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## **FEBRUARY 2020**

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Dan Hasinoff, 80 years on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Dick Nichols** on the 8<sup>th</sup>, **Ken Willan** on the 9<sup>th</sup>, **Ron Trant** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Jack Ellis** on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Dan and Christine McGuigan**, 30 years on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Bruce and Bronwyn Swanson**, 42 years on the 8<sup>th</sup>; **Sam Gruden** and **Bea McKenzie**, 29 years on the 14<sup>th</sup> and **Larry and Rosa Wang**, 54 years on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **FIRST POSTING**

**Henry “Hank” Mottl** has applied for membership in our club. **Hank** and his partner **Carmen Pulak** live at **22061 TWP RD 512, Sherwood Park, AB T8E 1G8**. His phone number is **780-922-6299** and email address is [\*\*hank.mottl@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:hank.mottl@gmail.com). **Hank** is President of dV/dt Inc. **Taras Chmil** and **Bob Bahniuk** propose him.

An enthusiastic group of Gyros and Gyrettes attended our **Annual Valentines Party** at the Mayfield Dinner Theatre on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

The dinner buffet incorporated two carving stations featuring AAA Roast Alberta Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with other live-action cooking stations. A variety of gourmet salads or create your own, garnished with a variety of fresh vegetables, nuts, pickles, and cheese. Seafood selections, such as shrimp, salmon, and sushi, and other unique seafood items were provided. Hot entrees included seasonal low fat, gluten, dairy, and nut free, Vegan & Vegetarian Friendly items.

At 8 pm, the play entitled **“Noises Off”** was presented. This comic chaos was billed as the “funniest farce ever written”. Noises Off is a play-within-a-play. A misfit company of overworked cast and crew are preparing a farce of their own, **“Nothing On”**, and anything that can go wrong, does! The pandemonium was presented in three stages: the dress rehearsal, the opening night, and a debilitating performance that threatens to jinx the old saying, “the show must go on”. The show was expected to be full of surprises and slapstick humour, complete with slamming doors, missed cues, falling trousers and flying sardines.

Unfortunately, this effort did not match its billing and it turned out to be mostly a flop!

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Thanks to **David Winfield, Bruce Swanson** and **Mike Matei** for organizing this event!

It is with profound sadness and regret that we acknowledge the death of **David Hamilton Winfield**. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, following complications from surgery. A Eulogy and Remembrance was held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Edmonton.

## **David's nephew, Nick Parkinson presented the following eulogy:**

Good morning,

I am David's nephew and am honoured to be able remember and celebrate his life with you today.

So... thank you all for being here to remember, mourn and celebrate the wonderful life of David Hamilton Winfield.

Or as he was affectionately known as Winnie or Uncle Deda, to his many cousins, nieces, and nephews and friends who adored him.

It is an understatement to say we have all been profoundly saddened and are struggling with the sudden passing of David.

Our family are extremely grateful and appreciative and would like to thank everyone who has reached out to share their memories and express their condolences.

We would also like to thank those that have traveled from out of town to be with us today.

Two of my sisters, Sarah and Ruth and their families who have traveled from BC. In particular, David's cousins the Cookson Family, Jim, Ian, Ruth, Brian, Guy and Phil who have traveled from Quebec, California, and B.C. to be with us today.

### **HISTORY AND BACKGROUND**

David was born in Liverpool, England on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1941 during the May blitz of World War II.

He was the youngest of 3, siblings, and is survived by, his middle sister Jane Wilson who lives in Oxford, England and unfortunately could not be here today and the eldest sister Anne Parkinson, my mother, who lives here in Edmonton.

David spent his formative years in Liverpool attending the Blue Coat School until the age of 16 when he decided to enter the hospitality and hotel industry.

