGUST 2023**

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Bruce Foy** on the 1<sup>st</sup>, **Val Pohl**, and **Walter Yakimets** on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Len and Jackie Evenson, 56 years** on the 5<sup>th</sup>; **Allan and Jean Warrack, 61 years** on the 18<sup>th</sup>; **Dan and Sandy Hasinoff, 55 years** on the 24<sup>th</sup> and **Peter Carter** and **Eileen Kuhl, 19 years** on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## SECOND POSTING

**Stanley (Stan) Miller** has applied for membership in our Club. **Stan** is a Correctional Officer and he and his partner **Deanna** reside in Edmonton. His email address is [stan47miller@gmail.com](mailto:stan47miller@gmail.com)  
**Jack Bowen** and **Fred Schulte** propose him.

**President Jack Bowen** welcomed 19 Gyros and our guest speaker to the August 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club.

**Jack Little** introduced our guest speaker **Tim Spelliscy, a 42-year veteran of the news industry.**

*Your Editor was not in attendance at this meeting and the following information was obtained from online sources.*

Spelliscy began his career in 1975 at **CFGP-FM** Grande Prairie, later working at **CJME-AM** Regina before a stint at **CFRN-TV** Edmonton. In 1979, he joined **ITV**, now **Global Edmonton**, as a reporter and served as the host of *Oilers on ITV hockey telecasts in the 1980s.*

“I did 12 years doing the intermission work for the Oilers on ITV,” Spelliscy recalled. “The most fun I ever had in the business. I shouldn’t have gotten paid for that; I should have had to pay someone back.”

After years of reporting and hosting, he moved into management, which he describes as “extremely rewarding.”

Spelliscy became news director, vice-president, and general manager, and led Global Edmonton under five different owners. He’s also helped several Global newscasts across the province achieve and maintain top spot in the ratings.

Spelliscy is a community advocate, supporting several organizations including the [Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation](#), [Catholic Social Services](#) and the [ALS Society of Alberta](#). He received the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for community service in 2013.

“In the media business, we have a duty, we have a responsibility to get out in the community, support what’s going on in the community. It’s not about the business; it’s about the debt we owe to the community,” Spelliscy said.

“We have a great power in the media to support so many projects and really help make a difference and we have to make sure we use that in the right way... I’d like to think that we’ve made a difference.”

After more than four decades in the news industry, Global Edmonton station manager Tim Spelliscy retired **at the end of August 2017.**

“It’s been a great run and it’s been a great career but there’s a point where you feel like you’ve hit all the high points, you’ve achieved what you want to achieve in the business, and a point where you think you really want to move on and let the new leadership in this building kind of move to the forefront,” Spelliscy said.



**Tim Spelliscy**

**Ray Dallaire** was the Free Lunch winner.

**President Jack Bowen** welcomed 20 Gyros to the August 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club.

**A SPECIAL MEETING** was held to address the following:

**AGENDA**

- a) Membership – The Way forward
- b) Luncheon Choices/Costs
- c) Extra Outside Activities - How Often
- d) Changing Bylaw - Article III. Membership Para 5. (b)  
Add or Membership can be approved by the Board of Directors

A motion to accept Agenda as previously sent was approved.

A motion to Waive Written notice of new member in Bylaw Article III Para 5. (b) was approved.

A motion to amend existing Bylaw was not accepted.

A lively discussion was held on **luncheon choices and costs**. The agreement at the meeting was to continue with the present menu choices and explore different options before our existing contract with the Derrick expires.

**Extra outside activities** were discussed and there was a general agreement to investigate different options, such as golf, restaurants, Fort Edmonton, Museums and Concerts. The board will look at different options.

**Memberships, The Way Forward** – A lively discussion was held and due to time constraints, it was decided that we send out a survey to get comments and feedback from the entire membership. **Time for talking is over, we need an action plan to go forward!**

Some ideas brought forward by the group are:  
*Continue with lunch program with quality speakers.*  
*Create PR program.*  
*Social media.*  
*Continue with Bring a Friend Program.*  
*Incentives.*

**Val Pohl** was the Free Lunch winner.

**Fast Fred**

## **Upcoming Events:**

**Annual Corn Roast and Bocce Tournament, Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Derrick Golf and Winter Club**

**Time:** Doors open 3:00 pm, Bar opens 3:30, Bocce begins 4:00  
Barbeque begins 5:30 plus or minus.

**Team Leaders:** Bruce Foy and Sam Gruden

**Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Speaker:** Allan Warrack

**Topic:** Five Secrets from the Alberta Lougheed Era  
**Team Leaders:** Gary Campbell and Jim Lepp