For 5 ½ years David had the opportunity to work in 3 amazing European cities including:

Paris France, Bonn, Germany, and Madrid, Spain before returning to England where he worked for 7 ½ years in three major hotels in Stratford Upon Avon, Birmingham and Charring Cross in London

During these years David found his passion and calling in life where he honed his skills in the hospitality industry. He worked in nearly every department as a waiter, bellhop, in the kitchen learning culinary art... he worked on the reception

desk and in the back office in the accounting department, **and he worked in the control office and wine cellars in Bonn, Germany.**

Allowing David into a wine cellar is a mistake at the best of times. Not sure how long that lasted.

In September 1970, David followed his sister Anne and her family and emigrated to Canada

Upon arriving in Edmonton, and with his extensive training and background David was highly sought after in the hospitality industry and found his first job, as the General Manager at the Sheraton Caravan Hotel here in Edmonton.

For over 37 years David left his indelible mark and made countless friends in the Hotel and hospitality industry in BC and Alberta.

In B.C. he worked in hotels in the communities of Kitimat, Parksville, Gold River Courtney, Salmon Arm. In 1987 David accepted a job at the Kananaskis Inn, as General Manager, where he worked for 10 years before returning to Edmonton.

David loved all the people he met and all the places he worked during his career... but without hesitation his favorite, was the 10 years he spent in beautiful Kananaskis. Not only a great setting but it also brought him closer to his sister and family and being back in Alberta.

One of the things I admired most about David was his tremendous work ethic. David worked for 63 years right up until his passing. The hotel industry is notorious for changing management when a hotel changed ownership. He has had more jobs than anyone I have ever known. He always took things in stride and said don't worry... things will work out.

But he also knew how to have fun. When he worked at Sear's in the major appliances and furniture department at Southgate Mall, he worked some really long shifts.

I remember asking how he had the energy to work the long shifts and fulfill all his other voluntary commitments.

He said... don't worry. it is pretty quiet at work most evenings and my co-worker have a plan. One person stands guard and the other person grabs a blanket and can get a 30 to 60-minute nap in a lazyboy.

For those of you that don't know... David was diligent about chronicling his life. In going through his personal affects, I think he has kept every piece of paper for the last 50 years.

I have found pay stubs from the 1970's through until today.

He kept a journal and diary and was religious about writing a page every day.

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In fact, we have found over 100 - 3-inch binders in his condo.

If he went to MacDonald's he would attach his receipt, ticket stubs to the theatre, if a friend passed away, he would attach the obit, if he visited someone in hospital. What a tremendous legacy and history of his life that he has left us.

David loved to make people laugh, he was a great storyteller and always had a joke to tell.

One of the very first things I found going through David's personal affects was bunch of jokes.

This is the only one that is appropriate that I could use in Church.

*A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when he could discuss his use of the car.*

*His father said he'd make a deal:*

- *You bring your grades up from a "c" to a "B"*
- *Study your Bible a little*
- *And get your hair cut.*

*Then we'll talk about the car.*

*The boy thought about that for a moment, and decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.*

*After about 6 weeks his father said:*

*"Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible....*

*But I am disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut."*

*The boy said, you know Dad, I have been thinking about that and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that*

*Samson had long hair;*

*John the Baptist had long hair,*

*Moses had long hair.... And there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.*

***Pause.***

***His father replied, did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went.***

## COMMITTEMENT TO COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

One of the things we all greatly admired about David was his commitment to community and his selfless caring and service for others.

*Servitude, Fraternity and Fellowship were common values and beliefs that David incorporated into his everyday life.*

Without a doubt this was David's life blood and passion and what brought him the most joy and happiness in life.

I knew he was involved and volunteered in a lot of organizations... but wholly cow!

I hadn't appreciated how many there were.

Here is what he was involved in prior to his passing. I apologize in advance if I have missed any group.

- He was a member of Edmonton, SKOAL Canada Club;  
*(Skool is a professional organization of tourism leaders around the world, promoting global tourism and friendship.)*
- He was a member of the Edmonton, Gyro Club;  
*(Another international Social club representing many of Edmonton's business professionals coming together to build friendships and relationship for the betterment of the community)*
- He was a member of the Whitemud Network Club;  
(another group of professionals coming together to network and share business leads)
- He recently joined the Probus Club of South Edmonton,  
(for semi & retired individuals focusing on lifelong learning and development)
- He sang in 3 Choirs, Saint John's Choir, the St. David's Welsh Choir, and St. Georges Choir
- He was involved with the Al Shamal Shriner's Club in many of the communities he worked in.  
(title: Noble David Winfield)

He also didn't just show up and participate. David took on executive leadership roles as secretary, treasurer or president for most of the organizations he was involved in.

Two organizations that held a special place for David and his longest affiliation were the **Mason's and Rotary.**

## **MASONS**

Following in his father's footsteps, David became a member of the **Masonic Order** in 1966 (January 29) and most recently held the position of **Worshipful Master of Patricia Lodge here in Edmonton**. In addition, he was also a **Grand Chapter Officer for the Royal Arch of Alberta** at the time of his passing.

## **ROTARY**

For over 45 years David was heavily involved in Rotary in every community that he worked in. He was the first President of the Kananaskis Rotary Club and has been the President of the Jasper and Edmonton Gateway Clubs.

He has served as Assistant District Governor and has been recognized by Rotary on numerous occasions for his years of service and dedication.

Apparently, since learning of David's passing.... one of the jokes amongst the Rotarians... **is if Heaven** doesn't have a Rotary Club.... guess who will be organizing one.

I don't know how he did what he did. I truly have so much admiration and respect for his desire to serve, give back and help others.

As much as he gave of himself... Dave got it back 10-fold.

The fraternity, fellowship, the sense of belonging and friendships meant the world to Dave.

He often shared with the family what was happening in the various clubs and organization and the friends and relationships he had made.

You all meant the world to Dave and were like his second family.

I do want to clarify.... **He was very good about not sharing any of the secrets of the Masonic Order... no matter how hard I pushed.**

## **FRIENDS & FAMILY**

David loved and embraced life in all that he did.

No matter the gathering, David's greatest gifts were to include people and to make them smile and to feel valued and worthy.

Throughout his life and even at the age of 78.... he had this tremendous skill and ability to connect and build meaningful relationships with people from all walks of life, young and old.

I think it is great to see the diversity of ages here in the congregation and his influence and impact as mentioned in Spencer's remarks.

He was very compassionate, caring and no matter how tough or bad things got... he always had this amazing attitude and was very optimistic and positive. Don't worry... things will work out.

And who could forget his wonderful and boisterous laugh and his strong singing voice.

You could always count on him to sing Happy Birthday, O'Canada or belt out a hymn in church. My 3 sisters were always so embarrassed because he was so loud, and everyone would turn around to see who was singing. I loved it because I didn't have to sing, and I could just lip sync.

Another one of David's qualities we greatly admired was his commitment to self-improvement and lifelong learning. He was always trying to better himself. He has taken countless Education programs and attended many self-improvement courses over the years.

**David's laugh...** You could often hear him long before you entered a room. His two sisters have a similar laugh so you can only imagine the fun we used to have when we were all together.

The last joke that David told me, not 3 weeks ago, was of Saint Peter who was sitting at the Pearly Gates

When two guys wearing dark hoodies, and sagging pants arrive.

St. Peter looked out through the Gates and said, "Wait here. I'll be right back"

St. Peter goes over to God's chambers and tells him about the two guys waiting for entrance....

God says to Peter: "How many times do I have to tell you? You can't be judgmental here. This is heaven, all are loved, and all are welcome.

Please Go back and let them in!"

St. Peter goes back to the Gates, looks around, and lets out a heavy sigh. He returns to God's chambers and say, "Well, they're gone"

"The guys wearing hoodies?" Asked God.

"No, the Pearly Gates"

**So many wonderful qualities and attributes that we will miss and never forget.**

## FAITH

At the core of David's being was his strong and unwavering faith and commitment to God and church.

He loved reading his bible and regularly attended this Church and loved singing in the Choir.

I found his well-used Bible next to his favorite chair... the lazy boy recliner in his Condo. Taped to the inside cover of his Bible was the prayer that we have attached to the back of the leaflet. Another incredible example of his kindness and thoughtfulness for others.

## GOODBYE

Over the years David and I had many conversations about this service and how he wanted to be remembered.

He wanted us to celebrate his life, have fun and remember him and the wonderful life he lived.

On the inside back cover of his Bible I found the following saying and thought it would be a wonderful way to close.

*When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me.  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared.  
Miss me but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone.*

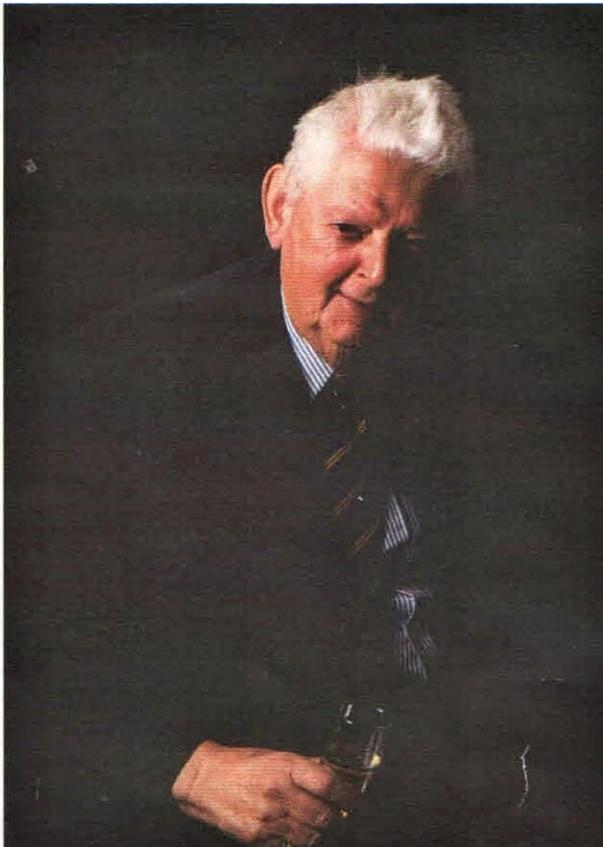
*It's all a part of the Master plan,  
a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.*

*Miss me but let me go.*

*We love you Dave.*

**David Winfield** was sponsored by **Walter Yakimets** and joined the Gyro Club of Edmonton on June 5, 2013. He was an enthusiastic and hard-working member from the start and served as **President in 2019-20**. He will be greatly missed!



**David Winfield**  
**May 25, 1941—February 8, 2020**

**Acting President Chuck Gerhart** welcomed 28 Gyros and our speaker to the February 18<sup>th</sup> Luncheon meeting held at the University (Faculty) Club. A moment of silence was observed for our President, David Winfield who passed away on February 8<sup>th</sup>. **David Burnett** gave us the Grace.

**Walter Yakimets** brought back some memories about Dave Winfield. Dave came to Canada from Liverpool. He had a very successful and interesting career in the hospitality industry, including managing the Sheraton Caravan in Edmonton and the Jasper Park Lodge. Dave was a real joiner and participated in Rotary, the Welsh Choir, St. John's Church and other organizations, including Gyro. We will miss his wit, laughter, and presence.

**John Ross** led us in Cheerio.

**Dick Nichols** introduced our guest speaker, **Trevor Mowbrey**, who is the **CFO of WILLOWGLEN SYSTEMS INC.** Willowglen Systems is an international company founded in 1971 and headquartered in Edmonton. The company mission is to be a global leader in delivering automated solutions. The company employs 60 people and specializes in control software. Primary clients are Enbridge and Bombardier. In the case of Enbridge, Willowglen's control systems measure and evaluate the flow of product as it crosses boundaries. Mr. Mowbrey said that the day is coming when these control systems will be able to make predictions on potential pipeline failure within hours of the event.

80% of the company's business is in rail - light, mono, and heavy. They have control systems in Vancouver, Toronto, and Ottawa. One of their products monitors the location of working employees relative to trains and is a way of providing additional safeguards.

Finally, Mr. Mowbrey discussed the difficulty of dealing with International and local business. In China, for example, the company licenses Chinese companies, but excludes them from worldwide rights. Getting paid on a timely basis has also been an issue for the company. The Buy America Act provides obstacles to dealing in the U.S. He said

that Canada is one of the only countries that does not have a similar Act. He also said that dealing with the Edmonton Procurement Department is highly problematic.

**Bob Bahniuk** thanked our speaker and **Dunc Mills** won the free lunch.

*Thanks to Bruce Swanson for taking these notes while your editor was on holidays in Maui.*



## Dick Nichols reports on the Hockey Pool Winners.

Game 12 January 29	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Flames</b>				
<b>First Period</b>	<b>0 1</b>	Mike Long	Karen Menill	Mark Power
<b>Second</b>	<b>2 3</b>	<b>Gary Cambell</b>	Kendra Russell	<b>Valerie Walker</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>3 4</b>	<b>Dick Nichols</b>	Chris Sellar	<b>Len Evenson</b>

Game 13 February 4	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Coyotes</b>				
<b>First Period</b>	<b>0 0</b>	Lucas Burnett	Barbara Walker	Kelly Burnett
<b>Second</b>	<b>0 2</b>	Austin Power	Jeff Larson	Justin Bergevan
<b>Final</b>	<b>0 3</b>	Gyro Ben. Fund	<b>Bea McKenzie</b>	<b>Taras Chmil</b>

Game 14 February 13	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Lightning</b>				
<b>First Period</b>	<b>0 0</b>	<b>Cliff Revell</b>	<b>Jack Bowen</b>	Noni Herscen
<b>Second</b>	<b>1 2</b>	<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>	Phillipe Bourbonnais	Gavin
<b>Final</b>	<b>1 3</b>	<b>Ron Ramsey</b>	<b>Warren Garbutt</b>	<b>David Winfield</b>

Game 15 February 19	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Bruins</b>				
<b>First Period</b>	<b>0 1</b>	<b>Val Pohl</b>	<b>Val Pohl</b>	<b>David Winfield</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>0 1</b>	Brooks Ross	Brooks Ross	<b>Bea McKenzie</b>
<b>Final (OT)</b>	<b>1 2</b>	<b>Valerie Walker</b>	<b>Valerie Walker</b>	<b>Mike Matei</b>

**“Fast Fred”**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Speaker: **Nathan Goldberg**

Topic: The E-Commerce Industry

Team Leaders: Daryl Dyck and Bob Bahniuk

**Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Speaker: **Proposed 2021 Budget and Speaker**

Team Leaders: Gary Campbell, Doug Armstrong and Jack Brown

**Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, University (Faculty) Club, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Executive Officers/Director's Elections:

Speaker' Topic: **STARS Ambulance**

Team Leaders: Bruce Swanson and Peter Gommerud

**Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet, Mixed Event, University (Faculty) Club, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Executive Officers and Directors Installation**

Speaker Topic: Edmonton River Valley Gondola Project

Time: Social Hour 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00

Team leaders: John Ross, Ken Willan and Peter Carter

**District VIII Convention, Medicine Hat, Alberta, May 28-31**

Host: Stampede City Gyro Club

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  - ✓ Friday - bocce tournament, complimentary bar, dinner and entertainment (transportation provided)
  - ✓ Saturday - mixed lunch & tour at Medalta in the Historic Clay District (transportation provided)
  - ✓ Saturday - Governor's Ball - dinner, wine and entertainment

**Golf Tournament:** Friday AM at Cottonwood Coulee. Cost \$55 per golfer (includes Power Cart).  
 Gyro: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gyrette/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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